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MARTI SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - November 2, 1960, 4:30 p.m.

1. Pfeife Smith called the meeting to order.
2. Gertrude Marti told of a new Reading Program put out by Science Research Associates. The course starts at 3rd grade level and runs through 12th. It covers vocabulary, comprehension, speed, etc., and is so simple that students can run it themselves, except for testing, which is done by teachers.
3. Ginnie Nevin reports the school will offer the program at a cost of only \$2 or \$3 per student, as against \$40 for the University of Dayton Course offered last year.
She told of a new arithmetic method, The Schott System, which helps to build concepts much faster than older systems. Mrs. Flagel will try it in 1st grade.
4. Mrs. Thurston reported on her goats in English for juniors and seniors - these are fluency and special emphasis on creative writing. After Jan 1, she will stress American Literature (they had English Literature last year) with survey treatment and reading on a broad level.
For the 6th grade: English, Geography and History - with emphasis on self-sufficiency, learning How To Study and how to find necessary information.
Quote Mrs. Thurston: "I am doing really creative teaching and never enjoyed teaching more."
5. Ginnie Nevin reported on the Finance Committee meeting on Oct. 25. All members were present and the concensus of opinion was: Could go out and raise good sums of money (particularly from Foundations) for present serious needs. These are library, landscaping, furnace, black-top, cisterns. Members have already made some contacts.
6. Fritz Marti contacted Mr. McGrath of the Williamson Furnace Company in Cincinnati. Mr. McGrath offered a saving of \$300 on a furnace for the small school-house. The Board voted to send him a letter of thanks and appreciation.
7. Pfeife Smith announced Nancy DeCamp is Chairman of the Grounds Committee.
8. Ginnie Nevin gave report of Needs Committee. We have been given 2 desks, 2 filing cabinets, 2 typewriters (@\$5) and a rug. Nancy DeCamp will write letters of thanks.
Reported also on a College Insurance Plan worked out by Jaeger & Clegg. Mrs. Robert H. Chapman, who is personally interested in the plan, asked to send out letters to parents. The plan would insure tuition by means of monthly payments over the years. Board feeling: Our permission would constitute endorsement of this plan over other similar plans; we do not feel qualified to do this.
9. Pfeife reported that Meme Lewis is investigating scholarship possibilities.
10. Fritz reported that he has had speaking engagements at Kiwanis, Lions, Temple Israel. (Rave notices!) Quote Flagel: "Honored to teach at MARTI!"
11. Ginnie suggests that Marti circulars be spread through New Neighbors League.
Apart from money-making, we should all start thinking of an Annual Fair or other activity which would interest the whole school and also the public. The school has had an interested visitor from Yale University and expects one from Harvard also.

Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday, January 4th, at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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