



## Board Meeting Minutes

### BOARD MEETING – February 7, 2023

Charlie Pilzer called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM as an online Zoom meeting, but quorum (at least 8) was not established until 8:30 PM.

#### 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*

Jane Gorbaty  
Amanda Muir  
Charlie Baum  
Timothy Foley  
Dana Best  
Fred Stolnitz  
Joanie Blanton  
Heather Livingston  
Alex Naar  
Dean Clamons  
Carly Gewirz

#### Absent:

Stephen Winick, *Programs*  
Kathy Losonczy, *Membership*

#### Guests:

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While awaiting a full quorum, the following topics were discussed informally:

*Will Strang:* We are looking into the possibility of replacing Wild Apricot with an alternative (Tendence, open-source software) that is about half the cost of WA. Planning to set up a copy to test. WA's billing processor, has been confusing users by adding "Austin, TX" to every billing entry.

*Dean Clamons:* Re Getaway planning, Sara Grey, Brian Dolphin & his spouse, Elizabeth LaPrelle, have accepted our invitations to come & be part of the entertainment. We hope to have the weekend's pricing structure settled in a few weeks. The Rock Creek Morris may also come, & maybe Steven Levine from MN. This will be the 58<sup>th</sup> FSGW Getaway if we can make it happen.

*Alyssa Hemler:* Our Hashdance weekend is scheduled for the July 1-2 weekend, with a great talent lineup: Will Mentor and Frannie Marr calling, The Mean Lids and Stomp Rocket playing, in the Glen Echo Bumper Car Pavilion. We weren't able to coordinate our Contrastock with NY City's Contrashock, so we haven't firmed up our schedule yet.

**Full quorum of 8 Board members was established at 8:30 PM.**

#### Approval of Minutes:

- **MOTION:** To approve Minutes from January 3, 2023 Board Meeting
  - Vote: Jim McRea moved, Will Strang seconded, approved unanimously

- 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 (investment) accounts have gone back up somewhat because of stock market fluctuations, but working (Wells Fargo) account is down some due to catching up with bill-paying coupled with some deposits not having cleared yet, but we haven't needed to touch the reserve accounts for the last 3 years. Overall, 2022 almost balanced.

### **Office Report:**

- We may need to buy a copy of Excel to handle some label manipulations. Newsletters are currently 716 electronic vs 157 paper mail (but half of those are to Life Members, who would have to request being changed to electronic); e-Blasts go to 2100 recipients. Four or five events are now regularly using our WA registration system. We now have current photos from 2 Friday Night Dance events to use for publicity.

### **COVID Report:**

- We did have a report of 1 Covid case following the Feb 3 Friday Night Dance (FND), but no subsequent cases. That's only the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> case since we resumed the in-person FND. By contrast, the Ralph Page Legacy Weekend reported a 23% infection rate.

### **English Country Dance (ECD) Spring Ball:**

- This will be our 37<sup>th</sup> Spring Ball, on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The web page for it is up to date. It will have an ad in the next CDSS magazine; the program is set, it will be a Tier 1 event, there will be a practice session that afternoon, also at the Silver Spring Civic Center, with April Blum calling. We're hoping to attract 75-90 dancers.

### **Dances:**

- There will be an ECD @ Glen Echo Wednesday evening, the Silver Spring contradance Thursday evening, and the FND in the Spanish Ballroom Friday evening. The family dance Sunday features a band who used to come to the dance as a family.

### **Renewal & Fundraising:**

- The end of the calendar year e-mailing went out, but no postal mail; we don't know the total yield yet, but the initial numbers are promising, and a few additional joins/renewals have trickled in.

### **Washington Folk Festival:**

- There will be a 2023 WFF; planning has started, we're considering a dance and concert for that Saturday evening. David Shewmaker will be the volunteer coordinator.

### **Membership:**

- WildApricot now shows our membership numbers; we're up almost 100 since last March.

**Use of Meet-Up**

- Our Meet-Up group has been growing, has brought several new dancers to the Wed-nt ECD; might be worth creating Meet-Up “events” for our FNDs.

**Old-Time Jams in Takoma Park**

- The Old-Time Jams in Takoma Park have restarted, they got about 40 attendees at 1<sup>st</sup> one. We should consider a small subsidy once a month, possibly also MD Arts Council grants to do that; the events are monthly.
- **Motion: To allocate 7x\$180=\$1260 to support the old-time jams in MD organized by Johnathan Voecke for this fiscal year.**

**Vote:** Will Strang moved, Lucia Schaefer 2<sup>nd</sup>ed, passed unanimously

We will need to register with the MD Arts Council to seek a grant from them.

**Possible Reciprocity:**

- Heather Wood of the Folk Music Society of NY wants to know what we are doing in October, as they would like a reciprocal sharing of “member” rate privilege. Charlie Pilzer will try to set this up.

**University of MD Dance Group:**

- A dance group at the U of MD would like to come to an FND or 2, if FND & FSGW would allow them a discounted rate.

**Elections:**

- We need an elections chair, & we need to figure out the details of the By-Laws-required free admission of members to nomination events.

Next meeting will be Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8pm on Zoom.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:48 pm.**

- **Vote:** Jim McRea moved, David Shewmaker 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
02/06/2023	47,917.35	133,670.35	114,997.36	296,585.06	+30,652.48	+14.1%
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**