Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEETING – February 2, 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

Absent:

Guests:
Mike Livingston
Jane Gorbaty
Timothy Foley
Fred Stollnitz

Approval of Minutes:
• MOTION: To approve Minutes from January 5, 2021 Board Meeting
  o Vote: Jerry moved, Will seconded
  o Resolved: The minutes of the January 5, 2021 meeting are approved as corrected and entered into the Society records

President’s Report:
• Two weeks after NYE Sea to Sea, Charlie P. was involved in a Balkan Music Fest that was pre-recorded and live broadcast over Vimeo
  o 800-900 viewers at one time
  o Raised close to $30,000
  o Conclusion: market for online events
• Vaccine has been good news
• Still do not foresee having in person events until 2022

Treasurer’s Report:
• Investment accounts continue to go up
• A bit over $30,000 in Wells Fargo accounts
• Around 40 checks to write for NYE Sea to Sea
• Need to write donation thank you letters

Discussion of new publicity photo database occurred

OLD BUSINESS:

Mid-Winter Festival Report:
• Have 4 different kinds of dance
• Attempting to not start events all at the same time
• April has a “greeter” lined up for front Zoom “lobby”
• Need multiple Zoom rooms for concerts, dances, chantey sings, story circle, song circle and chat rooms

Grapevine Report:
• Successful again in January
• Had 65 attendees
• Connie Reagan Blake performed with Carolina Quiroga-Stultz
• Approx. $840 income
• January was the last large minimum payment for performers
• This month Tim Livengood will be featured along with Antonio Rocha
• March booked Native American storytellers to be marketed alongside Orpheus’ March 8th event with the same theme

Online Event Report

Concerts
• New Year’s Eve- $118 income
• January 10th Forty Degrees South
  o Took in $730.15 total
  o FSGW surplus $110.57
  o Solved W9 situation with an invoice stating the work was performed in Australia
• January 24th Jaqueline Schwab and Hoyle Osborne
  o 144 registrants
  o Took in $1114 total
  o FSGW surplus $167
  o Money going to performers and tech help
• Feb 4th with John McCutcheon event, FSGW gets a percentage with people who use the FSGW link to purchase tickets to his event
• Mid-Winter Festival Concert Feb 7th with Kinobe, Noa Baum, Eleanor Ellis and Martha Burns
• Feb 21st: Janie Meneely, George Ward, and Lee Murdock
Dance Concerts
- Past Sunday’s concert attendance was between 35-40 people with Zoom and Facebook combined
- Money intake TBA
- Two bands scheduled for March 28th
- Canceled March 14th event in order not to compete with Flurry Festival

Orpheus Report
- First workshop
  - Success; had 15 attendees
  - Had two college students
  - Made around $215
  - Had request to have Alan do another workshop
- Second workshop
  - Bad turnout; only 5 people
  - One college student

Election Committee Report:
- Now have list of people willing to stay on
- Have number of open positions that no one seems interested in
- Have 2 at large spots
- Willing to stay on
  - Charlie P. – president
  - Will - treasurer
  - Jim - publications chair
  - Amanda - secretary
  - Charlie B. - programs chair
  - Jerry (at Large)
- Committee is Renee Brachfeld, Dan Kahn and Dave Casserly, plus Jim Cole (mail) and Jackie Hoglund (electronic) are conducting the election

Discussion of recruiting board members occurred

NEW BUSINESS:
Issue 1: ECD Spring Virtual Ball budget inclusion
- MOTION: We approve the proposal by the ECD program to hold a virtual 2021 Spring Ball and amend the FSGW budget with their proposed budget amounts
  - Vote: Renee moves, Will seconds
  - Resolved: motion passes unanimously

Discussion of FSGW membership in other organizations occurred
Issue 2: Folk Alliance Membership
  o  **MOTION:** We approve renewing the FSGW membership in the Folk Alliance at a cost of $150
    ▪  Vote: Will moves, Charlie B. seconds
  o  **AMENDED:** We approve renewing the FSGW annual membership in the Folk Alliance at a cost of $150
    ▪  Resolved: motion passes

Issue 3: Folk Unlocked Conference - send 3 board members
  o  **MOTION:** To send 3 delegates at $75 each to the 2021 Folk Unlocked Conference of the Folk Alliance International
    ▪  Vote: Jim Gillard moves, Jerry Blum seconds
    ▪  Resolved: motion passes, Charlie Baum abstains (recused)

_Discussion of FSGW Ice Cream Social and membership meeting (for March 25th) occurred_

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:19 pm.**
  •  Vote: Charlie Baum moved, Renee Brachfeld seconded
**FSGW BOARD MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

Date or Month end | FSGW Treasurers report of assets – February 1, 2021
| Wells Fargo | Vanguard | Fidelity | Total | Invest diff | % Inv diff |
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02/01/2021 | 58,058.47 | 129,013.97 | 118,010.28 | 305,082.72 | +29,009.02 | +13.3% |

Again, don’t get excited, Wells Fargo includes $25,109.70 of Sea to Sea NYE income.

01/04/2021 | 52,794.77 | 127,206.75 | 116,715.94 | 296,717.46 | +25,907.46 | +11.9% |

Don’t get all excited, Wells Fargo includes $19,296.28 of Sea to Sea NYE income.

12/01/2020 | 27,346.43 | 125,928.08 | 114,143.40 | 267,417.91 | +22,056.25 | +10.1% |

11/10/2020 | 26,186.10 | 122,838.49 | 111,092.92 | 260,117.51 | +15,916.18 | +7.3% |

10/05/2020 | 21,136.34 | 122,838.49 | 111,092.92 | 248,977.91 | +15,916.18 | +7.3% |

08/31/2020 | 21,815.20 | 121,517.25 | 108,884.60 | 252,217.05 | +12,386.62 | +5.7% |

08/03/2020 | 23,751.64 | 117,052.91 | 106,509.14 | 247,313.92 | +15,916.18 | +7.3% |

07/06/2020 | 28,418.41 | 114,073.75 | 104,161.83 | 246,653.99 | +220.35 | +0.1% |

06/02/2020 | 29,503.20 | 111,511.23 | 101,300.54 | 242,314.97 | -5,546.82 | -2.5% |

05/05/2020 | 30,650.56 | 106,193.26 | 95,963.14 | 232,806.96 | -15,858.83 | -7.3% |

04/06/2020 | 34,481.27 | 100,919.09 | 90,955.89 | 226,356.25 | -26,140.25 | -12.0% |

03/25/2020 | 33,581.81 | 87,688.84 | 96,000.54 | 224,271.19 | -34,325.85 | -15.7% |

03/03/2020 | 36,344.38 | 108,885.54 | 99,980.64 | 245,210.56 | -9,149.05 | -4.4% |

End of Feb 2020 | 107,614.57 | 99,102.66 | -11,229.00 | 218,015.23 | 0% |

Pre-drop hi | 112,766.67 | 105,248.56 | (total 218,015.23) | 0% |

1/21/2020 | 28,619.19 | 114,403.43 | 103,821.83 | 246,844.45 | (218,225.26) |

12/19 | 23,224.46 | 112,184.47 | 102,230.49 | 237,639.42 |

11/19 | 17,861.62 | 110,191.15 | 100,202.95 | 228,255.72 |

10/19 | 19,176.85 | 107,789.58 | 98,445.01 | 225,411.44 |

09/20 | 39,960.56 | 106,288.85 | 97,080.95 | 243,330.36 |

06/2019 | 15,900.81 | 110,576.98 | 111,243.31 | 237,721.10 |

Vanguard total withdrawn: $179,000  Fidelity total withdrawn: $20,000
Vanguard withdrawals: 9/17/2019 $6,000  5/28/2019 $5,000
5/15/2019 $10,000  4/25/2019 $5,000  4/16/2019 $3,000
10/23/2018 $4,000  10/9/2018 $20,000  9/20/2018 $8,000
9/4/2018 $5,000  7/25/2018 $10,000  7/11/2018 $10,000
5/24/2018 $20,000  3/12/2018 $5,000  12/26/2017 $8,000
12/8/2017 $5,000  11/14/2017 $5,000  10/6/2017 $10,000
9/18/2017 $10,000  7/28/2017 $10,000  6/6-7/2017 $20,000

Fidelity withdrawals: 9/17/2019 $5,000.00  8/5/2019 $10,000.00
5/28/2019 $5,000.00