

Music Department
Minutes of Staff Meeting on February 14, 1956.

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

Absent: Marianne Fleece

Problems in Music School It was brought to the attention of the staff that we are having a lot of children who do not take music lessons nor have any business at the Music School who frequent the building and play "master" in the auditorium and disturb the teachers and students during the class periods. It was suggested that the teachers be aware of the problem and to ask any child who is roaming around in the building without any definite reason to leave and to explain to them the situation of having classes and how disturbing yelling and running is to the teachers and students. Problem of Petrona Florinda and Wayne Paauau, two children who have been coming to the Music Department quite frequently was discussed and due to their handicaps staff was advised to be nice and friendly to them but to also remember to be firm with these two children.

Enrollment It was announced that we now have 228 students registered for piano, violin and instrumental lessons; 38 adults in the Mozart Requiem Seminar; 40 registered in the Choral Conducting Seminar; and 44 boys registered in the Palama-Kiwanis Band. We still are looking for more instrumental and violin students. Article in the local newspapers last week got the School 3 new students from the community.

Spring Concert Contacts were made to a few persons and organizations and the following tentative program was suggested:

20 minutes	"Shields' Sleeping Beauty"
10 "	Pukui's troupe (Authentic Hawaiian presentations)
12 "	Oriental dances (possibly Kathy Min - Korean)
9 "	Palama-Kiwanis Band
10 "	Intermission
20 "	Honolulu Community Chorus (Carmen, Oklahoma, Porgy and Bess, Trial By Jury, Mikado - Staff is going to listen to these pieces and decide on one.)

Record Library Since the School hasn't been able to locate a volunteer to work on the library and since the records are just sitting in the room, it was arranged that a card, a date slip and a needle would be provided for each album of records and the Secretary would have these ready so that the records would be used to their fullest worth. For the past few months, we have been waiting for a librarian or some one who can set up the system like the libraries in town, but since it seems like we will have to wait for a long time, it was agreed that the above mentioned system would be used until such time when a librarian can come to help us with the proper system.

Bazaar It was announced that Mrs. Rodrigues of the Band Parents Association has been appointed as chairman for the Bazaar and Miss Ho and Miss Richards are to work with the Music School Parents. Both teachers were advised to begin working on the project as soon as possible.

Children's Chorus Mr. Kelly reported that although the enrollment is now about 40 children he asked the teachers if they could ask more students to join the Chorus which would make it possible to drop off some of the children who come to Chorus but aren't really interested and are a disturbing factor to the rest of the group. Another point was that the Chorus actually needs about 50 to 60 voices to be really effective. At the next meeting staff will discuss the possibility of having children 5-7 years old in one group and the older children in another group. Children who are 11 or 12 years old see the 5 or 6 year old youngsters in the Chorus and say that it's "kid stuff" and don't come to Chorus for that reason. Having a group of young children and a group for older children may solve this attitude.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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