



Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 5/27/25 by the FSGW Board of Directors)

BOARD MEETING – May 6, 2025

Lucia Schaefer called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM as an online Zoom meeting. Quorum (at least 8) was established.

Attendees Present:

Lucia Schaefer, *President*
Charlie Pilzer, *Past President*
Jamie Platt, *Vice President*
Jackie Hoglund, *Treasurer*
Alyssa Hemler, *Secretary*
Betsy Platt, *Program*
Tim Livengood, *At-Large*
Lynn Bayer, *At-Large*
Laura Robertson, *Dance*
Ayan Kishore, *At-Large*
Paul Lieberman, *Publications*

Absent:

Ingrid Gorman, *Publicity*
David Shewmaker, *Membership*

Guests:

Mo Brachfeld (office staff)
Milo Pierick (office staff)
Charlie Baum
Will Strang
Timothy Foley
Lynn Baumeister

Approval of Minutes:

- MOTION: To approve Minutes from the April 1, 2025, Board Meeting.
 - Vote: Jackie Hoglund moved; Lynn Bayer seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - Resolved: The minutes of the April 1, 2025, meeting are approved and entered into the Society records.

Open Forum:

- None

REPORTS:

President's Report:

- Lucia invited about 40 FSGW volunteers, leaders, and board members to sit at FSGW's gala table. The table is full with 8 guests.
- Lucia is still talking with a representative of TicketSauce, an event registration software. She will provide an update at another meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Current account balances:
 - Wells Fargo:
 - Main: \$17,515
 - Dance: \$23,595
 - River: \$4,245
 - WFF: \$2,000
 - Total: \$43,110
 - Securities:
 - Fidelity: \$55,942 (as of 3/31/25)
 - Vanguard: \$179,673 (as of 3/31/25)
 - Total: \$228,615
- Total: \$271,725
- To date this fiscal year, \$110,117 in income. \$115,678 in expenses for a net loss of \$5,560. The approved budget was for a loss of \$29,174.
- The CDSS renewal/insurance was completed. Jackie is working with ECDC to get the documentation to the county in advance of the Spring Ball.
- The second Getaway deposit, \$8100, will be due June 1; the Wild Apricot Annual Fee, approximately \$5,000, will be due June 30.
- Will and Jackie met with a business contact at Wells Fargo who was able to accomplish tasks that previous contacts were not able to do, including removing old signatories from our 4 accounts. Jackie is currently working with ECDC members and Wells Fargo to arrange time/times to get new signatories added.

Dance Report:

- Past Events:
 - April barn dance and Silver Spring Contra went well.
 - ECD Wed per usual.
- May Events:
 - May 4 GE BCP Dancing Planet contra
 - May 8 Silver Spring contra. Kappy Laning calling to Handspring: Carrie Rose, Owen Morrison, Alexander Mitchell this month at Seekers Church
 - May 11 Mother's Day Barn Dance Caroline Barnes calling to Owen Morrison and David Knight
 - May 17 ECD Ball. Registrations are strong, near 100 so far.
- Looking ahead, special events:
 - No volunteers to take on the NYE contra.
 - Contrastock is exempt from GEPPAC ticketing system changeover. We will maintain our ticket system for Contrastock 2025.

Program/Concert Report:

- April 27 Bryan Bowers concert at Glen Echo Town Hall went well. Charlie Baum hosted. 27 people attended. \$600 in donations. \$130 in CD sales. Venue cost \$150.
- Betsy is looking for a few folks for a door committee so there is a membership presence at concerts with membership forms and flyers for upcoming events. This request will go in the eblast as well.

- Upcoming concerts:
 - May 10 Trio Sefardi with Lori Sen at Washington Ethical Society co-sponsored by SHinDC (Sephardic Heritage in DC)
 - May 17 Slaveya and Lyuti Chushki at the Old Parish House in College Park co-sponsored by FSGW and City of College Park
 - June 12 Keith Murphy and Yann Falquet at Seeker's Church. Stephanie Kaufman will host.
 - Sept 6 Alex Cummings and Audrey Jaber house concert at chez Platt
 - Brian Dolphin & Elizabeth LaPrelle finalizing September date.
 - Patrick Egan & Seamus Wade house concert finalizing October date.
- Exploring the idea of afternoon concerts.

Webmaster Report:

- Microsoft outlook is raising email security requirements. Will made improvements to our system. If any emails sent from FSGW accounts or bulk emails bounce because of security issues, please let Will know.
- Will will make sure credit card refund instructions are written up. Office staff will learn how to process them.

ACTION ITEMS:

Budget amendment:

- General consensus that we will not be moving off of the Wild Apricot system in the near future. There is no other system out there that can do what WA does for us. If anything, we may move event registration to a different system but that would be a big project as well.
- We are currently paying for one year of WA at a time, but we would get a discount if we paid for two years at a time. The approved budget only includes a one-year subscription.
 - **MOTION:** Jackie Heglund moves, Laura Robertson seconds to increase the FY 2025 budget line item for Quick Books and Wild Apricot from \$7,000 to \$12,200, an increase of \$5,200, in order to take advantage of a 5% savings on Wild Apricot by paying for a 2-year renewal in June 2025. The associated budget line item is 18: FSGW Administrative, 2. Admin Expense, Professional Fees, Technical Support. Approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Wild Apricot Database Cleanup:

- Milo has been working to archive inactive contacts in WA. The board agrees that it's impractical to strive to get below 5000.

NYE contra 2025:

- The Friday Night Dancers are not interested in helping with this event. FSGW will request our deposit back from the previous venue.

Future FSGW Webmaster:

- We need to create a job description and advertise the position. We need a new name for the position.
- Lynn Baumeister has full knowledge and privileges of Wild Apricot. Charlie Pilzer has full privileges and knowledge of google suite and emails.
- Lucia will create a document to start populating with duties that Will fills currently.

Washington Folk Festival:

- A WFF email campaign was sent out a few days ago to the Friends of the Festival. So far about \$1,500 has been raised.
- Ayan will be sending out mailers to Friends of the Festival (150-200 people). He is working out the logistics of a large mailing.
- Programming is underway. Contemplating having 5 stages including the puppet company for part of the day.
- All of the setup and breakdown has to happen in a single day. That will affect programming.

Update to FSGW Safety Policy:

- No progress has been made. A separate meeting will be scheduled to discuss.

Next meeting:

- Lucia is not available 6/3. Tentatively plan to move the meeting to May 27. Lucia will send a doodle poll to the board and incoming board members.

Betsy Platt moves, Jackie Hoglund seconds, to move to executive session at 9:37pm
Tim Livengood moves, Betsy Platt seconds, to leave executive session at 9:54pm

Meeting Adjourned at 9:54pm

- Tim Livengood moved; Lynn Bayer seconded.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 27, at 8pm on Zoom.