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Music Department

Minutes of Staff Meeting, January 7, 1958

Present: John Kelly, Eleanor Ho, Carol Yamaguchi, Nora Matsumura, Dora Louise Ah Chan, Dorothy Moritz.

Piano Student Enrollment: Teachers reported that they were working on their spring semester schedule and that there will be a few drops at the end of this semester. The drops will be filled by students on the waiting list, and where possible students will be cross-combined. John mentioned it would be a definite help to strengthen the enrollment in other departments.

A discussion was held on possible 25% increase per music lesson in January of 1959. It was decided to send parents notices of this increase in October of 1958. ✓

Spring Concert: John informed the teachers that the concert will be held on April 19th and 26th 1958. The University Chorus and the McKinley High School Band have been invited to perform at our annual concert. He also mentioned that it would be nice to invite Mrs. Mary Pukui for the concert for a Story Telling Time based on Hawaiian legend. At the request of many "The Friendship House" written by John Kelly will be repeated this year. The Friends of Palama will direct their efforts toward this annual concert in place of their annual bazaar.

Faculty Concert: Faculty Concert will be on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. The first portion of the concert will be given over to performance of the more familiar teaching material used by the teachers here. This is being done to give students a better insight as to how the pieces should be played. Performance of the more developed works will cover the rest of the program. John suggested that before that actual performance, the faculty should play for each other, in order that interpretive problems may be discussed. A committee who will work on the selections to be programmed will be selected at a later date. Announcements will be made in the newspapers regarding this concert and invitational tickets will be issued to the students.

Parent Teacher Relations: John urged the staff members to continue establishing closer personal contacts with parents of students regarding student's practice habits at home, especially with new parents.

Mrs. Helen Bender will speak to the staff on Teachers Class Training, and 8 Hand Symphonies, on January 16, at 8:30 a.m.