

Mr. Ehlers

Music Department

Minutes of Staff Meeting March 10, 1959

Present: Mr. Walter Ehlers, John Kelly, Ronald Tarr, Dora Ah Chan, Nora Matsumura, Carl Cunningham, Dorothy Moritz.

Relation of Music school to Settlement: Mr. Ehlers's main topic of discussion was the Music School in relation to the rest of the Settlement. He reminded the staff that although they are teaching skills, the individual person, his needs, his cultural background and his environment should be considered.

Council of Agencies: There will be a survey by the Council of Agencies to evaluate the music program and also to determine its role in the entire Settlement program.

All Students Should Have Music: Dora Ah Chan stated that in her opinion all children should have music but not necessarily piano lessons. This brought about a discussion in which Mr. Ehlers and Mr. Kelly felt that classes in general musicianship, making of ukeleles and steel drums and other instruments would be most valuable in the school program. These types of classes would give children who would not normally be suited for solo instruments a chance to gain music appreciation in another way.