

Music Department
Minutes of Staff Meeting on January 3, 1956.

Present: John Kelly, Eleanor Ho, Homer Keller, Zaneta Richards, Setsuko Nozoe.

Absent: Marianne Fleece (illness in family)

Song Contest Mr. Keller reported that he was interested in entering the 7th Annual Song Writing Contest sponsored by the Board of Public Parks and Recreation and asked the staff for help in terms of the Hawaiian language--the words and its meaning. The songs may be on any subject except religion. Contest closes on March 31st.

Problems with students Miss Ho and Miss Richards were concerned about their students Sharon Hortsman and Lynette Hee respectively, for not appearing at the Childrens Concert to perform. It was suggested in both cases that the teachers get to know the parents better and work thru the parents for better responses from the girls.

Chamber Concert Program as discussed today will consist of ^{Mozart} Bridge, Burger and Keller instead of the originally planned Hindemith. There will be string, brass and woodwind quartets to perform. The men will wear white tops with dark trousers and the women will be dressed in the traditional black. Coffee or punch and Japanese tea cookies will be served for refreshments. A list of possible people to invite was made and invitations will be sent out by this weekend.

Childrens Chorus After much discussion it was agreed that the Childrens Chorus will begin the term with an outing on January 28th and the first spring rehearsal to begin on February 4th. This leaves Mr. Kelly time to solve the problem of a new Conductor. Mildred Tolentino terminated this month due to being busy with her job which takes her to the other Islands from time to time. A letter to parents was distributed to inform them about the plans for the Childrens Chorus.

Choral Conducting Seminar Plans are materializing for a new course for adults in Choral Conducting. Both newspapers carried an article before the Xmas vacation about the class and there have been numerous telephone calls for information and registration. Brochures will be sent to the Honolulu Symphony Members and also to the Community Chorus Members. Letters to schools and churches will ^{be} also sent out to publicize the class.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.


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