

Music Department
Minutes of Staff Meeting on April 10, 1956.

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

Rental of Violins Mr. Kelly reported that Mr. Murphy of the House of Music is thinking of investing his advertising budget into financing an hour of a teacher's pay in string ensemble classes. He said that he thought in terms of about \$60-\$70 per year for this type of advertising. Palama may be one school that he will experiment this system with. Mr. Kelly made arrangements with House of Music whereby Palama rents a violin for \$1.25 per month and Palama in turn charges the pupil renting the instrument \$1.25. Although the simplest method would be for the pupil to go straight down to the House of Music and make arrangements directly with the store, staff felt that there would be better control and rapport if Palama acted as the "middle man". The \$1.25 paid for the rental may go towards paying for the 3/4 size violin which costs \$37.50. There will be about 6 3/4 size violins that the House of Music will rent to the school.

Donation Mr. George H Murphy donated two full size violins to the Music School. A Thank You letter will be sent to him. (This is not the same Mr. Murphy from the House of Music)

String Ensemble Classes Mrs. Fleece was asked to think about the details governing a string ensemble class in the summer. She said that this could be arranged with some of her present students.

Bazaar Results Staff was commended on the excellent work done. Mr. Kelly reported that Palama grossed about \$2,000 and the teachers were very happy to hear that the Country Store, Rummage, Plants and Aquarium made about \$600. (These were the areas that the Music Department was directly responsible for.) Staff was reminded to take care of the outstanding scrips as soon as possible.

Children's Concert Mr. Keller was asked to work around a theme for this year's spring concert. Suggested themes were: Journey Thru Space, Journey Thru Time and Journey Thru The Country. Each teacher (5) was asked to submit 3 student's names and the pieces to be played to the chairman by April 24th. Miss Richards suggested that some sort of lighting be instigated to make the performance more effective and centralize the attention on the performer. Mr. Kelly volunteered to do this job. Miss Richards volunteered to be in charge of refreshments. Parents will be contacted to donate cookies.

Spring Concert Tickets will printed in May for distribution and sale by the 1st of May.

Miss Ho was praised for her wonderful accompaniment on the recent TV program (April 4th). Mrs. Fleece reported that the performance could have been better if the violinist had more time to prepare for her number and if both pianist and violinist had time to practice together.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.


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