

Music Department
Minutes of Staff Meeting on April 24, 1956

Present: Mr. Ehlers, John Kelly, Marianne Fleece, Eleanor Ho, Homer Keller, Zaneta Richards, Sets Nozoe.

Spring Concert The following is the definite program for the Spring Concert to be held at Farrington Auditorium on June 2, 1956, at 8:00 p.m.:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| <u>Sleeping Beauty</u> | 1) 20 minutes and 15 seconds |
| | 2) Phyllis Shields in charge, with her Children's Theater Group |
| | 3) It's a pantomime with recorded music |
| <u>Palama-Kiwanis Band</u> | 1) 10 minutes |
| | 2) Will perform three numbers |
| <u>Intermission</u> | 1) 10 minutes |
| <u>Korean Dances</u> | 1) 10 minutes |
| | 2) A solo, a duet, and a group of four dancers |
| | 3) Mrs. Gladys Min in charge |
| <u>Hawaiian</u> | 1) 10-11 minutes |
| | 2) Old hulas (ancient style) with the gourd and chanting. |
| | 3) Kaupena Wong and Pele Pukui in charge |

(The Korean and Hawaiian part of the program to be performed in front of the procenium curtain - in the meantime the Honolulu Community Chorus will be getting prepared for the finale)

- Honolulu Community Chorus
- 1) 20 minutes
 - 2) Songs are the following:
 - a. Holiday for Strings
 - b. Dance of the Comedians (Smetana)
 - c. Ari-ran (arranged by Mr. Keller)
 - d. Aia O Pele (arranged by Mr. Kelly)
 - e. Russian Sailor's Dance
 - f. Set Down Servant

Then a discussion followed as to the ways and means of publicizing the Concert. Mr. Ehlers suggested various agencies and service clubs who may be able to help us. Staff members were assigned to contact various groups for ticket sale. Posters, radio, TV, newspaper articles and pictures, letters to parents and articles in service papers will be our means of publicizing the Concert. General admission was set at \$1.00. The first 15-20 rows in the center aisle of the auditorium (almost 300 seats) will be reserved at \$1.50 per seat. (This is a sectional reservation rather than individual seats).

Looking over past experiences, it was agreed that no complimentary tickets will be distributed.

Miss Ho was asked to contact and be responsible for a double bass player, a traps player and the celeste.

There will be a rehearsal on Tuesday May 29th and a full dress rehearsal on June 1st.

Theory Classes for Teens A few members of the Rainbows Club (from the Group Work Department) came in to ask for theory classes. One member knows how to play an instrument and is planning to leave for college in the mainland and feels that he needs the theory background of music. Another feels that he wants and needs the class in case he gets accepted in a music school. A few others (majority who play in the Farrington Band) want to take the class also. Mr. Keller reported that he would be glad to begin a summer session twice a week for this group of boys and any others that would like to enroll for the class. Mr. Kelly will take this matter up with Mr. Keller to determine the fee. It was called to the attention of staff that these members of the Rainbows could not be able to pay too much as far as fees are concerned.

Children's Concert Teachers present turned over names and pieces to be played to Mr. Keller. Mr. Keller is planning for a 1/2 hour of piano music (he warned the members present that although they had submitted at least 5 performers each that he may have to ask them to eliminate one or two players per teacher). The Children's Chorus and the Palama-Kiwanis Band will also be asked to perform. Miss Richards reported that as soon as Mr. Keller selects the pianists and pieces that she will call the parents of the selected players for cookies.

Children's Chorus Outing On May 12 the members will rehearse from 9-9:45 and at 10 a.m., Miss Ho, Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Nozoe will take them to Ala Moana for a picnic. Children will return by 2 p.m. Parents will be contacted for volunteer leadership.

Combinations Mr. Kelly told staff the difference, financially, between private and group lessons. It is known that a lot of students are combinable but are being offered private lessons. Staff was asked to make appointments among themselves and also with part time piano teachers and talk about possible combinations. This should be done at least by our next staff meeting so that combinations can be made for the summer session.

John M. Kelly, Director
Music Department