

Music Department
Minutes of Staff Meeting on March 27, 1956.

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

A letter of thanks was read to the staff from Mrs. Zaloha for the recent folk dance session that she conducted here in the Music Department. Special mention was made for Miss Ho's wonderful accompaniment.

Mrs. Fleece made a plea for staff to be sure to keep her room orderly. Music appreciation classes are held in the same room and Mrs. Fleece finds the room not suitable for her teaching sessions. Mr. Keller said that he will ask Pinho to take care of this problem.

New Faculty Members Mr. Kelly announced that the Music Department has added two new part-time teachers on staff, Mr. Robert Sonomura, a U of H student, and Mr. Darrel Sausser, presently in the Navy with a B.A. in Music Education from Southern California. Both men will be teaching piano lessons. (There will be a meeting of all part time teachers on Monday, April 2 at 4:00 p.m.)

Easter Vacation The school will be closed from April 2-7. Teachers were reminded that if they are planning to make up lessons that they be sure to be very careful of children running around in the building. It was suggested that if any make up lessons are scheduled that the teachers work in pairs so that unnecessary traffic in the building can be controlled.

School Problems

Mrs. Fleece announced that Jennie Kealoha had to be dropped for violin lessons because of no small size violin to be rented. She stated that the school is in great need for 1 or 2 more small size violins. There are presently 3 students who are waiting for lessons but can't be accommodated due to insufficient amount of violins for rent.

Mrs. Fleece suggested that we raise the rental fee for instruments. After much discussion it was agreed that in September 1956 the fee for rental will be \$5 per semester. For students under scholarship or having financial difficulties some sort of "waving of fee" will be installed.

Mr. Keller reported that Vernon Thom will have to be given private lessons due to no possibility of a combination for him. Vernon is very active and at times very unmanageable and disturbs other students in the group.

Teachers were reminded that the resale of books amounts to \$300. It was said that our budget calls for \$200 so all were reminded to try to use the books on hand and also to browse through other teacher's shelves to see if they can find something of use.

Eleanor reported that Shirley Oda, who has been with the school for quite some time has not reported for lessons for 5 sessions. Telephone calls have not been fruitful due to mother working at Holo-Holo Inn and having late working hours. Talking to father has had no results, so Miss Ho will keep on trying to contact mother.

Carolyn Furuta, a 9 year old piano student of Miss Richards' has been having crying spells and it was suggested that a careful investigation be made as to WHY all these tears. Miss Richards stated that Carolyn inevitably cries when Petrona Florinda comes in the room so she has made a special attempt to keep Petrona out.

Mrs. Fleece was asked to make a second attempt on the String Seminar. It was called to the attention of Mr. Kelly that the school may have offered the class at the wrong time. A summer session, after the Symphony is through with all of its performances might be a better time.

Attendance Staff was suprised to hear that the weekly attendance of lessons, classes and scheduled activities in the Music Department alone is 500!

Recitals and Concerts Music staff will be pretty busy with:

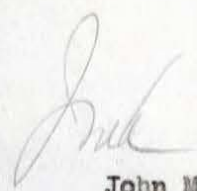
- Student Recitals - teachers to schedule at their convenience.
- Children's Concert - May 19 (Mr. Keller, chairman)
- Spring Concert - June 2 at Farrington Auditorium
- Faculty Concert - June 30 here in the Music Auditorium

TV Show Eugene Yohamine will get a trio from the band for the March 28 performance and Mrs. Fleece was asked to prepare for the April 4 showing. Lillian Ikeda, adult violin student will be asked to perform and Miss Ho volunteered to accompany her.

Bazaar Scrips or money (preferably the latter) should be turned in at the latest on Saturday March 31. Anyone coming in during the Easter Vacation should turn the scrips or cash to Margaret Iizaki. Music parents have been organized to be in charge of 2 game booths for the Bazaar and a few names have been turned over to Mrs. Rodrigues to assist in the Country Store.

Correction Members of the Choral Conducting class are eligible for 1 credit instead of the previously mentioned 1/2 credit.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



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