

PALAMA SETTLEMENT

Minutes of the Music Committee Luncheon
Meeting held at 12:00 Noon, 8-10-51 at
the Y.W.C.A.

Present: Mrs. Peggy Hitchcock, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Mrs. K. C. Shinn, Mrs. Alma Leong, Mr. Robt. Rath, Mr. D.J. Shehtanian.
Absent: Mr. Herman Sheurer, Mr. Lawrence Hanberg, Mr. Lloyd Krause, Miss Dorothy Chun.

The meeting was opened by Chairman Peggy Hitchcock and matters on the agenda were discussed and decided upon as follows:

1. The monthly luncheon meeting of the Music Committee was set for every third Monday of each month at 12:00 noon. Place of meeting will be noted on cards sent to committee members. This was approved with the exception of Mrs. K.C.Shinn who will not be able to attend meetings as she teaches school. (It was suggested that meetings be occasionally held at the Kauluwela School in order that Mrs. Shinn may attend. Mrs. Hitchcock will investigate this further.)

other

2. Concerning the matter of teaching/instruments besides piano it was the feeling of the group that in settlement work other musical instruments should be taught. However, a great deal of publicity should be given this matter in order to ascertain the demand and also to ascertain if the present teachers are able to teach the instruments in case the demand is made. It was brought up at this meeting that the bass viol, violin, clarinet and other instruments were taught this summer with a great deal of interest and it was felt this should be followed up with a further program throughout the year. It was recommended that the University of Hawaii Music Department be contacted as student teachers, for units, could be made available to teach these instruments. Mrs. Hitchcock will endeavor to contact Mr. Rian, head of the U.H.Music Department for further information.

3. The Music Committee recommended that more rhythm classes for small children be given.

4. The starting of choral groups for adults, teen-agers and adults was discussed and the Committee was in favor of organizing such a program at Palama Settlement Music School. However, it was recommended that the Music Director be contacted to see whether the music program can be enlarged with the present staff. If not, then it was recommended that the work with choral groups be turned over to the Group Work Department with Mr. John Kelly in charge.

5. Music lessons for the blind group was recommended to be turned over to the Group Work Department since it is a matter of working with groups and could be classed as group work.

6. Regarding working hours at the Music School, it was recommended that the hours to be kept be the same as the working hours of the other departments of the Group Work and Athletic Departments, 1:30 to 9:30 P.M. The only exception to this would be in case certain groups requested morning hours. This request must come from the interested people desiring lessons.

7. Vacations. It was recommended by the Music Committee that vacations at the Music School follow the regular policy of Palama Settlement of two working days per month for professional workers and one and a half days for clerical workers.

8. It was recommended by the Committee that we use the title "Palama Settlement Music Department" instead of "Music School."

9. The matter of a regular membership fee for all persons enrolling in the Music Department being charged according to age, the same as the Group Work, Athletic and Pre-School Departments was discussed, and the matter of the \$2.00 registration fee charged by the Music Department for all persons, and the question arose as to whether the membership fee would be an additional charge to the registration fee. The feeling of the Committee was to drop the \$2.00 registration fee and to incorporate the regular membership fee the same as the Group Work, Athletic and Pre-School Departments. However, this matter was deferred until more information could be gathered re the \$2.00 registration fee.

10. It was recommended that the Music Director make available to the Director a list of the names of Palama children who are enrolled in the Music Department and a list of names of children outside the Palama area. It was felt that Palama children and adults should be given first opportunity to take music before those of other areas.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

D.J. Shentanian, Director.