



Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 7/11/23 by the FSGW Board of Directors)

BOARD MEETING – June 6, 2023

Charlie Pilzer called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM as an online Zoom meeting. Quorum (at least 8) was established.

Attendees Present:

Charlie Pilzer, *President*
Caroline Barnes, *Vice President 22-23, Dance 23-34*
Will Strang, *Treasurer 22-23, Past Treasurer 23-34*
Jim McRea, *Publications*
Jerry Blum, *At-Large 22-23*
Alyssa Hemler, *Dance 22-23, Secretary 23-24*
Lucia Schafer, *At-Large*
Stephen Winick, *Programs 22-23*
Lynn Baumeister, *At-Large 23-24*
Chris Lindsey, *Programs 23-24*
Lynn Bayer (*joined 8:30*), *At-Large 23-24*
Jackie Hoglund (*joined 9:16pm*), *Treasurer 23-24*

Absent:

David Shewmaker, *At-Large 22-23, Membership 23-34*
Jamie Platt, *Vice President 23-24*

Guests:

Jane Gorbaty (until 8:24)
Dana Best
Charlie Baum
Ann Dorsey

Approval of Minutes:

- MOTION: To approve Minutes from May 2, 2023 Board Meeting
 - Vote: Will Strang moved, Alyssa Hemler seconded
 - Resolved: The minutes of the May 2, 2023 meeting are approved as corrected and entered into the Society records

Introductions and Bios:

- All current and incoming board members introduced themselves. Jackie Hoglund has begun taking on treasurer duties including processing incoming mail.

President's Report:

- The Washington Folk Festival was this past weekend and well-attended (see below). There were 7 stages with 85 hours of programming.
- Charlie welcomed new board members and thanked those board members who are transitioning off: Will Strang, Jerry Blum, and Stephen Winick
- This will be a year of transition and change for the organization (see Goals below)
- Covid isn't gone but isn't as disruptive as the past 3 years

Treasurer's Report:

- The reserves account is up due to the stock market; the Wells Fargo working account has decreased
- Some WFF expenses have been processed but more are coming as the final expenses from the festival get paid and we settle up with GEPPAC
- Will is working on getting our bank accounts linked which is complicated for commercial accounts

Office Report:

- No office report because Mo Brachfeld was not in attendance

COVID Review:

- Covid rates continue to be low in this region; all upcoming FSGW events are tier 2 (no covid precaution enforcement)
- FND and ECD have both held dances with Tier 2 requirements. There were no negative reactions from attendees and some additional people attended who haven't been coming due to the mask requirement
- Charlie Baum shared an anecdote of a gathering of 80 musicians in CT in May where 18/80 people got covid despite precautions

Concerts:

- The May concert of Thea Hopkins and Jessie Lloyd had 87 registrants although fewer people actually attended. Donations still need to be tallied but a \$250 check was received
- There are two co-sponsored concerts scheduled for June:
 - June 15th Rev. Robert B. Jones at the Library of Congress
 - June 27th Brendan Mulvihill and Friends at the Lyceum
- Chris as the incoming Programs Chair has been putting together a Programs Committee to help with the workload and has a goal of finding a co-sponsor for every future concert. Charlie Baum is still willing to help run online programs
- There will be no concert in July

Dances:

- Attendance has been waning at the monthly family dances which are an important community program. Charlie Pilzer has been discussing co-sponsorship with Revels.
 - **MOTION:** *Alyssa Hemler moved, Lucia Schaefer seconded to make the family dance free to attendees beginning June 11th. Approved unanimously.*

- #Dance Weekend is coming up on July 1st and 2nd. 65 people are currently registered but most are out-of-town dancers and many locals have not signed up yet. Alyssa is expecting many late registrations still to come and has been conducting outreach to past attendees.

WFF Review:

- The festival was very successful and well attended although total numbers are not known. The FSGW board acknowledged the efforts of the WFF planning committee and Program Committee.
- FSGW raised at least \$15,000 before the festival even happened, and many donations were made onsite which still need to be counted. On-site donations will be split between FSGW and GEPPAC.
- The current co-chairs for the festival, Dwain Winters and Joel Bluestein, are stepping down. There is currently no replacement for them. Charlie Pilzer will be meeting with Dwain and Joel to discuss the future of the festival and there will be more to discuss at the next board meeting.

Getaway:

- Registration is open for the getaway and the committee hopes to have 90 committed registrants by June 30th to cover the cost of the venue.
- Covid precautions for the event include a vaccination requirement with a testing component as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wild Apricot Database Cleanup:

- There are two main tasks that need to be accomplished in order to transition to a new database from Wild Apricot.
 - Document the pros and cons of the current system and identify needs for a new database. Identify potential replacement options. Will Strang, Lynn Baumeister, and Charlie Pilzer will coordinate this effort.
 - Clean the existing database data to remove duplicate records and streamline the records. Alyssa Hemler, Jackie Hogleund, David Shewmaker, and Lynn Baumeister will work on this effort.

Finance Committee:

- Charlie Pilzer has created a finance committee for FSGW which consists of himself, Jackie Hogleund, Will Strang, and Joel Bluestein.

FSGW Goals for 2023-2024:

- Charlie and other board members shared visions and goals for FSGW for the next year:
 - Identify a successor President for Charlie Pilzer as well as a chair-person for the nominations committee.

- Revise the FSGW bylaws to change the structure of the FSGW board so there are fewer positions with specific roles. Charlie would like to see specific tasks assigned to committees rather than individuals.
- Be a financially sound organization that does not take on events that will not be sustainable.
- Transition to a better electronic support system without bugs
- Be a resource for folk events in the region. Have all events be co-sponsored with other groups.

Next Meeting Date:

- MOTION: Charlie Pilzer moved, Jim McRea seconded changing the next board meeting from Tuesday July 4th to Tuesday July 11th. Passed with one abstention.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:08 pm.

- Vote: Stephen Winick moved, Jerry Blum seconded

Appendix I: Treasurer’s Report

FSGW Treasurers report of assets – June 6, 2023

Date or Month end	(working) Wells Fargo	(reserve 1) Vanguard	(reserve 2) Fidelity	Total	Reserves gain / loss	Reserves % diff
06/05/2023	36,252.36	137,562.79	116,219.05	290,034.20	+35,766.61	+16.4%

Note: Will loaned FSGW \$9500.00 short term on 5/30/2023, to provide a buffer for WFF costs until we can withdraw money from a reserve account, which we have to set up new because Wells Fargo made us close our old account that it had been set up for.

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