

Music Department
Minutes of Staff Meeting on May 22, 1956

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

Evaluation of Student Concert Staff unanimously agreed that this Student Concert was the best in terms of the variety in the program - the violin added color, the brass and wind instruments were invigorating, the Chun brothers with a piano-violin duet was a good example of cooperation and working together. There were lot of good comments from parents about how their particular child "was not as scared to perform in front of an audience like the last time", "remarkable progress", "pleased with child's teacher" and "happy with child's interest in music". One noticeable difficulty was in Kenneth Aramaki who played the trumpet. He was very tense and stiff. Mr. Kelly will take to his teacher about the problem. As usual, the refreshment was delicious! Teachers all liked the lamp on the stage which made the audience more quiet and focused their attention on the performer.

Summer Schedule

Enrollment A few students are dropping for the summer months and the problem of full-time teachers taking on new students was discussed. The drops for the summer, at least the majority of them, plan on coming back in the fall. Because of this, staff agreed that they would take new students and in the fall, these students will be turned over to the part-time teachers whose working hours are not as rigid as the full-time teacher.

Rate Change After much discussion of financial status-enrollment, it was suggested that if a child after one semester cannot be combined with another student, then the fee will be raised to \$35. Since all payments, lessons, etc., are on the semester basis (5 months) the group fee will be effective for a semester.

Supervision Mr. Kelly told staff that beginning in September, he would do less teaching and allot more time with supervision of teachers. He realizes that we have more part-time teachers (7) and in order for the entire staff to work as a team, the part-time teachers would need more personal contact with at least one full-time professional worker. Another topic brought up was the possibility of working with the U of H Music Department to have "field work" students coming over to teach. Miss Richards said that when she was in school, the Department worked with the University Extension and thought that Miss Smith would be the one to talk this matter over with.

Combinations All teachers were sent a form whereby they would have to meet with each other to discuss combinable students. Too many group paying students are having private lessons. Deadline is May 25th. Group had a discussion of "how to teach a group of four and the practical aspects of it".

Room Space It was called to the attention of Mr. Kelly that occasionally part-time teachers were teaching in the practice rooms and the moving around confused students. Assignment of rooms was discussed. It was suggested that since Mr. Keller uses Mrs. Fleece's room for theory three times a week, that he move up to her room. Mr. Keller said that he'd like time to think it over. Miss Ho

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asked if another piano could be moved in her present room. She was asked if she'd like to move into Miss Richards' room. Also problem of where replacement for Miss Richards would teach was discussed. Since teachers are sentimental and sort of attached to their present studios, Mr. Kelly asked that they discuss it among themselves and come with some practical solution.

Theory Classes Because Mr. Keller is going to devote more time with his composing and taking a few more piano students, the theory classes will not meet for the summer. He is also going to be the song leader for the Day Camp Program. In the fall, the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday sessions will resume.

Membership Cards Each teacher was handed a list of their pupils whose cards have expired. This matter will be discussed with the parents when the teachers call on the progress of the students. Deadline is May 25th.

New Staff Member Mr. Harold Higa who teaches band at Kalakaua School, has been approached for Mr. Yonamine's position. Mr. Kelly reported that Mr. Higa seems to want the position.

Credentials for Music Students A curriculum was circulated among the teachers that the DPI in conjunction with the Honolulu Teachers Guild will be offering 1/2 credit to piano students from 9-12 grade. Participants will have to take an exam and be registered with credited teachers. Mr. Kelly asked all the teachers to inquire and make a list of students who may be interested in getting credit for music lessons. Curriculum included pieces that students would have to perform. Mrs. Fleece asked if violin students would be eligible. Inquiry will be made with DPI.

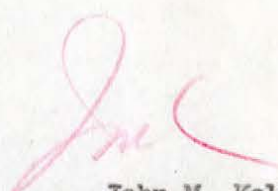
June 2nd Concert

Tickets Out of the 236 parents that were sent 2 @ \$1.00 tickets, so far 34 have bought them, and 9 returned them. 26 Board Members were sent 2 @ \$1.50 tickets and 6 sent in cash and 2 returned tickets.

Publicity Posters and letters were sent to High Schools and surrounding Intermediate and Grade Schools to publicize the concert.

Trapps Player June Emenio, a McKinley student, who was referred by Mr. Lum could not be present for the night of the concert. We are still looking for one.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.


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