



Board Action Summary

Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 8.00pm

For the convenience of members, the Board is providing a summary of actions taken at its August 6th, 2024 meeting. This summary is not a substitute for the official minutes and record of the meeting, which can be found at <https://www.fsgw2.org/minutes/index.php>

President's Report

Dear Members,

July was a wonderful first month of office for me. We hosted the return of the FSGW Annual Picnic which, despite the brutal heat, was well attended and great time was had by all! A HUGE thank you to all that gave their time including Jamie for sound, Charlie B. for leading the opening, Voices in the Glen for storytelling, Caroline for calling the Barn Dance with Sarah supporting, Charlie P. for coordinating the Barn Dance band, Just in Time and Cutting Edge Sword for their percussive dance performance, Bill for leading the joke swap, and Robert for leading the open Jam. And a special thank you goes to everyone that attended, we are looking forward to continuing to build this event and can't wait to see everyone next year.

I have been busy this month reaching out to new venues and possible partner organizations to widen FSGW's reach. We have a few new events that will be co-sponsored in September and October including the Takoma Park Folk Festival on September 8th and a Bridgerton-themed Contra Dance at Manassas Park in VA on October 25th. Keep an eye on the Newsletter to get more information on those!

At the August Board Meeting, we had a presentation by an Asset Manager from Merrill Lynch that specializes in helping DC area non-profits maximize their earnings from their investments. This could be transformational for us as we look to stabilize our revenue going into this year's budget season. If you are interested in seeing the proposal documents, you can email me at president@fsgw.org to look them over and give feedback. Please note that no motion has been made as the Board needs time to consider all of our options.

We are still in need of a Membership Chair, and a Program Chair. The Membership chair is basically the hype person for the organization. They attend events, meet new folks, and work with our office staff and Publicity Chair to communicate the mission of FSGW. If you love attending our events, talking to folks, and sharing the great work that we do, then this could be the position for you! The Program Chair is another important role. This person helps book musicians for concerts as well as assists with all non-dance programming when needed. If you are active in the Folk music community or want to get more involved and strengthen your skills in putting on events, then we would love to have you!

Don't forget, we have the Mary Cliff Celebration on September 15th. It is going to be a wonderful event with a 3-course lunch accompanied by musical performances and a sharing by community members celebrating Mary's contribution to the Folk Community! [Tickets are available for sale now!](#)

Chord-ially,

Lucia Schaefer (they/she)
President, Folklore Society of Greater Washington

Please see the below officer reports. At the August meeting, we did not have quorum so there are no motions to report.

Treasurer's report

- Securities as of 6/30/24 (reported quarterly):
 - Fidelity: \$78,331 (was \$77,526 on March 31)
 - Vanguard: \$165,857 (was \$155,726 on March 31)
 - Total: \$244,188
- 2025 Budget preparation: At the July meeting we reviewed the 2024 budget, at the August meeting we will review the draft 2025 budget, and at the September meeting we will vote on the 2025 budget.

Office Report

- Continuing to work on Data Cleanup and some website cleanup as well

Dance Report

- GEPPAC has not yet sent out its request for proposals for 2025 dates, but communication with GEPPAC indicates that the barn dance and the Hashdance dates are already confirmed for 2025.
- We have asked for an update to confirm Contraststock dates for 2025.
- Upcoming events:
 - ECD every Wednesday as usual
 - Aug 8: Silver Spring contra dance in the Spring Room
 - No barn dance for Aug. Will resume in September.
 - October 20th: Contraststock in the bumper car pavilion

The next meeting is scheduled for **MONDAY, September 8, 2024, 8pm
Online via Zoom**