



Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 4/1/25 by the FSGW Board of Directors)

BOARD MEETING – March 4, 2025

Lucia Schaefer called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM as an online Zoom meeting. Quorum (at least 8) was established.

Attendees Present:

Lucia Schaefer, *President*
Charlie Pilzer, *Past President*
Jamie Platt, *Vice President*
Alyssa Hemler, *Secretary*
Jackie Hoglund, *Treasurer*
Laura Robertson, *Dance*
Ingrid Gorman, *Publicity*
Paul Lieberman, *Publications*
David Shewmaker, *Membership (starting 9pm)*
Betsy Platt, *Program*
Tim Livengood, *At-Large*
Lynn Bayer, *At-Large*

Absent:

Ayan Kishore, *At-Large*

Guests:

Mo Brachfeld (office staff)
Milo Pierick (office staff)
Will Strang
Charlie Baum
Fred Stollnitz
Linda Zeebooker
Liz Donaldson
Jane Gorbaty
Joel Bluestein

Approval of Minutes:

- MOTION: To approve Minutes from the February 4, 2025, Board Meeting.
 - Vote: Laura Robertson moved; Jackie Hoglund seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - Resolved: The minutes of the February 4, 2025, meeting are approved and entered into the Society records.

Open Forum:

- No items.

REPORTS:

President's Report:

- Lucia has been spending a lot of time planning the upcoming Mid-Winter Festival.

Treasurer's Report:

- Current account balances:
 - Wells Fargo:
 - Main: \$23,278.58
 - Dance: \$6,532.58
 - River: 4,382.26
 - WFF: \$2,000
 - Total: \$36,193
 - Securities:
 - Fidelity: \$82,459
 - Vanguard: \$180,715
 - Total: \$263,174
- Total: \$299,367

Dance Report:

- PAST EVENTS
 - February barn dance and Silver Spring Contra went well.
 - ECD Wed per usual.
- MARCH EVENTS
 - Barn dance is March 9th, in the annex at Glen Echo. Penelope Weinberger calling to Gina Faber and Kirk Evans.
 - Silver Spring contra is March 14th with Melissa Chatham calling to Old Time Cobras.
 - Dancing Planet contra is March 9th in the bumper car pavilion at Glen Echo.
 - Mid-Winter Festival at Browne Academy is March 22nd. There will be several dances and dance workshops.
 - Library of Congress English dance, demo and beginner's dance, Mar 27th, organized by ECDC and Liz Donaldson, co sponsored FSGW.
- Ongoing planning for ECD ball (May) and FSGW Folk Fest (October).
- Lucia will bring the button machine to the Silver Spring contra for folks to make nametags.
- The June barn dance got moved to a classroom at Glen Echo. Lucia got permission to have it at Browne Academy instead, still free.

Program/Concert Report:

- Cosponsored March concert at Lyceum
- April 4 house concert at Kathie Mack's
- April 27 Brian Bowers at Glen Echo Town Hall
- May 10 Trio Sephardi at Washington Ethical Society
- May 30 Janie Meneally & Rob Van Sant house concert at Kathie Mack's

Office Report:

- Milo has been working on archiving contacts. We started with 12,000 and are now at 7,000. The goal is 5,000 which will bring us to a cheaper pricing tier for Wild Apricot.
- Office staff will reach out to lapsed members if they register for events at the member rate.
- Mo has been reaching out to event organizers to obtain photo and video footage to use for promo. Additional assistance would be appreciated.

Webmaster Report:

- None

ACTION ITEMS:**Non-fiscal Co-sponsorship request: Linda Zebooker**

- The board asked Linda questions about her co-sponsorship request. FSGW offers insurance and publicity. Linda has homeowners, liability, and umbrella insurance and is comfortable with the risks. Jackie can add Linda's house to our insured venues list.
- The board will discuss and vote in executive session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:**Mid-Winter Festival:**

- There's a storytelling festival in Alexandria on the same day as the festival. We don't want to compete, so we won't have storytelling this year.
- Lucia outlined volunteer roles and the flow of the festival. She is looking for volunteers to help.
- Lucia and Laura are working on finalizing schedule.
- There's a flier and publicity is in full swing.

Washington Folk Festival:

- Mo and Milo have been helping with WFF fundraising by researching possible funders and sponsors. Additional ideas from the board are welcome.
- The programming committee will be meeting next week. They have received lots of inquiries and aim to get contracts in place early.

NYE contra 2025:

- Jackie will ask for the deposit back from the old venue.
- Mo will send an email to past attendees seeing if someone wants to step up to organize.

Board elections 2025:

- The March free membership meeting will be during the Mid-Winter festival at Browne Academy, March 22nd.
- The slate is in good shape although there are a couple of flexible scenarios to be sorted out. The main gap is dance chair.
- This is Lucia's last year as president and David wants to do some early planning for her replacement.

ACTION ITEM RE-VISITED:**Non-fiscal Co-sponsorship request: Linda Zebooker**

- MOTION: *David Shewmaker moves, Jackie Hoglund seconds to move to executive session at 9:35pm.*

- MOTION: *David Shewmaker moves, Laura Robertson seconds to leave executive session at 10pm.*
- MOTION: *Jackie Hoglund moves, Lynn Bayer seconds to approve the cosponsorship of Linda's beginner contra dance series. Motion fails. One abstention.*

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05pm

- Jackie Hoglund moved, Alyssa Hemler seconded.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 1, at 8pm on Zoom.