

Minutes of the F.S.G.W. membership meeting held on March 11, 1966, at Pierce Hall, 15th and Harvard, NW, Washington, D.C.

1. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Chuck Perdue at about 10:00 p.m. Note: this meeting was the first of three meetings concerned with selecting officers for next year.

2. Each officer present was called upon to describe their duties. For absent officers, Pres. Chuck Perdue described the duties as written in the By-laws.

3. Turning to nominations: The nominations committee slate was presented by the chairman, Helen Schneyer. After a plea for further nominations, Helen received 23 of them (12 potential nominees declined, leaving a roster of 20 ~~new~~ candidates for 9 offices). This flood of nominations was halted so that the meeting could proceed.

4. Discussion of the problem of finding a place to give a 1966 picnic yielded one suggested area with a shelter. It was Ft. Washington.

5. Meetings coming up. A program committee meeting scheduled for March 23 was announced, and members' participation on any level was requested. Executive Board meetings, which usually decide all matters pertaining to the Society, are open to members, and those interested are requested to attend. These meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

6. The blues and gospel tape-recording used as an "overture" to the program of films preceding this meeting was offered for sale to members.

7. General discussion was called for.

- a. The variety of activities was praised.
- b. The excellent programs were praised.
- c. Suggestions concerning programs were (i) traditional performers, (ii) dancing, (iii) instrument-makers such as Jenes Cottrell - or films covering this subject.

## 7. General discussion

d. The Society and money were discussed. Should the Society start a new fund to bring people to Washington who the Society could not otherwise afford - traditional people who live far away? Angels of the Broadway type might be found - one volunteer angel spoke up. Some cultural agency might be induced to make a grant for this project. If there were a big successful concert at Lisner Auditorium, the money could be earmarked for this project. The treasurer pointed out the risks of the Society's financial standing.

And the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

*June Silverman*  
*Secretary*