



## Board Meeting Minutes

### BOARD MEETING – May 2, 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*  
Stephen Winick, *Programs*  
David Shewmaker, *At-Large*

#### Guests:

Dana Best  
Phil Fraulino  
Jamie Platt  
Charlie Baum  
Joel Bluestein  
Jackie Hogleund  
Christopher Lindsay  
Lynn Bayer  
Lo Lubin

Absent: Kathy Losonczy, *Membership*

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#### Approval of Minutes:

The file the acting secretary had sent for review as the 4/23 minutes was actually a copy of the 8/22 minutes, so approval of the 4/23 minutes was postponed to the May meeting.

#### President's Report:

- Lots of travel during April; at NEFFA they required masks & checked vaccination status.

#### Folk Festival:

- There was some confusion in reporting about the WFF parking options; what we had online was correct, but what was in the newsletter was incorrect.

#### Treasurer's (& Webmaster's) Report:

- Our working (Wells Fargo) account balance decreased about \$7,000, looking into why.
- I have been working on the website, haven't had time to do much about a replacement for Wild Apricot; need to clean up our contacts list.

### Office Report:

- Lots of work now that Amanda has moved on; lots of scattered tech work (not Mo's strong suit); there have been problems getting the newsletter onto the website, and we still need to alert folks that the May newsletter is available.

### COVID Report:

- The Silver Spring monthly contra will move to a Tier 1.5 status this month (still N95-or-eq masks but no longer checking vax status). The FND has decided that they want to move to tier 2 as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Hashdance weekend will be in the Bumper Car Pavilion Sat & Sun July 1-2, & it will be Tier 2. FND did a survey that got lots of responses, which are still being analyzed. Preliminary data is that dancers are mostly older, & ~40% want masks vs ~60% don't, but survey was not very scientific.

### Concerts:

- The concert 5/21 evening will be an all-online concert featuring 2 indigenous performers; June live at the Lyceum will have an Irish program featuring Brendan Mulvihill & friends.

### Dances:

- Hashdance registration is open, sign-ups ~30 so far; it needs to do more PR, & it will be Tier 2. Contrastock will be October 15<sup>th</sup> in the Bumper Car Pavilion. The FND & Silver Spring contras & the family dances are going well. The ECD Ball has 72 registered so far. We've been using Montgomery County COVID numbers, but many of the reporting dashboards will be ceasing soon. GEPPAC bought 4 new fans in the spring, & we'd like to get them to buy more. We need to try to get more turnout for the family dances.

### Folk Festival:

- The program is fairly well set, there will be 7 venues; there will be off-site parking but using Waverly Garage rather than Geico. We received a \$4,000 grant from the MD Arts Council. Still need to get more MCs for the various venues. Motions needed for the several sections of the overall contracts:
- **MOTION:** To approve an expenditure and contract of up to \$12,000 for tents for the 2023 Washington Folk Festival.  
Moved by Will Strang, seconded by Lucia Schaefer; Passed unanimously.
- **MOTION:** To approve an expenditure and contract of up to \$16,500 for buses for the 2023 Washington Folk Festival.  
Moved by Will Strang, seconded by Stephen Winick; Passed unanimously.
- **MOTION:** To approve an expenditure and contract of up to \$6,000 for use of Glen Echo park, to cover GEPPAC site expenses for the 2023 Washington Folk Festival.  
Moved by Will Strang, seconded by Stephen Winick; Passed unanimously.
- **MOTION:** To approve an expenditure of up to \$3,500 for use of Glen Echo park, to cover Program Book printing expenses for the 2023 Washington Folk Festival.  
Moved by Will Strang, seconded by David Shewmaker; Passed unanimously.
- **MOTION:** To approve an expenditure and contract of up to \$2,500 for parking management for the 2023 Washington Folk Festival.

Moved by Will Strang, seconded by Jim McRea; Passed unanimously.

**Getaway:**

- Charlie Pilzer spoke with Dean Clamons, who is recovering from a heart attack; we'll need to speak with Dean further about the logistics for registering for this event.

**Elections:**

- Elections are underway, ballots have gone out, there is one candidate for each and every Board position.

**New Business:**

- The Gala in the Park event is coming up 5/20, need to find out who wants to sit at the FSGW table.
- Wild Apricot database cleanup: many people have multiple contacts in the database (because they have & use multiple email addresses); Alyssa will help with this task.

Next meeting will be Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 8pm on Zoom, & will be a joint meeting including both outgoing & incoming Board members.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 pm.**

- Vote: Will Strang moved, Jerry Blum seconded.

**Appendix I: Treasurer's Report**

FSGW Treasurers report of assets – March 7, 2023:

| Date or<br>Month end  | (working)<br>Wells Fargo | (reserve 1)<br>Vanguard | (reserve 2)<br>Fidelity | Total      | Reserves<br>gain/loss | Reserves<br>% diff |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 05/02/2023  | 36,994.94                | 135,222.88              | 115,722.65              | 287,940.47 | +32,930.30            | +15.1%             |
| 04/04/2023  | 45,678.01                | 134,130.79              | 115,430.38              | 295,239.18 | +31,545.94            | +14.5%             |
| 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**