

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Staff Meeting held on May 18, 1954

It was announced that Father So will sing at our recital this Saturday, May 22. Teachers were asked to hand in their list of students that are performing by Thursday so the program could be arranged for stenciling.

Mrs. Wilkins reported that Jimmy Takahashi, who has had only one lesson, may not be able to continue with lessons too long due to the mother's uncertainty towards the progress of the child. She stressed that the boy would like to take accordion lessons instead of piano, but the child seems to show interest in piano so Mrs. Wilkins was instructed to keep the mother well informed in his progress and to caution her about over-concern.

Since we have had several inquiries about accordion lessons, the question arose as to the possibility of organizing a class this summer. Mr. Kelly said he will speak to Mr. Ehlers about a write-up in the papers so that donations of accordions may be possible.

Mrs. Park announced that the only student who has requested being kept on the rolls for the time that she will be on the mainland is Gail Ho. The other teachers were asked to seek a possible combination for Gail on their schedule.

Suggestions were made for the use of the "Special Fund" which Mr. Kelly has deposited with Mr. Seffery. The possibility of purchasing a good tape recorder for the use of the department, or purchasing an accordion was discussed.

June 2nd is the date that has been set for our Children's Chorus to appear on T. V. This may call for some extra rehearsals during the next few weeks.

It was requested by Mr. Kelly that each teacher will make phone calls to their student's parents regarding the recital, Parent's Nite, and the T.V. program. Although notices have sent out to this effect, it was deemed necessary due to the fact that some parents do not read notices and some do not remember the dates concerned.

A party will be given honoring May Bowron on June 5 at 9:30 a. m. Members of the advisory committee, Mr. Ehlers, and Mrs. Black (who donated \$50.00) will also be asked to come. Refreshments will be served.

The working hour for the weeks of June 14 to 20 were discussed in terms of students preference and teachers preference second. No decision will be made until the matter is discussed with Mr. Ehlers.

Mr. Kelly announced the purchase of more percussion instruments. He requested that more care be given the instruments since they cost quite a bit and the instruments that we had here before either have been misplaced or have wandered away.

Teachers were reminded that they are required to be here $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before teaching time.

Beginning the week of June 14, the music staff meetings will be held on Fridays instead of Tuesdays.

Due to the over-lapping of time, it was necessary to adjourn the meeting, but it was agreed that another meeting would be necessary before Saturday due to the 2 events scheduled this week end.

Minutes for May 21, 12:30.

Final reports were given by the teachers concerning the students who will be playing in the recital. It was reported that due to a sore throat, Esther Go will not be able to sing at our recital. Mary Martin will sing instead.

Teachers gave a report on the phone calls involving Parent's Nite on Monday. The majority reported that parents of 7 or 8 are guaranteed to come. Mr. Kelly reminded the staff that refreshments will be served and that Antone will be asked to set up the chairs and purchase the ice needed.

Additional time for chorus rehearsals will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays during Music Appreciation class time.

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