

Minutes of the April 2005 Board of Directors Meeting, FSGW

1. Quorum and Call to Order.

- a. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Anne Sergeant.
- b. The following FSGW Board Members were present, constituting a quorum: Anne Sergeant (President), Betsy Platt (Vice President), Janine Smith (Dance), Lesley Frank (Newsletter), Charlie Baum (Special Programs), Charlie Pilzer (Program), Lynn Pastore (Membership), Tom Tucker (At-Large), Tim Livengood (At-Large).
- c. April Blum (Secretary) and Tom Spilsbury (Treasurer) were absent.

2. Election Committee Report

- a. Anne Sergeant distributed a slate of officers nominated to serve on the Board in 2005-06.

3. Accessibility.

- a. Communications have been received from Marilyn Phillips via e-mail and phone threatening to file a discrimination complaint due to perceived inaccessibility of venues used by FSGW. Anne consulted with several individuals who specialize in accessibility matters. It was suggested that FSGW adopt a policy regarding accessibility and that accommodation needs be addressed on a case-by-case basis. It was also suggested that an Accessibility Advisory Committee be formed. There was general agreement that the Board use accessible venues whenever possible for its events and that participants requiring assistance be encouraged to contact us.
- b. ***Resolved: That the Board adopt an interim accessibility policy to read as follows: It is the policy of FSGW to make every effort to use accessible venues and to accommodate those with special needs.***

Tom Tucker moved that an interim accessibility policy be adopted.

Charlie Pilzer seconded. By voice vote, the Motion was approved, with six in favor, one opposed and one abstention.

4. Committee Reports.

- a. Dance.
 - i. Applications are still being accepted for the Chesapeake Dance Weekend. It was noted that several dance camps are experiencing dwindling numbers.
 - ii. GEPPAC announced that the capacity of the ballroom has been increased to 804.
- b. Program
 - i. Charlie Pilzer reported very good attendance at last month's workshop and concert with Tim Ericson. This month's program features Joe Jencks doing labor songs.
- c. Special Programs
 - i. Charlie Baum stated that attendance for the Gordon Bok concert was lower than expected. Approximately 20 attended the Atlantic Crossing concert. There will be two house concerts in April and Nightingale will be performing in June.
- d. Sacred Harp
 - i. Tom Tucker reported that the annual Sacred Harp Singing Convention made a profit.
- e. Membership
 - i. Lynn presented the monthly membership report, indicating 2,110 current members.
- f. Other
 - i. Anne reported receiving additional donations totaling approximately \$600.

5. Motion to Adjourn.

- a. ***Resolved: That the April 5, 2005, meeting be adjourned.*** Tom Tucker moved to adjourn; Lesley Frank seconded. **By voice vote, the Motion was unanimously approved.**