



Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 7/2/24 by the FSGW Board of Directors)

BOARD MEETING – June 4, 2024

Charlie Pilzer called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM as an online Zoom meeting. Quorum (at least 8) was established.

Attendees Present:

Charlie Pilzer, *President 23-24, Past President 24-25*

Jamie Platt, *Vice President*

Alyssa Hemler, *Secretary*

Jackie Hoglund, *Treasurer*

Will Strang, *Past Treasurer 23-24*

Lucia Schaefer, *At-Large 23-24, President 24-25*

David Shewmaker, *Membership 23-24 (until 9:10pm)*

Jim McRea, *Publications 23-24*

Caroline Barnes, *Dance 23-24*

Lynn Baumeister, *At-Large 23-24*

Chris Lindsay, *Programs 23-24 (8:25-9:20pm)*

Ingrid Gorman, *Publicity 24-25*

Paul Lieberman, *Publications 24-25*

Laura Robertson, *Dance 24-25*

Tim Livengood, *At-Large 24-25*

Absent:

Lynn Bayer, *At-Large*

Ayan Kishore, *At-Large 24-25*

Guests:

Maya Pierick (office staff)

Mo Brachfeld (office staff)

Dana Best

Peter Maier

Jane Gorbaty

Charlie Baum

Liz Donaldson

Dan Kahn

Ann Dorsey

Lois Shiner

Betsy Platt

Jim Cole

Approval of Minutes:

- MOTION: To approve Minutes from the May 7, 2024 Board Meeting.
 - Vote: Jim McRea moved; Caroline Barnes seconded.
 - Resolved: The minutes of the May 7, 2024 meeting are approved and entered into the Society records.

Introductions Welcome to New Board Members:

- All present introduced themselves and their role/connection to FSGW and the board.

REPORTS:

President's Report and State of FSGW:

- Charlie thanked all incoming board members for being willing to contribute their time and thoughts to FSGW. Charlie welcomed all of the guests. Charlie thanked David Shewmaker for leading the elections committee and putting together a great slate of board members.

Treasurer's Report:

- The current bank account balances total about \$66,000. The investment accounts total about \$233,000.
- We are currently running a budget deficit of \$25,439 compared to the \$49,776 deficit in the approved budget. Jackie expects the final deficit for the year to be less than \$35,000.
- The budget for next fiscal year will be voted on in September. Jackie would like to have a complete draft budget by July so there is a month for final edits. Jackie will send relevant information to outgoing and incoming board members to help with the budgeting process.

Office Report:

- Mo continues to work on updating and publicizing events. Maya continues to work on data cleanup. Office staff have communicated with all contacts who currently have FND credit and explained how to use it.

Webmaster Report:

- Will has figured out why board members have been removed from various distribution lists and fixed the problem.
- Will explained the purpose and format of the FSGW wiki to preserve organizational knowledge over time.
- New board members have been added to the "new board" email list and will receive "all the board" emails.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mary Cliff Celebration Lunch:

- A celebration lunch for Mary Cliff is scheduled for 1pm on Sunday September 15th at Ireland's Four Provinces in Falls Church. The event will be added to the FSGW website. Peter Maier is working on putting together a program.

Takoma Park Folk Festival Co-Sponsorship Offer/Request:

- Charlie has not scheduled a joint meeting between FSGW and TPFJ yet. Charlie will be talking with Robin Stearn (President of TPFJ) about next steps in the coming weeks.

FSGW Newsletter discussion recap and next steps:

- The board has decided to cease printing the monthly newsletter. It will continue to be produced and published electronically.
- People who have paid for the printed newsletter will receive a notification from FSGW alerting them that the printed newsletter will stop and offering them 2 options of what to do

with their remaining funds. They will be able to get a check refund or donate the funds to FSGW general operating. There is an outreach plan to get in touch with all relevant members.

- Every month, an email goes out to members and lapsed members when the newsletter is ready/published. The board agreed to continue notifying lapsed members because more people viewing the newsletter is a positive thing.

FSGW Picnic:

- The FSGW Picnic is scheduled for Sunday July 14th at Glen Echo Park and is open to everyone.
- Lucia presented the schedule of activities for the picnic which includes storytelling, open singing, a potluck, a membership meeting, the regularly scheduled monthly barn dance with dance performances at the break, and jamming.

Concerts:

- On June 23rd, there is a concert celebrating the Smithsonian Folkways CD release for Sonya Cohen-Cramer.

COVID Review:

- No FSGW-related covid to report but it's still around.

Dances:

- FSGW's co-sponsorship of the weekly Friday night dance will be ending as of June 30th. Registration is transitioning over to the FND website, with a link remaining on the FSGW website.
- FSGW will continue to create events for Friday night dances on our calendar for 2 months. After 2 months, we'll remove the FND landing page from the FSGW website and stop adding events. The FND will show up as "past sponsored events." After June, the FND will not be included in the weekly FSGW eblast.
- FSGW will email all FND past registrants to let them know about the transition and invite them to join the FSGW mailing lists.

Wild Apricot Privacy Policy, Refund Policy, Terms of Service:

- Alyssa has started drafting versions of these policies using free policy generators. Because of the necessary complexity, a small fee will be needed to generate complete versions. Alyssa will pay this fee and bring drafts to the next meeting for votes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Outgoing President's Summary:

- Charlie thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve at FSGW President for five years. He is proud of what FSGW has accomplished and the positive organizational culture that has developed.
- Charlie summarized some ongoing projects he would like to continue to work on. He has been working sporadically on creating a first draft of revised bylaws which he will submit to Lucia. He has also been researching backend calendar functionality to allow FSGW to be a hub for all folk events in the DC area. This would not replace Wild Apricot but would allow many

organizations to advertise through FSGW. Charlie would also love to see another monthly dance at a metro-accessible location.

Incoming President's Welcome and Vision:

- Lucia summarized their goals for FSGW including integrating an equity lens to FSGW and bringing folk events to more people. Lucia is particularly interested in early childhood programming, operations and preserving institutional knowledge.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:08 pm

- Will Strang moved, Lucia Schaefer seconded.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 8pm on Zoom.