

Music Department
Minutes of Staff Meeting on January 17, 1956.

Present: John Kelly, Eleanor Ho, Zaneta Richards, Homer Keller, Marianne Fleece.

Absent: Setsuko Nozoe (sick)

Chamber Concert Staff felt that the Concert was successful enough to set a precedence to continue having them. One suggestion was that the program need not be completely of contemporary music but that the program ^{be} varied. Letters of thanks will be sent to performers. Another suggestion note was that the Concerts be held on Saturday evenings due to teenage activities in the Athletic Department interrupting the music upstairs.

Rate Change Staff was reminded to double check on the list of students with 2 or more years of music study (not only at Palama) and to submit the list to the Registrar as soon as possible.

Children's Chorus Outing January 28th was set for the first meeting of the Chorus at which time the staff and children will go on a hike to Pupukea Garden. The time was set for 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If the weather looks bad, the alternative is a hike to Kokohead and a swim at Hanauma Bay. Plans are for the entire staff plus 2 or 3 parents to accompany the children. The following assignments were made:

Mr. Keller	drive the station wagon, and recruiting parents
Mr. Kelly	drive the truck and be responsible for the song sheets
Miss Ho	responsible for the first aid equipment
Miss Richards and Mrs. Nozoe	registration

Mr. Keller was asked to contact Mr. and Mrs. Thom and Mr. and Mrs. Hom, parents who may want to and be able to go as leaders. Besides the hike and possible swim, other program ideas include storytelling, games and jump rope.

Parent Contacts Teachers were reminded that they should have made at least one call to each of their respective parents to discuss the child's progress. Other things that may be discussed are:

1. Whether to drop the child, reasons and difficulties
2. Difficulties in home life: scheduling lessons, use of piano, conflicts with TV and practice periods, whether parents are making use of booklet on "Suggestions to Aid Parents".
3. Stress violin and band offerings for younger sisters or brothers.

Semester Plan

Now that we are coming to the end of a semester, teachers were asked to be sure to complete their progress reports for their respective students (on registration cards). Questions of "If a student had been ill and missed a lot of lessons, should make-up lessons be given" arose. It was agreed that if at all possible the lessons should be made up but if not possible that the child be credited for the lessons.

Mr. Keller's theory classes were also brought up. It appears that the younger children sign up and come faithfully for the classes but registration and attendance is poor for the teenage class. It was suggested that the teachers do some sales talk, especially to the teenagers, and also that singing, rhythmic clapping and instruments (rhythm blocks, etc.) be used as program tools in the classes.

Seminars Unlike the Choral Seminar, the String Seminar response has been poor. There about 10 adults registered for the Choral Seminar and a lot of others who have spoken to Mr. Kelly but have not registered yet. Mr. Kelly feels that there may be a beginners and advanced class. The class is slated to begin on February 1st at 5 p.m.

Room Space Just a suggestion by Mr. Kelly about having the present band storage room used as a means of storing the new chairs that we are going to have; convert the photo lab dark room into a band storage room; and making the 1st practice room as a listening room.

Spring Concert Staff was asked to think about the program. Mrs. Fleece was asked about what she thought of duo violin folk tunes. Possible date suggested was in the beginning of June or end of May. This topic will be discussed more fully at the next staff meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.


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