



Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 9/9/24 by the FSGW Board of Directors)

BOARD MEETING – August 20, 2024

Lucia Schaefer called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM as an online Zoom meeting. Quorum (at least 8) was established.

Attendees Present:

Lucia Schaefer, *President*
Jamie Platt, *Vice President*
Alyssa Hemler, *Secretary*
Jackie Hoglund, *Treasurer*
Paul Lieberman, *Publications*
Ayan Kishore, *At-Large*
Laura Robertson, *Dance*
Lynn Bayer, *At-Large*
Ingrid Gorman, *Publicity*
Betsy Platt, *Program (appointed 8/20/24)*

David Shewmaker, *Membership (appointed 8/20/24)*

Absent:

Charlie Pilzer, *Past President*
Tim Livengood, *At-Large*

Guests:

Will Strang
Charlie Baum

Approval of Minutes:

- MOTION: To approve Minutes from the July 2, 2024 Board Meeting.
 - Vote: Jackie Hoglund moved; Laura Robertson seconded. Unanimous.
 - Resolved: The minutes of the July 2, 2024 meeting are approved and entered into the Society records.
- MOTION: To approve Minutes from the August 6, 2024 Board Meeting.
 - Vote: Jackie Hoglund moved; Laura Robertson seconded. Unanimous.
 - Resolved: The minutes of the August 6, 2024 meeting are approved and entered into the Society records.

ACTION ITEMS:

Appoint new board members:

- **Motion:** Lynn Bayer moves, Alyssa Hemler seconds to appoint Betsy Platt to the 2024-2025 FSGW Board position of Program Chair. Unanimous.
 - Discussion: The plan is to form a program committee to support this role. The details of how members will be added and what their roles will be are still to be determined.
- **Motion:** Jamie Platt moves, Lynn Bayer seconds to appoint David Shewmaker to the 2024-2025 FSGW Board position of Membership Chair. Unanimous.

- Discussion: David sees a need to build membership, reach new audiences, and bring in new members. There is an opportunity for fund development. This position will also form a committee to support its work.

Mary Cliff Celebration funding request:

- *Motion: Jackie Hoglund moves, Ingrid Gorman seconds to allocate up to \$750 for the Mary Cliff Celebration.*
 - Discussion:
 - The original request in April for support for this event did not have an expense request attached to it. In hindsight, it is unrealistic to sponsor an event and not budget at least some money.
 - This proposed \$750 amount gives Peter flexibility. He has asked for FSGW to cover 10 comp tickets and other miscellaneous expenses.
 - *Vote: Motion passes unanimously.*
 - Further Discussion:
 - The restaurant wants a headcount 10 days before event, which seems early. Additional communication with the restaurant is needed to see if a compromise can be reached to allow for more time for publicity. Publicity efforts will pick up and reflect the necessary deadline.

Takoma Park Folk Festival funding request:

- *Motion: Jackie Hoglund moves, Laura Robertson seconds to allocate \$300 to pay three musicians performing at the Takoma Park Folk Festival on September 8th, 2024.*
 - Discussion:
 - FSGW is a Stage Sponsor of the Abbott Stage at the Takoma Park Folk Festival. We were given a reduced sponsorship rate because we're providing in-kind advertising. This sponsorship level includes a table for publicity and Lucia will bring the button machine to draw people in.
 - FSGW is also providing an hour of programming: Lucia will lead, and would like to pay a local 3-person band \$100 each.
- *Vote: Unanimous with 1 abstention (David Shewmaker). Motion carries.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm

- Alyssa Hemler moved, Lynn Bayer seconded.

Next meeting will be Monday, September 9, at 8pm on Zoom.