

MUSIC DEPARTMENT
Staff Meeting Minutes of October 11, 1955
8:15 a.m.

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

Absent: Doreen Ozeki

Announcements:

1. Palama Fall Chamber Concert Homer Keller and Zaneta Richards were appointed co-chairmen. John Kelly and the above two will meet next Thursday to discuss future plans.
2. November 9th Likelike-Kaiulani Teachers Meeting (originally scheduled for October 12th) at 3 p.m.
3. November 15th Kaiulani PTA Meeting at 8 p.m. at the School. Homer Keller will represent the Palama Music School and will give a talk on "How I, As A Newcomer To Hawaii, Feel About The Palama Music School". Zaneta Richards will accompany Homer Keller to the meeting and will present some musical pieces.
4. October 19th Agenda for the New Parents Nite (see attached sheet)
5. Mildred Tolentino will conduct the Children's Chorus which will begin on October 15th.

A continuation of discussion on "Class Methods With New Students" was resumed. Topics covered were: parents in lessons; good practice habits at home and how to encourage it; singing melodies with the children; using clapping-marching techniques for rhythm; where and how analysis and transposition may be introduced; and posture habits of the students and how to see that they learn good ones.

Advanced string ensemble and quartet Marianne Fleece was asked on how she felt about these advanced adult classes. She announced that as far as her students were concerned they would not be ready for this type of work until the second semester of this term. Question arose about other adults in the community, interested in this type of education of seminar or playing together periods. She asked for more time to think it over. John Kelly asked if she would think in terms of:

- a. Title and descriptive sub-title for the group
- b. How many students could a seminar provide for
- c. Criteria of background and scope of experience for eligibility to the class. Would an audition be necessary?

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- d. Promotion Could Mr. Barati be approached to call this matter to the attention of the Symphony members.

Palama-Kiwanis Registration John Kelly reported that he had talked to the Band Parents Associates in terms of having their children take 30 minutes lessons for the various band instruments. The Scholarship Program was described to them and parents were urged to register their children. Teachers were asked to talk to their students about possibilities of siblings in the family being interested in taking lessons, thus promoting the Band Instrument Program.

Rental of Instruments A \$1.00 per semester rental was set for all instruments loaned to students by the Palama Music School. John Kelly reported that the School has about 5 more violins to loan out and a few band instruments. A student may be allowed to rent an instrument from Palama for only one semester. (To give an opportunity for new students to have a chance to rent an instrument also.)


John Kelly