

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Staff Meeting on October 25, 1955

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

Like-Like Kaiulani Teachers Meeting Program plans were finally completed for the Likelike-Kaiulani Teacher's Meeting, which will be held at the Palama Music School on November 9th. Teachers were asked to be sure to check with the school and the home for the 2 students who will be performing. The program will be such that teachers will get an idea of the quality of student work and also have a chance to see and listen to the various skills of the Music School Teachers.

Teachers' Recitals Teachers were reminded that small recitals should be held at least once a semester. Mrs. Fleece stated that since her students aren't ready and will not be ready for another semester, she will begin her recitals from the second semester. They were asked to use their own discretion as to time, date and type of program. They were cautioned that the secretary and Mr. Kelly would have to know about the plans to eliminate any scheduling problems and any other problems that may arise. They were also urged to invite the parents and also fellow students to attend these recitals.

Children's Concert The children's concert was set for December 17th. Miss Ho and Miss Richards were asked to be in charge of the program. Staff was urged to be on the look-out for prospective performers and to plan for 4 or 5 students in their respective classes to perform at the Concert. Staff was also asked to hand in a tentative list of students and pieces to be played for the next staff meeting.

Friends of Palama Carnival Scripts were issued to teachers who will in turn pass them along to the students to sell. Staff was told that Bertha Lee is in charge of the Talent Show and that if they themselves or their students would like to participate in the program that they should contact Miss Lee. They were also informed that there is a great need for volunteer manpower and to submit any names of friends or relatives who will be able to volunteer their time and services to Kiyoshi Matsuo.

School Meetings

Kaiulani PTA Meeting Mr. Keller and Miss Richards reported that Mr. Keller will give a 8-10 minute talk on the Palama Music School and Miss Richards will play a piano solo. Mrs. Lorraine Pokipala, voice student and Mr. Yonamine, band conductor, will be approached for possibility of being on the musical part of the program.

Likelike Meeting Mr. Osaki invited the Palama Music School to his school on the 10th of November. Mr. Yonamine will be asked for two band students to perform and Mr. Kelly will play his guitar and lead the student body in group singing.

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Brief Reports on Programming

Children's Chorus Mr. Kelly and Miss Ho reported that there were about 40-50 children for each session in the past two Saturdays. With the addition of Mildred Tolentino as conductor of the chorus, Mr. Kelly stated that the chorus is well on the way to a very successful season.

Theory Classes Mr. Keller reported that he has 4 theory classes with an attendance of 8, 9, 8, 10 (adult) respectively in each class. Staff was asked to urge more teenage students attend the Friday afternoon sessions. To date, we have only one teenage student registered. (All the rest on Friday afternoons are 10-11 year old children.)

Winter Chamber Plans Mr. Keller and Miss Richards informed staff that they had made a few contacts with community people to be on the program. It was suggested that they first plan on a tentative program and then make contacts with the musicians. The date for the Chamber Concert was set for Friday, January 13th.

Rate Change It was brought to the staff's attention that a lot of music students who have been studying for two or more years, are having private lessons. Staff felt that it would be only fair that these students be asked to pay \$35.00 (instead of the \$25.00 fee which they are now paying) for the private lessons. Mr. Kelly will draft a letter to all the parents in this category and inform them about the rate change.

Seminars

Mozart Requiem Due to the Honolulu Chorus working on this great piece, Mr. Kelly felt that a seminar would be helpful in terms of better understanding of the author and the work itself. Both Mr. Barati and Mr. Kelly feel that Palama would be the ideal place to hold this seminar. A questionnaire is being sent out to find out whether persons would be interested in this type of education.

Choral Conducting In the past couple of months, the school has had two groups express a need for leadership as well as facilities for choral work. The Lahainaluna Alumni Association and HRT Bus-drivers Group. An organized predetermined curriculum to prepare choral conductors was Mr. Kelly's suggestion. Staff felt that there was a great need in the community for trained choral conductors and felt that this was an excellent way to meet some of the needs. The University Of Hawaii, Inter-Club Council was suggested as one group who are in need of choral conductors every year for their annual songfest and also various church organizations would also need conductors. This seminar is being planned for next semester.



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