



Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEETING – January 3, 2023

Charlie Pilzer called the meeting to order at 8:04 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*
Kathy Losonczy, *Membership*

Guests:

Jane Gorbaty
Mo Brachfield
Amanda Muir
Charlie Baum
Timothy Foley
Dana Best
Fred Stolnitz
Cat Tucker

Absent:

Approval of Minutes:

- **MOTION:** To approve Minutes from December 6, 2022 Board Meeting
 - Vote: David Shewmaker moved, Will Strang seconded
 - Resolved: The minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting are approved as corrected and entered into the Society records.

President's Report:

- We survived 2022, ending with 2 well-attended dance events, a great concert in December, and another in-person concert happening this coming Sunday.

Treasurer's Report:

- Reserve accounts have gone back down somewhat because of stock market fluctuations, but working account is up some due to better event attendance & end-of-year donations, but we haven't needed to touch the reserve accounts for the last 3 years. Overall, 2022 almost balanced.

Office Report:

- The transition of the newsletter preparation to the office staff went fairly smoothly, & our website now links directly to the most recent newsletter. We did PR for the New Year's Eve dance, we've been getting fewer questions from puzzled users, & we're working on developing a wiki for FSGW.

COVID Report:

- No big peak yet in COVID cases, but case numbers are creeping up & at least 1 new variant has been identified. Working on some policy refinements: Pre-registration is encouraged, but usually not required; suggest that anyone who has had COVID recently do a test before coming to an event; remove text about sending participant list in case of a case; need to say "at least 1 booster" vs "if eligible"; develop a proposed revision in cooperation with FND, & submit it to our February Board meeting.
- **MOTION:** Will Strang moved, Jerry Blum seconded: change "requires" to "encourages" and "booster if eligible" to "at least one booster", and move to adopt the COVID policy as amended 1/3/2023. Passed unanimously.

NYE Dance Event:

- **MOTION:** David Shewmaker moves, Jim McRea seconds, that FSGW sponsor a 12/31/2023 New Year's Eve dance event. Passed unanimously.

Concerts:

- Next concert is this coming Sunday, at Seekers Church. Second-next concert is co-sponsored with the Library of Congress with Jake Blount solo in the Coolidge Auditorium on February 23rd. We have a contract pending with Clare Sands for a March concert.

Contradance for New Year's Eve:

- Attendance was ~58, and everyone there thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Renewal & Fundraising:

- The end of the calendar year mailing went out; we don't know the total yield yet, but the initial numbers are promising.

MiniFest:

- Our Mid-Winter Festival will definitely not be live/in-person in 2023; and the planning for an online one appears to be falling apart, so the Mid-Winter Festival will probably be on hiatus this year.

Washington Folk Festival:

- Committee is working on it.

Getaway:

- A planning meeting is scheduled for 1/4/2023.

Family Dance:

- The Family Dance will be on hiatus in January, hope to have one in February.

Hashdance & Contrastock:

- **MOTION:** moved by Alyssa Hemler, seconded by David Shewmaker, that the FSGW Board authorize planning for a 2023 Hashdance weekend, potentially 7/1-2/2023; Passed unanimously.
- **MOTION:** moved by Alyssa Hemler, seconded by David Shewmaker, that the FSGW Board authorize planning for a 2023 Contrastock; Passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be Tuesday February 7th at 8pm on Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:48 pm.

- Vote: Jim McRea moved, Will Strang seconded.

Appendix I: Treasurer's Report

FSGW Treasurers report of assets – January 2, 2023:

Date or Month end	(working) Wells Fargo	(reserve 1) Vanguard	(reserve 2) Fidelity	Total	Reserves gain/loss	Reserves % diff
01/02/2023	49,209.42	126,884.60	109,553.70	285,647.72	+18,423.07	+8.5%
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