

Mr. Eklers

Music Department
Minutes of Staff Meeting on September 24, 1957

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

Cause and Effect of Drops: Among the causes of end-of-summer drops were leaving Honolulu, loss of interest, and increasing amount of school studies. In hopes of curbing some of these the staff members discussed close contact with parents by means of personal talks, Minstrel, recitals and parents meetings, during which emphasis will be placed on the importance of supervised practice at home and encouraging their children.

Report on Children's Chorus: The first session was very successful with 42 children attending, John remarked on the good discipline.

Plan outing for Children's Chorus: Picnic date has been set for October 12, at Ala Moana Park, John with the help of Eleanor and maybe Mrs. John Kelly will supervise the children. The following parents contacted by Dorothy will also help supervise the children, Mrs. Andree, Mrs. McGregor and Mrs. Kanehira.

Find 2 additional boys for Helen Bender's Class: Eight more names of 10 year old boys were selected from the enrollment to be contacted for Mrs. Bender's Class.

Nora Matsumura's New Theory Class: The new theory class will start next week Thursday, October 3, from 4:15 to 5:15 for students of ages 7 thru 10. Emphasis will be placed on the fundamentals and essentials of musicianship correlating with the students private lessons. Names of students in this age groups will be given to Nora by the piano staff by tomorrow September 25, 1957.

Choice of Repertoire: John urged that the teachers be very selective in their piano literature taking note that there is a wide choice of good and inferior materials on the market. Reference materials should be available for all teachers to use in helping to select adequate books and music for students. Carol Yamaguchi will be chairman in charge of a teacher's display rack of new materials in the library for one year starting September 1957 to September 1958.

PTA contact: The music staff will plan a musicale for teachers in schools in this area on a Wednesday afternoon October 30 illustrating what we are doing here at Palama Settlement Music School.

Palama-Kiwanis Band: The band program will concentrate on the Beginners Band group which will be the main source for the Advance-Band. The Beginners Band will be a perpetual program which will continously feed the Advance Band with necessary players.