



Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEETING – March 7, 2023

Charlie Pilzer called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM once 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*
Absent: [none]

Guests:

Amanda Muir
Charlie Baum
Timothy Foley
Dana Best
Fred Stolnitz
Linda Zeebooker
Mo Brachfield
Janine Smith
Kappy Lanning

Approval of Minutes:

- **MOTION:** To approve Minutes from February 7, 2023 Board Meeting
 - Vote: Will Strang moved, Jim McRea seconded, approved unanimously
 - Resolved: The minutes of the February 7, 2023 meeting are approved as corrected and entered into the Society records.

President's Report:

- Kappy & I have been contacting lots of potential candidates for our upcoming Board elections. I attended the Jake Blount concert, and thought it was very good.

Treasurer's Report:

- Reserve (investment) accounts have gone back down somewhat because of stock market fluctuations, working (Wells Fargo) account is also down some, but about \$600 is about to be deposited. I have become convinced that we should move away from Wild Apricot; our billings showing up as from Austin, TX being 1 good reason.

Office Report:

- We put new headers up about the events that will be free to members, have also posted some Getaway information. We need to clarify COVID policy notices for events to be consistent with our updated COVID policy. We've been clarifying home-page items. Membership has been rising slowly. Contacts have been mostly in connection with the Friday Night Dance, whereas new memberships have been more from concerts. Our media posts have been reaching thousands of people. The Silver Spring contra had only ~30 dancers in January but double that in February. Working on making graphics more uniform in style throughout, and making sure our web, Facebook & Meet-Up listings are consistent. Working on clarifying the details of mask policies for different events. Starting to post details for this summer's Hashdance. Amanda may be leaving soon for another job opportunity, so winding down her FSGW time and handing off tasks.

COVID Report:

We have been getting occasional questions about our policy's details; the Ralph Page Legacy Weekend reported a 23% infection rate, so we want to continue to be careful. We hear from those who don't come because of masking, but not from those who wouldn't come if we didn't require masks. Dana & Janine think that masks are more important than vaccinations at protecting groups of people. We could move the Friday Night Dance from the Spanish Ballroom to the Bumper-Car Pavillion, which has inherently more ventilation, but the BCP floor is less comfortable for dancing. We're considering doing surveys regarding mask/no-mask lines or nights. Currently all FSGW co-sponsored events are Tier 1 in our policy. Following discussion, our policy was updated.

- **MOTION:** Will Strang moves, Lucia Schaefer seconds, that the COVID policy amended March 7th be adopted, to take effect as of May 1st 8 for, 1 opposed, motion is approved.

Elections:

Jerry Stein, Rene Brachfield & Jim Cole are on the Nominating Committee; 3 events during March will be free to FSGW members so there can be a brief nominations opportunity during a break at the event, & we can get the nominations into the newsletter by April 8th.

- **MOTION:** Will Strang moves, Alyssa Hemler seconds, that Kappy Lanning be the chair of the Election Committee for 2023; passed unanimously.

Getaway:

Dean has a list of the entertainers so far, hoping for a few more. Planning to use a business card with a QR code (that links to the Getaway page on our website) for outreach.

Dances:

List of upcoming dances is ready for the newsletter. Friday Night Dance attendance has been holding fairly steady, and we hope it will increase as the weather becomes warmer. The price increase for the Wednesday evening English Country dances is helping them stay much closer to breaking even financially.

Concerts:

The Jake Blount concert at the Library of Congress went very well; we have concerts planned through June, and the information for the March and April concerts is already in the newsletter.

Future:

We had 2 good discussions in February about the future of FSGW, and we plan one more, possibly on April 25th.

Next meeting will be Tuesday April 4th at 8pm on Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm.

- Vote: Jim McRea moved, David Shewmaker seconded.

Appendix I: Treasurer’s Report

FSGW Treasurers report of assets – March 7, 2023:

Date or Month end	(working) Wells Fargo	(reserve 1) Vanguard	(reserve 2) Fidelity	Total	Reserves gain/loss	Reserves % diff
03/07/2023	45,446.16	131,806.25	112,522.97	289,775.38	+26,313.99	+12.1%
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