

January 2, 1943  
Saturday

At Conference Room

At 9:30 A.M.

Absentees Mr. Matsushige, 石川(水), 原, 菊手, 岡崎, 岸石, 川原

1. Agenda, 12-19:

1 and 2 Mops: Mr. Todd.

Have been requisitioned. Mops not on hand. Procurement office could not locate any to purchase from. Buckets definitely out.

10. Mess Tickets: Mr. Todd

Tickets must be durable and concise. Need to find cost of printing at outside shop. Requested the Council to have a committee check expense and report to Mr. Todd.

4. Safe: Mr. Barber

Contemplating on installation of a safety vault in a Community Enterprise building on lot east of block 15.

6. School requisites: Mr. Carter

Tablets are impossible to supply. Only possibility of supplying school requisites is by transferring them from the Community Enterprises to the Education Dept. The Dept. is running through additional budget for high school and junior high school text books (approx. \$4100). From \$15,000 worth of text books, some \$1500 worth of books has not been returned. Requested to Block Chairmen to announce residents to return these books.

7. Branch Clinics: Mr. Robertson

Requested the Council to appoint a committee to study and talk over with Dr. Irwin and Mr. Robertson to work out some sort of arrangement.

5. Meal Charges: Mr. Robertson

Sent wire to Washington asking for reduction of meal charges to 75¢ per day for ordinary visitors, 20¢ per meal for soldiers.

12. Photographic studio: Mr. Todd

Matter of space and impossibility in obtaining films hinder this project.

Dry Cleaning Project:

Requires absolutely fire-proof building. Place suitable near the hospital. Question is the possibility of erecting such a building.

2. Cook's Advance: Mr. Robertson

In response to Mr. Koide's question on cook's advance, Mr. Robertson replied that according to teletype issued by WRA in Washington, the schedule of wages classification for mess workers are \$19 for chef, \$16 for other cooks, and that this schedule is in effect at other projects.

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3. Conditions of Employment for Block Chairmen:

Mr. Barber requested block Chairmen to report daily to respective division heads or to foremen to which they are assigned. Also requested to submit a written report on time taken in work as the Block Chairmen, between the hours of 8 A.M.--5 P.M.

4. Agenda, 12/30:

1. Project Attorney's Office: Mr. Housel

WRA provides instruction that all legal works are to be done by the Project Attorney. Courthouse and Legal Aid Dept. will not function as legal and after the Project Attorney's Office is set up, messrs. Yahiro and Miyazato have accepted the position in newly established Project Attorney's Office while Mr. Doi has not decided. The Project Attorney's Office will help residents in the problems of legal nature, insurance policy, and income tax returns, etc., but minor clerical works such as writing personal letters and what-not are to be consulted with assistant attorneys as a personal favor. However, such consultations of private matters are not bound to the work of the office but the evacuee attorneys will gladly help residents, and as far as Mr. Housel is concerned, there is no objection whatsoever.

Regarding the intention as to the court question (by Mr. Mineta), the Court will not be affected at all, except for the loss of Mr. Doi, Miyazato if these persons are to work at the new office.

As to the status of the temporary Council of Block Chairmen, such body has no power or authorization to enact laws but such body serves purely as advisory to the Project Director.

2. Warning signs for Theft:

Mr. Barber informed that this matter is being taken care of.

5. Police report on Block 15 incident:

Mr. Barber reported to the Council that a stabbing took place on the evening of January 1st, 1943 and that the criminal was taken into custody in a hospital ward under observation. Mr. Barber explained that he thought it wise for Block Chairmen to know the incident and so he called in Mr. Matsui, Police Chief, to make a report. Mr. "Rosie" Matsui reported that the incident occurred at Block 15-21-E about 5:30 P.M., January 1. Suyenaga, age 55, was stabbed in three places by Tokida Gystokum age 37. The injury was critical and might prove to be fatal if blood poisoning should set in. Names of witnesses are Teramoto and Tateishi, roommates. Both victim and assailant were room mates and work in the same mess hall.

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Mr. Barber highly complimented efficiency of the work of Mr. Matsui and the Police Force and concluded that malicious rumors which might discredit center reputation must be prevented.

6. PTCC:

Mr. Barber requested Block Chairmen to inform PTCC members of respective blocks to report to their foremen for time taken in PTCC meeting.

7. Meeting adjourned 12:00 P.M.