

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Staff Meeting on December 6, 1955.

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

Announcements:

1. The Band Parents are having a Band Concert and Xmas Party on December 21st and the Music Staff is invited. Program consists of the band performing, group singing and games. The Association appears to be filling the needs of a lot of parents, who have very little social life, thru working with each other for the benefit of their children and thru planning and participating in such activities like a Xmas Party.
2. The Music Department will be closed from December 19th thru January 2nd. Classes will resume on January 3rd.
3. For the benefit of the "new" staff, the Palama Blood Bank Program was interpreted.

Student Concert Teachers were reminded to be sure that parents of performing students be informed about the date, time and other necessary data for the Concert so that there will be a minimum amount of misunderstanding and absentism for the Concert. Teachers present reported that parents were contacted for the cookies and everything was all arranged for the refreshments. Miss Richards and Miss Ho, who are co-chairwomen for the Concert were requested to double check on performers and pieces to be played and a dummy program submitted to the Registrar by December 14th.

String and Choral Conducting Seminar A news release article was read to the staff regarding the two new adult classes in violin studies for intermediate and advanced players, covering problems met in performance of orchestral, chamber and solo works thru the means of discussion and demonstration; and choral conducting covering methods and techniques of conducting. Mrs. Fleece will conduct the string seminar and Mr. Kelly will handle the conducting seminar. These classes are being planned for February 1st.

Chamber Concert Teachers were all for the idea of having the Chamber Concert serve as a means of having an evening of enjoyment and music with the Palama Staff being host to professional people in the music field. There would be no charge and the staff would have an opportunity to make personal contacts with persons working in the same field. They didn't think it fair to ask the public to pay for music that was not geared to their liking. The fund raising concert in May or June will be a program such as the one presented last year at the Farrington Auditorium where Mr. and Mrs. Public will hear and enjoy music that they are more or less accustomed to.

Letter to Parents About Rate Change A letter to parents of students who have been taking music lessons for 2 or more years and are having private lessons but who are presently paying the group rate was read. Purpose of this letter is to prepare the parents for September 1956 when these parents will be asked to pay \$35.00 for private lessons. The letter will be discussed with the Advisory Committee and would need their approval before any rate change will be effected.

Recitals Miss Richards is having a recital for 17 of her students today at 3:15 p.m. Mr. Keller is planning one for December 13th and Miss Ho for one on December 16th.

Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.


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