



## **Board Meeting Minutes** (Approved by the FSGW Board of Directors on 4/7/26)

### **BOARD MEETING – March 3, 2026**

Lucia Schaefer called the meeting to order at 9:43 PM as an online Zoom meeting. Quorum (at least 8) was established.

#### **Attendees Present:**

Lucia Schaefer, *President*  
Joel Bluestein, *Treasurer*  
Jackie Hoglund, *Past Treasurer*  
Alyssa Hemler, *Secretary*  
Paul Lieberman, *Publications*  
Liz Donaldson, *At-Large (joined at 9:43pm)*  
Ayan Kishore, *At-Large*  
Tim Livengood, *At-Large*

#### **Absent:**

Jamie Platt, *Vice President*  
Betsy Platt, *Program*

Aristhide Nobanza, *Dance Chair*  
Sherry Lynn Smith, *Membership*  
Ingrid Gorman, *Publicity*

#### **Guests:**

Milo Pierick (office staff)  
Mo Brachfeld (office staff)  
Charlie Baum  
Donna Rogall  
Daniel Greenstein  
Charlie Pilzer  
Fred Stollnitz

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#### **Approval of Minutes:**

- MOTION: To approve Minutes from the February 3, 2026, Board Meeting.
  - Vote: Jackie Hoglund moved; Liz Donaldson seconded. Approved unanimously.
  - Resolved: The minutes of the February 3, 2026, meeting are approved and entered into the Society records.

#### **Open Forum:**

- None

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **President's Report:**

- Lucia is purchasing a new iPad and setting it up.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Account balances:

| <b>Fund Name</b> | <b>12/31/23</b>  | <b>12/31/24</b>  | <b>12/31/25</b>   | <b>2/28/26</b>   |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Vanguard         | \$150,702        | \$176,973        | \$202,918         | \$204,518        |
| Fidelity         | \$123,897        | \$80,864         | \$64,571          | \$66,573         |
| Wells Fargo      | \$54,327         | \$32,667         | \$25,057          | \$33,708         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>\$328,926</b> | <b>\$290,503</b> | <b>\$292, 546</b> | <b>\$304,799</b> |

- A deposit has been paid for the 2027 Spring Ball.
- We have been notified of a bequest but do not yet know the amount.
- Leslie has prepared our taxes; Joel is reviewing.

**Dance Report:**

- February Dances:
  - Barn dance: February 8: Kappy Laning called to Pinky Pickers
  - Silver Spring contra: Marshall Bradshaw and Luke Schoppert called to Katie Stahl and William Brauneis.
  - Weekly ECD as per usual

| Date     | Registered | Attended |
|----------|------------|----------|
| 1/7/2026 | 46         | 44       |
| 1/14/26  | 32         | 30       |
| 1/21/26  | 28         | 27       |

- March Dances:
  - Barn dance: March 08 Janine Smith calling to Katie Stahl.
  - Silver Spring Contra: March 12 Rebecca Anger calling to Terpsichore: Liz Donaldson (keyboard), Elke Baker (fiddle) and Ralph Gordon (bass).
- Annual Events:
  - Hashdance is March 28-29. 133 registered so far. Still looking for hosts for out-of-town dancers.
  - English Spring Ball is May 16: 42 registered so far

**Program/Concert Report:**

- Magpie concert was a full house. We made about \$300. Big success.

**Office Report:**

- Mo has been helping guide the new NYE Contra committee and set up registration for various events.
- Milo started a spreadsheet to track all sponsored and cosponsored events, benefits we provide, and who the contact is. Meeting with Joel and Jackie to verify information.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **Matching Scholarship for Pinewoods:**

- David Shewmaker is requesting \$500 with \$500 match from CDSS to attend Pinewoods this summer.
- Quorum was established at 9:43pm and a motion was made.
- MOTION: *Tim Livengood moved, Joel Bluestein seconded to add \$500 to the FY 26 budget in Section 18: FSGW Administrative: Scholarships, for a scholarship to David Shewmaker to attend CDSS's Pinewoods camp in summer 2026. Approved unanimously.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **NYE Contra:**

- The board brainstormed possible venues. The previous venue, The Women's Club, is expensive. An appropriate venue fee is \$3,000 or less.
- A proposed budget would need to be presented at the April board meeting. This should include no more than \$5,500 total for expenses.
- Jackie will be the FSGW point person for Amy/ the organizing committee.

### **GEPPAC Gala:**

- We have a \$3,000 sponsorship in our budget which is an 8-person table and ad space in the program.

### **Internal-Facing FSGW Safety Policy Guidance:**

- Milo and Lucia are working on a procedure to ensure continuity of knowledge of safety concerns and issues even when board makeup changes over time.

### **Washington Folk Festival:**

- The recent focus has been on fundraising. \$3,000 has been raised from the Friends of the Festival, \$3,000 from Carpe Diem Arts, and another \$2,000 has been committed. Ayan expects a larger percentage of the revenue for the festival to come from grants this year than in the past.
- There is a lack of written documentation of institutional knowledge and history which has made it difficult to apply for grants. One deadline was missed and there are two more deadlines coming up.
- Ayan is working with the office staff to collect financial statements, impact statements, and board membership history.

### **MiniFest:**

- The lineup is set and publicity is in full swing. Additional volunteer help is still needed.
- Expenses should be about \$600-\$800 less than last year

### **Elections:**

- The 2026 election is coming up. It is important to have a full slate of board members AND build a bench of future board candidates.
- Discussion of how current board members can ease transitions to new board members and support them and ensure continuity of knowledge.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:50pm**

- Joel Bluestein moved, Alyssa Hemler seconded.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 7, at 8pm on Zoom.