BOARD MEETING – January 05, 2021
Charlie Pilzer called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM at the online Zoom meeting. Quorum (greater than 8) was established.

Attendees Present:
Charlie Pilzer, President
Will Strang, Treasurer
April Blum, Vice President
Amanda Muir, Secretary
Ben Sela, Dance
Charlie Baum, Programs
Jim McRea, Publications
Jerry Blum, At-Large
Renee Brachfeld, At-Large
Jim Gillard, At-Large

Approved:

Approval of Minutes:
• MOTION: To approve Minutes from December 1, 2020 Board Meeting
  o Vote: Charlie Baum moved, Will Strang seconded
  o Resolved: The minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting are approved as corrected and entered into the Society records.

President’s Report:
• This year will be different!
• New Year’s Eve had two big events: NYE Sea to Sea and NYE Many Midnights Singaround
• Next online event for Charlie Pilzer is Golden Fest on Vimeo
• FSGW is embracing online events

Treasurer’s Report:
• Wells Fargo accounts are doing very well because of donations from NYE Sea to Sea event
  o Most of the money will be given to the musicians
• Wells Fargo accounts currently average around $35,500
• Investment accounts are doing ok
• Looking at closing the Money Market account because of the lack of transactions
• ECD will not rent the Silver Spring Civic Center hall in May

Grapevine Report:
• Doing well
• Currently booked through June
• Performers from February through June are accepting a minimum of $250 instead of the larger payments of before
• There has been a gradual drop off of audience numbers
• January will feature Connie Reagan Blake and Carolina Quiroga-Stultz, a young storyteller from Latin America

New Year’s Eve Many Midnights Sing Around Report:
• 250 registrants total, audience size at any one time never >75
• Started at 2 pm EST and lasted 14.5 hours
• Unsure of the final donation amount
• Cost was $0, excluding Zoom license

Concert Program Report:
• December concert
  o Took in about $1,800 in donations
  o 188 registrants, but audience size maxed out at 136; 56 people were still watching at 11:15 pm
  o Surplus is around $650
• This coming Sunday is 40 Degrees South from Australia
  o Need to pay an international organization, need to learn what to do instead of W-9 form

New Year’s Eve Sea to Sea Report:
• Hundreds of people attended
• There were no troubles with Zoom
• The program had amazing volunteers to help with technical problems
• 2,455 people registered
• There is a kudos board from participants with glowing reviews
• FSGW got shared credit by co-sponsoring

Dance Concert Report:
• The concert on Jan. 17th- performer canceled due to COVID related reasons, and Ben Sela is looking for a replacement
NEW BUSINESS:

Issue 1: Updating Wells Fargo contacts

   MOTION: The Board adopts the following Corporate Resolution on Key Executive with Control of Entity:

   CORPORATE RESOLUTION:
   WHEREAS the board membership of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington (“FSGW”) has changed;
   and WHEREAS it is desirable to change the Key Executives with Control of Entity on FSGW’s accounts at Wells Fargo, NA;
   and WHEREAS Jerry Stein is no longer the Past Treasurer of FSGW;
   and WHEREAS William Strang has been duly elected and is presently serving as Treasurer of FSGW;
   and WHEREAS Charles L. Pilzer has been duly elected and is presently serving as President of FSGW;
   BE IT RESOLVED that Jerry Stein shall be removed as Key Executive with Control of Entity;
   RESOLVED FURTHER that William Strang and Charles L. Pilzer shall continue as Key Executive with Control of Entity.

   ▪ Vote: Will Strang moves, Jerry Blum seconds
   ▪ Resolved: motion passes unanimously

Issue 2: FY2021 budget

   o MOTION: for the FSGW board to adopt version 4 of the FSGW budget for the FY2021
     ▪ Vote: Will Strang moves, Jim Gillard seconds
     ▪ Discussion: the changes are the addition of the Orpheus Workshop budget, opening of a Vimeo account, Lisa Null/ Higgins Foundation publicity grant, and a second $2,500 donation from the Higgins Foundation
     ▪ Resolved: motion passes unanimously

   Discussion of the board election committee occurred

Issue 3: Election Committee Chair

   o MOTION: that Renee Brachfeld serve as the Election Committee Chair for the 2021 FSGW board elections
     ▪ Vote: Charlie Baum moves, Will Strang seconds
     ▪ Discussion: of fulfilling by-laws occurred
     ▪ Resolved: motion passes unanimously
Discussion of media publicity occurred... inclusion was photo archiving

Action Items Recorded:
Amanda Muir- contact WFF coordinators and gather photos
Charlie Baum- contact Getaway coordinators and gather photos of song circles and upcoming programs
Ben Sela- gather photos from upcoming performance and settle newsletter blast business

Discussion of the Orpheus Workshop occurred

Discussion of the Mid-Winter Festival Concert occurred

Discussion of the Nominating Meeting occurred

Meeting Adjourned at 10:26 pm.

• Vote: Jerry Blum moved, Jim McRea seconded