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Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 8/5/25 by the FSGW Board of Directors)

BOARD MEETING – July 1, 2025

Lucia Schaefer called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM as an online Zoom meeting. Quorum (at least 8) was established.

Attendees Present:

Lucia Schaefer, *President*
Jamie Platt, *Vice President*
Jackie Hoglund, *Past Treasurer*
Alyssa Hemler, *Secretary*
Paul Lieberman, *Publications (until 8:30)*
Sherry Lynn Smith, *Membership (until 9:15)*
Ingrid Gorman, *Publicity*
Liz Donaldson, *At-Large*
Tim Livengood, *At-Large*

Absent:

Joel Bluestein, *Treasurer*
Aristhide Nobanza, *Dance Chair*
Betsy Platt, *Program*
Ayan Kishore, *At-Large*

Guests:

Milo Pierick (office staff)
Charlie Baum
Will Strang
Charlie Pilzer
Timothy Foley
Fred Stollnitz

Approval of Minutes:

- MOTION: To approve Minutes from the May 27, 2025, Board Meeting.
 - Vote: Tim Livengood moved; Jamie Platt seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - Resolved: The minutes of the May 27, 2025, meeting are approved and entered into the Society records.

Open Forum:

- Discussion of technicalities of adding Joel to the FSGW bank accounts.

REPORTS:

President's Report:

- Lucia is getting caught up after being on vacation. Lucia will be around all of July and catching up on FSGW tasks.

Treasurer's Report:

- Current account balances:
 - Wells Fargo:
 - Main: \$12,899*
 - Dance: \$16,443
 - River: \$4,254
 - WFF and Grapevine: \$3,406
 - Total: \$37,002
 - Securities:
 - Fidelity: \$55,942 (as of 3/31/25)
 - Vanguard: \$179,643 (as of 5/31/25)
 - Total: \$228,615
- Total: \$235,585
- To date this fiscal year, there is a net loss of \$23,680. The approved budget was for a loss of \$28,974.
- This net loss includes the 2-year payment for WA as approved at the May board meeting.
- The next Getaway Payment of \$8,100 will be paid 7/2.
- Anne deBuys and Linda Marshall have been added as signatories to the Dance account. Anne already had a deposit card, Linda will be getting one. Both will be linked to the Dance account.
- Donation receipts: If online event registrations include a "Donation" option, then event coordinators are responsible for noting donations on the final event report then notifying the treasurer and bookkeeper if there is a donation of \$250 or more from a single donor so that a receipt can be sent.

Dance Report:

- June Dances:
 - Family dance, Silver Spring contra, weekly ECD as per usual.
- Upcoming Dances:
 - Family dance: July 13. Kappy Laning calling to Liz Donaldson and Gina Faber in the Bumper Car Pavilion.
 - Silver Spring Contra: July 10, Gaye Fifer calling to David Wiesler, David Knight, and Andrew Marcus. At the Silver Spring Civic Center.
- Contrastock registration is open.
- GEPPAC ticketing: Glen Echo's new mandatory ticketing system won't affect FSGW until Contrastock 2026. It is unclear why the park is implementing these changes. There's coordination and discussion happening among dance presenters. Glen Echo seems willing to work with dance presenters.

Program/Concert Report:

- There are no programs scheduled in the next month but Betsy is working on many future events.

Office Report:

- Milo is working on setting up Hashdance 2026 registration. Non-member registration will include an optional FSGW membership and prices for the weekend will be set accordingly. This will hopefully help generate new FSGW members.

ACTION ITEMS:**Add Joel Bluestein as an FSGW "Key Executive with Control of Entity"**

- MOTION: *Jackie Hoglund moves, Jamie Platt seconds that the Board adopts the following Corporate Resolution on Key Executive with Control of Entity:*
 - CORPORATE RESOLUTION:
 - WHEREAS the elected officers of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington ("FSGW") have changed as of July, 1 2025;
 - and WHEREAS it is desirable to change the Key Executives with Control of Entity on FSGW's accounts at Wells Fargo, NA; Fidelity, and Vanguard;
 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Key Executives with Control of Entity as of July 1, 2025 shall be FSGW Board members:
 - Lucia Schaefer, President;
 - Joel Bluestein, Treasurer; and
 - Jacqueline Hoglund, Past Treasurer.
- Motion approved unanimously.
- Summary of changes:
 - Key Executives to be removed: Charles Pilzer, William Strang
 - Key Executives to remain: Jacqueline Hoglund
 - Key Executives to be added: Lucia Schaefer, Joel Bluestein

DISCUSSION ITEMS:**Newsletter Advertisement Policy:**

- No progress since the last meeting.

Future FSGW Webmaster:

- Will's last day is September 1, 2025. Need to assign specific roles to specific people by then.
- Consensus of the board to rename the role to "Tech Administrator."
- There are different buckets of task types: Wild Apricot (WA) administration tasks, Google Workspace tasks, other technical tasks. Charlie Pilzer is willing to take on a fair amount of the WA and Google tasks. Jackie Hoglund and Joel Bluestein will take on PO box responsibilities. Office staff can take on some tasks. There are more still to be assigned.
- Nothing has gone in the eblast yet to solicit additional helpers.

Washington Folk Festival:

- GEPPAC offered to give us the tent stage for free to be used for storytelling. There are other tents available for use at the festival including in the FSGW storage unit.
- Online donations are at \$3,180. Check donations haven't been totaled yet.

Takoma Park Folk Festival Stage Sponsorship:

- The TPFF is on September 7th, same as Contrastock.
- FSGW has been asked to provide an hour of children's programming. Lucia will call and coordinate a volunteer band.
- Ingrid has worked out a sponsorship arrangement. TPFF will sponsor a stage at WFF and FSGW (on behalf of WFF) will sponsor a stage at TPFF. The two organizations charge the same amount for a sponsorship so no money will change hands, but both groups will get the benefits of the sponsorship. This largely includes publicity.

Update to FSGW Safety Policy:

- The ad-hoc safety committee met on June 16th. They decided the categories for a new policy, reflected on past issues that have come up, and outlined essential questions for each category.
- The next meeting will focus on safety reporting and response procedures.

Support for Board Members:

- Many board members could use additional support in fulfilling their roles including help with event setup and breakdown, working the door, setting up refreshments, etc.
- A blurb asking for event volunteers will go in newsletter and on the website.
- Committee chairs can decide to offer event discount or free admission in exchange for volunteering.

Promoting cross-event attendance:

- In general, we would like to cross-promote FSGW events at other event types. An idea was put forward to have a raffle at events giving away 2 free tickets to an unrelated event (like a concert → dance and vice versa.)
- This idea will be tested as the upcoming Silver Spring contra. The winner will receive 2 free tickets to an English Country dance or international folk dance.

Event attendance for members' minor children:

- We had published verbiage in two different places regarding minors because of outdated bylaw language regarding family memberships.
- Lucia believes anyone under 18 should be admitted free all FSGW events (excluding special/annual events) regardless of membership status. The board generally supports this proposal as well. Lucia will check with Busy Graham (Silver Spring contra) and the ECDC committee to get input.

New Series: Queer-affirming social dance in Alexandria

- Lucia has a rental agreement form from the Durant Center. She will ask if FSGW is eligible for the non-profit discount. No other updates.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:09pm

- Jamie Platt moved, Jackie Hoglund seconded.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 5, at 8pm on Zoom.