



Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEETING – July 7, 2026

Charlie Pilzer called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM as an online Zoom meeting. Quorum (at least 8) was established.

Attendees Present:

Charlie Pilzer, *President*
David Nicholson, *Secretary*
Daniel Greenstein, *At-Large*
Lucia Schaefer, *Past President*
Paul Lieberman, *Publications*
Liz Donaldson, *At-Large*
Ingrid Gorman, *Publicity*
Stephan Rochefort-Dych, *Dance Chair*

Absent:

Ayan Kishore, *Vice President*
Joel Bluestein, *Treasurer*
Betsy Platt, *Program*
Jackie Hoglund, *Past Treasurer*
Sherry Lynn Smith, *Membership*
Tim Livengood, *At-Large*

Guests:

Milo Pierick (office staff)
Mo Brachfeld (office staff)
Charlie Baum
Donna Rogall
Timothy Foley

Approval of Minutes:

- MOTION: To approve Minutes from the June 2, 2026 Board Meeting.
 - Vote: Liz Donaldson moved. Tim Livengood seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - Resolved: The minutes of the June 2, 2026 meeting are approved and entered into the Society records.

Open Forum:

- None.

REPORTS:

President's Report:

- None.

Treasurer's Report:

Report given by Lucia in Joel's absence.

- Account balances:

Fund Name	<i>12/31/23</i>	<i>12/31/24</i>	<i>12/31/25</i>	<i>6/30/26</i>
Vanguard	\$150,702	\$176,973	\$202,918	\$215,065
Fidelity	\$123,897	\$80,864	\$64,571	\$59,438
Wells Fargo	\$54,327	\$32,667	\$25,057	\$27,035
TOTAL	\$328,926	\$290,503	\$292,546	\$301,538

Dance Report:

Report given by Lucia in lieu of Stephan.

- June Dances:
 - Barn dance: June 14: Janine Smith and Kim Forry called to L'Adoré Fiddlers
 - Silver Spring Contra: June 11: Kim Forry called to The Bone Shakers: Gina Faber, Joe DeZarn, and Ralph Gordon.
 - Wednesday ECD as per usual.
- July Dances:
 - Barn dance: July 12: Lucia Shaefer calling to Zachary Mills and Charlie Pilzer. Lucia is looking for a replacement; Liz volunteered to cover unless another option becomes available.
 - Silver Spring contra: July 9th: Evan DeSmitt calling to Liz Donaldson and Elke Baker.
- Annual Events:
 - 27 people registered for Contrastock 2025.
 - MOTION: *Dan Greenstein moves and Ingrid Gorman seconds to amend the FY 2026 version 2 budget to allocate \$300 to the "Ad" category under Publicity and Marketing. Approved unanimously.*
 - Contrastock 2027 is confirmed for September 12th. Talent booking is underway.
 - The goal for Hashdance 2027 is to open registration in September, before Contrastock.

Program/Concert Report:

Report given by Lucia in Betsy's absence.

- The FSGW picnic on October 12 (during October barn dance) has a jam session that may be led by Liz, but is currently indetermined.
- September 19: VODA Trio at Seekers Church.
- October 1: Syncopaths house concert (co-sponsored).
- November 6 or 14: Windborne at Seekers Church.
- December 19: Karen Ashbrook holiday concert at Ascension (waiting for confirmation from the venue) with Eileen Estes, Andrea Hoag, and Paul Oorts.

Office Report:

- To avoid misattributing FSGW event sponsorships in FSGW newsletters, Mo requests that assistance from the board moving forward to clarify which events are sponsored or co-sponsored.

- The office staff request to be copied on emails with event information.

ACTION ITEMS:

Add Charlie Pilzer as an FSGW “Key Executive with Control of Entity”

- MOTION: *Liz Donaldson moves, Stephan Rochefort-Dych seconds that the Board adopts the following Corporate Resolution on Key Executive with Control of Entity:*
 - CORPORATE RESOLUTION:
 - WHEREAS the elected officers of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington (“FSGW”) have changed as of July, 1 2026;
 - and WHEREAS it is desirable to change the Key Executives with Control of Entity on FSGW’s accounts at Wells Fargo, NA; Fidelity, and Vanguard;
 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Key Executives with Control of Entity as of July 1, 2026 shall be FSGW Board members:
 - Lucia Schaefer, Past President;
 - Joel Bluestein, Treasurer; and
 - Charles Pilzer, President
- Motion approved unanimously at 9:12pm.
- Summary of changes:
 - Key Executives to be removed: Jacqueline Hoglund.
 - Key Executives to remain: Lucia Schaefer, Joel Bluestein.
 - Key Executives to be added: Charles Pilzer.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

New waltz series sponsorship request:

- Katherine Anderson proposed starting a new, gender-role inclusive waltz series.
- Proposal: 2-hr event, 1/month; 1-hr 15-min dancing, 45 min lesson; Tentatively Monday nights, as a fully-sponsored FSGW event.
- Lucia recommended the Lyon Village Community House as a venue.
- President requested that Lucia, Katherine, and Stephan work together to create a budget proposal for FY2027 budget.

New dance series request:

- Lucia presented a new dance series idea with the concept of “Dance Takeover: *insert dance style here*”.
- Venue: [Lyon Village Community House](#)
- Dates: Once monthly on Mondays
- Budget:

Venue	\$70/hr x 4 hours = \$280
Musicians	\$150 x 2 musicians = \$300 (or split however they want if using more musicians)

Instructor	\$150
Sound Tech (if needed)	\$200
Total	\$930
Ticket types	\$15 - non-member \$12 - member \$5 - Low income/Student
Tickets needed to break even	62 - \$15

- President requests a budget proposal by August FSGW board meeting.

Kidzafest:

- Aba with Kidzafest requested support on multiple levels (insurance, sound, advertising) with their event, which spans multiple days and has several thousand attendees.
- The board decided that the event is too soon to assist this year.
- The president suggests that we aim to collaborate with Aba/Kidzafest on future events.

Washington Folk Festival:

Update given by Ingrid.

- Received the Governor Westmore grant of \$3000, which requests that we schedule Middle Eastern acts, which has been challenging.
- Carpe Diem Arts is funding an event, but wants specific types of music, which is a challenge.
- The deadline to finalize the program is the end of July.
- Volunteers are needed for the festival.

Grapevine:

Update given by Time Livengood.

- The Grapevine is currently on hiatus, and the next round of scheduling is developing. A report on budgeting has been sent to the Treasurer. The program operated at a deficit of \$1245 this year. Tim's goal is to increase audience size, which will hopefully defray costs.

Preparation for FSGW budgeting:

- The president reminded the board members that FY2027 budgeting is coming soon, and that each chair is responsible for creating their budget, which should be estimated using historic costs while considering costs involved in making any planned changes.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:09pm

- Tim Livengood moved, and Paul Lieberman seconded.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 8pm online via Zoom.