



Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEETING – December 6, 2022

Charlie Pilzer called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM as an online Zoom meeting. Quorum (at least 8) was established.

Attendees Present:

Charlie Pilzer, *President*
Caroline Barnes, *Vice President*
Will Strang, *Treasurer*
Jim McRea, *Publications*
Jerry Blum, *At-Large*
Alyssa Hemler, *Dance*
Lucia Schaefer, *At-Large*
David Shewmaker, *At-Large*
Stephen Winick, *Programs*

Guests:

Jane Gorbaty
Mo Brachfield
Amanda Muir
Charlie Baum
Robert Cox
Timothy Foley
Dana Best

Absent: Kathy Losonczy, *Membership*

Approval of Minutes:

- **MOTION:** To approve Minutes from October 11, 2022 Board Meeting
 - Vote: Jim McRea moved, Stephen Winick seconded
 - Resolved: The minutes of the October 11, 2022 meeting are approved as corrected and entered into the Society records.

President's Report:

- Things are moving along well, with lots of events upcoming.

Treasurer's Report:

- Reserve accounts have gone back up somewhat because of stock market fluctuations, and working account is down some due to expenses, but we haven't needed to touch the reserve accounts for the last 3 years.
- The check-in system for checking people in at the door of events has been improved & is working better, due to a combination of the app being improved and our having switched from

Android to Apple tablets. We're still working on getting the Wild Apricot app to transfer data smoothly & accurately. Also still working on improving other apps to reduce busywork.

Office Report:

- We're considering Eventbrite as a supplement to Meet-Up, but only for sign-ups, not for payments, so we won't need to pay Eventbrite fees, and contemplating whether paid advertising should be among our outreach options. Mo is working on off-loading some of the Zoom work from Charlie P. We've been regularly updating the website on a variety of items.

COVID Review:

- We are currently at about the same point on the calendar that COVID started to peak last year, and flu & RSV cases are increasing already in the at-large public. Other dance events/series are also checking vaccination & booster status of participants as well as requiring masks, so we should continue to do so. We should clarify our policy to be clear that folks age 12 & up need to be vaccinated & those age 3 and up need to be masked.

Events Review:

- The Family Dance went well in November. The ECDs & contras are doing well, although a lot of the sign-ups come through on the day of the event. Castlebay online concert went well, with good feedback from the participants. A concert in January is booked at Seekers Church; currently negotiating for February, March & April. Hoping to get Jake Blount (who is Black) for February. Pop-Up events: Dec. 18 & Jan. 14 at bars, such as Base Lounge.

Getaway 2023:

- The committee is contacting various communities, planning, and forming some subcommittees, but could still use more volunteers.

Contradance for New Year's Eve:

- Only a dozen signed up so far, but David was ill last week. We had 122 registered in 2019 (the last one before the pandemic), although ~10 buttons were not picked up, but historically registrations have come in heavily during the last week of Dec. (& the Fri Nt Dance currently gets a lot of its sign-ups on Friday), so we're still hoping for a good turnout.

Renewal & Fundraising:

- The end of the calendar year is approaching, so this is a good time to encourage fundraising and membership renewals. We have a preliminary draft of an end-of-year donate &/or join letter, and we will try to get it out to everyone we have an email for by next week.

MiniFest:

- Our Mid-Winter Festival will definitely not be live/in-person in 2023; we may try to do another online one, although historically the MWF was a fundraiser, & the 2022 online one lost money, in part because it attracted only <40 attendees. Charlie B is willing to consider setting up an

online one for 2023, possibly inviting online talent from all over rather than just locally & possibly on 2/5/23 (1st Feb Sunday) rather than the traditional 1st Feb Saturday.

Washington Folk Festival

- Committee had a meeting with GEPAC, who may be willing to help with fundraising.

Board Vacancies & Next Election:

- No one has offered to fill either current vacancy so far; Jerry Blum has been acting as Secretary for the interim.
- Pete Kramer has volunteered to serve as election chair for our 2023 election.
- **MOTION:** Will Strang Moved & Jim McRea seconded that the Board confirm Pete Kramer as election chair for our 2023 election; passed unanimously.
- Jackie Hoglund will teach volunteers how to assist in conducting the election; Donna Rogall is unwilling to commit to continuing to serve on the election committee due to current health issues.

Miscellaneous:

- The grant from Liz Milner is running out; we should document what it enabled us to do.
- Will Strang & Charlie Pilzer personally purchased the Apple tablets that improved the performance of the check-in app.
- **MOTION:** Alyssa Hemler moved, Jerry Blum seconded, that the Board should reimburse Will Strang & Charlie Pilzer up to \$300 apiece for the iPads & their protective covers that they have already purchased. Passed unanimously aside from Will Strang & Charlie Pilzer abstaining.

Next meeting will be Tuesday January 3rd at 8pm on Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:52 pm.

- Vote: Stephen Winick moved, Jerry Blum seconded.

Appendix I: Treasurer’s Report

FSGW Treasurers report of assets – December 5, 2022:

Date or Month end	(working) Wells Fargo	(reserve 1) Vanguard	(reserve 2) Fidelity	Total	Reserves gain/loss	Reserves % diff
12/05/2022	43,641.00	130,432.63	111,611.67	285,685.30	+24,029.07	+11.0%
10/31/2022	45,607.47	126,512.66	106,498.34	278,618.47	+14,995.77	+6.9%
10/10/2022	57,182.40	121,023.53	104,323.70	282,529.63	+7,332.00	+3.4%
09/06/2022	60,817.82	128,988.68	109,704.28	299,510.78	+20,677.73	+9.5%
08/01/2022	65,915.93	133,944.94	114,420.86	314,281.73	+30,350.57	+13.9%
07/05/2022	79,880.84	127,215.95	109,529.59	316,626.38	+18,730.31	+8.6%

Note: A 2nd \$25,293,17 bequest from estate of Joan Clifford was received in 7/2022

05/30/2022	61,864.89	134,414.80	115,404.43	311,684.12	+31,804.00	+14.6%
05/02/2022	87,284.61	133,697.60	115,172.46	336,154.67	+30,854.83	+14.2%
04/04/2022	88,351.28	143,903.92	123,001.41	355,256.61	+48,890.10	+22.4%
03/01/2022	75,767.29	140,649.04	121,940.60	338,356.93	+44,574.41	+20.4%
01/04/2022	72,745.91	150,344.01	128,602.44	351,692.36	+60,931.22	+27.9%

Note: A \$25,293,17 bequest from the estate of Joan Clifford was received in 12/2021

12/06/2021	36,651.31	146,446.72	126,705.53	309,803.56	+55,137.02	+25.3%
11/01/2021	31,321.07	147,161.63	128,693.30	307,176.00	+57,839.70	+26.5%
10/04/2021	31,268.27	140,573.28	124,831.36	296,672.91	+47,389.41	+21.7%
09/13/2021	29,994.51	144,253.69	127,604.38	301,852.58	+53,842.84	+24.7%
08/02/2021	32,687.16	142,564.25	126,135.07	301,386.48	+50,684.09	+23.2%
07/05/2021	37,822.42	141,479.16	125,569.95	304,871.53	+49,033.88	+22.5%
05/31/2021	40,699.83	138,035.50	123,377.44	302,112.77	+43,397.71	+19.9%
05/04/2021	41,232.36	137,626.97	122,757.45	301,616.78	+42,369.19	+18.9%
04/06/2021	42,545.65	134,943.68	120,784.77	298,274.10	+37,713.22	+17.3%
03/01/2021	48,267.61	131,580.49	119,473.45	299,321.55	+33,038.71	+15.2%
02/01/2021	58,058.47	129,013.97	118,010.28	305,082.72	+29,009.02	+13.3%
01/04/2021	52,794.77	127,206.75	116,715.94	296,717.46	+25,907.46	+11.9%
12/01/2020	27,346.43	125,928.08	114,143.40	267,417.91	+22,056.25	+10.1%

Note: \$25,209.70 of Online NYE Sea to Sea money arrived and left from Dec thru April

11/10/2020	26,186.10	122,838.49	111,092.92	260,117.51	+15,916.18	+ 7.3%
10/05/2020	21,136.34	119,688.20	108,153.37	248,977.91	+ 9,926.34	+ 4.5%
08/31/2020	21,815.20	121,517.25	108,884.60	252,217.05	+12,386.62	+ 5.7%
08/03/2020	23,751.64	117,052.91	106,509.14	247,313.69	+ 5,546.82	+ 2.5%
07/06/2020	28,418.41	114,073.75	104,161.83	246,653.99	+ 220.35	+ 0.1%
06/02/2020	29,503.20	111,511.23	101,300.54	242,314.97	- 5203.46	- 2.4%
05/05/2020	30,650.56	106,193.26	95,963.14	232,806.96	- 15,858.83	- 7.3%
04/06/2020	34,481.27	100,919.09	90,955.89	226,356.25	- 26,140.25	-12.0%
03/25/2020	33,581.81	87,688.84	96,000.54	217,271.19	- 34,325.85	-15.7%
03/03/2020	36,344.38	108,885.54	99,980.64	245,210.56	- 9,149.05	- 4.4%
pre-Covid-dip high		112,766.67	105,248.56	(baseline = 218,015.23)		0.0%
1/21/2020	28,619.19	114,403.43	103,821.83	246,844.45		
12/2019	23,224.46	112,184.47	102,230.49	237,639.42		
11/2019	17,861.62	110,191.15	100,202.95	228,255.72		
10/2019	19,176.85	107,789.58	98,445.01	225,411.44		
09/2019	39,960.56	106,288.85	97,080.95	243,330.36		
06/2019	15,900.81	110,576.98	111,243.31	237,721.10		

FSGW lost money in FY2016 thru FY2019, and so withdrew \$199,000 from reserves.

Vanguard total withdrawn: \$179,000

Fidelity total withdrawn: \$20,000