

Music Department
Minutes of Staff Meeting on Oct. 29, 1956

Present: John Kelly, Homer Keller, Eleanor Ho, Jeannette Chun, Marianne Fleece, Sets Nozoe

Rehearsal of Violinists Miss Ho announced that several of the 2nd violinists of the Honolulu Symphony are practicing here this evening.

Frank Owens It was the general consensus that the talk and demonstration by Mr. Owens was interesting as well as educational. Teachers felt more confident about teaching popular music to their respective students. A serious draw-back to the Owens method is that the student is limited to the songs learned in the 10 week lesson and that the basic fundamentals of sight reading, phrasing, notation form, etc., are not covered. It was also brought out that there wasn't much room for finger actions due to playing octaves, but teachers all agreed that there were certain features to the popular method that they could use in their teaching techniques.

New Parents Nite There were about 40 parents present. Teachers liked the approach of letting the parents do most of the talking and also of dividing the parents into small discussion groups. Teenage girls helping to serve was also good idea. Mr. Kelly asked staff to bring forth in the next staff meeting any revisions or additions that should be entered in the booklet "Few Suggestions for New Parents".

Visiting Lecturer Discussion followed about the possibility of getting Julius Herford, who works with Robert Shaw, to come to Hawaii and give a series of lectures. Palama would be the sponsor and we would hold classes similar to the Choral Conducting Seminars that have been held. This is planned for December 1957.

KAIM Publicity Mr. Kelly read the letter from KAIM which is trying to run a radio station without commercial advertisements thru gifts from interested persons. It was discussed that since Palama Settlement is a Community Chest Agency, we would like to give assistance in the interest of furthering better programs in the Territory.

Children's Chorus Report The Children's Chorus under the directorship of Mildred Tolentino has been working very hard with the song for Phyllis Shields' Sears Christmas Play. Mr. Kelly made a tape last Saturday and the final tape will be made this Saturday, November 3rd. The two parents who bring their daughters and wait for them, will be asked to help supervise and assist in keeping the children orderly and intruders out of the building when the tape is been made. They will also be approached to help prepare and serve the juice.

Advisory Committee Meeting Mr. Kelly suggested that the topics for discussion be as follows:

1. Budget Review and Background of Music School
2. Creative Project - More time for teachers to do counseling, contact parents with the personal touch which is lacking presently with heavy loads that teachers carry.
3. Julius Herford - coming to Hawaii.

Miss Ho's Group Classes - Preparatory Classes Miss Ho announced that she received two replies from Mainland Settlement Houses regarding group teaching. Both parties referred the letters to specific music schools and Miss Ho is now waiting for answers. In the meantime, she is working a tentative outline for the preparatory class.

Concerts By The Sea Mr. Kelly told staff that Mr. Hollingshead asked for volunteer musicians to perform in the Moana's Concerts but staff felt that they didn't want to do anything at present. It was brought to the attention of all that these programs are mostly attended by tourists.

Use of Kitchenette Mr. Kelly again reminded staff of the need for neatness and cleanliness in the kitchen. Since many use the place from time to time, he stressed the need for each teacher to be responsible and take a special interest in keeping the place orderly and neat.

Mrs. Nozoe's Vacation Teachers talked about who would be responsible for various extra responsibilities when Mrs. Nozoe goes on vacation on November 15-28. Following subjects were mentioned:

1. Mr. Keller volunteered to be in charge of the practice rooms.
2. Parents to help with refreshment time for Children's Chorus.
3. Buying books now so that we won't have to bother getting them later. Procedure of buying and entering new books in the inventory was mentioned. Any books sold - sales slips will be pinned together and put in the box.
4. Letter to parents regarding vacation so that most phone calls will be made when Mr. Kelly is not teaching. Letter will also cover a few forthcoming events for November and December.
5. Mrs. Nozoe making a list of "Things To Do" to be given to Mr. Kelly.