

February 13, 1943  
Saturday morning

Chairmen's Meeting  
9:15 a.m. to

Conference Room  
12:05 p.m.

Absent: None

1. Mr. Iwamoto is now in hospital. Committee to visit him at 2 p.m. Committee members--Messrs. Hayashida and Nagamori.
2. Messrs. Magumo and Ishikawa (9) reported on their visit to Mr. Okada, whose apartment was fumed two days ago. Later requested them to convey his gratitude to the Council.
3. Report Youth Conference: Messrs. Magumo and Yashihara.  
a) Telegram to other Center was sent: Text revised resolution being discussed--main point--postponement of registration until full clarification of citizenship status is made.

4. Mr. Mason:

Greatest fire hazard is hanging of washings near the stove. They have to be moved away from the stove.

5. Mr. Haller explains about new system now being considered. Each mess hall will have:

- 1) Manager
- 2) Head cook
- 3) Morning cook
- 4) Afternoon cook
- 5) Store-keeper
- 6) Baker
- 7) Headwaiter
- 8) One relief to the above

All eight to have "C" rating. Mr. Haller would consult with the executive of Mess employees' club on Wednesday. Sooner approval is made, the better.

Mr. Haller states that Mr. Harding from Washington came but left. Council decides to request Project Director that whenever such people come from office, Council would like to be notified.

Mr. Haller makes request that that portion of the minute of the Council meeting dealing with mess arrangement in Poston I be given to him.

Council to draw up recommendations, in particular requesting appointment of detitian to each mess hall. Ok'd.

(Celebrating Boy Scout week, members of Scout Troops take over Administrative posts)

6. Mr. Barber (Mr. Hosaka of Boy Scout takes his place for the morning) stated that copy of final text of judicial code is being mimeographed for distribution to chairmen.
7. Request for the erection of guard-house. Mr. Barber states that WRA policy is "not to have jails". Center can either use space available at Cody jail, or has access to M.P. quarters.  
Agreed.

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8. Hospital Situation:

Committee to study further.

(In place of Mr. Kakuuchi, Mr. Sashara is put on Health Committee. Mr. Kakuuchi is put on Housing Committee, and Mr. Oshio replaces Mr. Kakuuchi in the Education Committee)

9. Mr. Todd:

a) Inspection of chimneys:

MEsars. Mason, Lummis, and Goodrich with Mr. Todd made inspection of chimneys that were in worst conditions (in about four blocks).

Some have cracks due to excessive heat. Those would be taken care of. There is no immediate danger however.

b) Division of labor between Council and Block Managers. Former is legislative, the latter looks after physical operations. Mr. Tomo now is secretary, having been relieved of his duty as Block Manager of Block 20.

c) 1,500 chambers are now being distributed.

10. Mr. Robertson comes in at 11:50 a.m.:

a) Does not want anything to happen that will hinder the relocation program.

b) Wants the Council to do its utmost to help the niseis in their deliberation on registration.

c) Read letter from Mr. Myer regarding new program of registration.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

February 13, 1943  
Saturday Afternoon

Chairmen's Meeting  
1:30 p.m. to

Conference Room  
4:30 p.m.

Absentees: Messrs. Matsushige, Hara, and Kaneko.

1. Nisei problem:

Mr. Sashihara explained that executive committee was to be formed by one representative from every block. Some blocks already chose their representatives, but delegation of five from some blocks think they have no authority to do so, they will hold meeting in the evening and pick one there.

2. Newspaper question:

Objection was brought up against certain correspondence appearing in the Rocky Nippon.

Messrs. Mineta and Ishikawa (25) appointed to contact author of the correspondence.

3. Resolution against gambling:

- a) to condemn gambling within the Center
- b) to recommend Project Director to exercise surveillance and control
- c) Resolution to be brought before Block Meetings.

4. Use of mess halls:

Harry Honda reported that the new system is now in effect.

5. Communication from Major Moffet refusing any adjustment on Pomona and other Assembly Center Clothing read. Council to write to Washington on this; copies to be sent to Fellowship of Reconciliation and to American Friends Service Committee.

Passed.

6. Question of Chairmen's term of office:

In view of delay in adoption of charter, and in view of need for confidence vote, to suggest Project Director to have simultaneous re-election in all blocks on Monday, March 1, 1943. Candidacies to be opened to both Issei and Nisei as heretofore.

Passed.

7. To inquire whether transportation would be paid to the evacuees to the place where jobs are obtained. Also to inquire what are the "valid" reasons for returning to the WRA Center, after one had gone out on indefinite leave.

Passed.

8. Cleaning of chimneys at least of mess halls. Passed.

9. Proposal to have special session on Monday morning at 10 A.M. to meet with Mr. Robertson on the problem of registration for indefinite leave. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

February 15, 1943  
Monday

Chairmen's Meeting

At Administration  
Recreation Hall

Absent: Messrs. Hara, Kaneko, and Okazaki.

1. Draft resolution against gambling--approved; to be put to vote at tonight's meeting at each block.
2. Draft of letter to Project Director regarding "tenure of office" for block chairmen--approved; to be sent to Project Director.
3. Report on Hospital Situation--Mr. Sashihara reports that the Project Director is now handling it himself.
4. Question of Chairmen's tenure of office and Charter:

Mr. Robertson states that draft and charter was taken to Denver Conference. At that time he expressed his desire to Mr. Glick that WRA provision barring issei from holding elective office is unsatisfactory. He expects to get some new instruction from Washington soon.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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BLOCK CHAIRMEN'S MEETING

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1. Request information in written form as to whether or not WRA, or some other body, will pay transportation to the evacuees when they obtain jobs outside.
2. Request definition of "Valid reasons" for returning to relocation centers after going out of the Center on indefinite leave. Would like to have it in written form.
3. Request cleaning of mess hall chimneys throughout the center.

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