

Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on November 18, 1941.

Those present were: Mrs. Garrett, Ann Mills, Theodora Boothby, Edith Stevens, Teressa Blumberg, and Lucile Bloch.

House Chairman Reports

I-Theodora Boothby discussed Woodley House. It is simplest here to summarize her replies to the questionnaire. Woodley house is cooperative, working together on all common problems and specific house duties. The house meetings are well attended except by Nancy Hirose and Phyllis Shields who often interrupt the meeting by activities in their living room suite.

The house as a whole is congenial in spite of perfectly natural group divisions. On the whole, however, it is satisfactory as a unit.

There is some trouble with the quiet hour. Geraldine Babcock and Louise Hutcheson seem to lead in disturbances but are otherwise good house members.

Room arrangement for the most part is satisfactory, though Theodora suggested that some step be taken in regard to Ruth Lescher (she rooms with Jane Burke who is dissatisfied), since her habits make her hard to live with.

As for drinking--there is some liquor kept in the rooms but there is no drinking to excess and the standards are not overlooked. The Freshmen are aware of the drinking but are not disturbed by it or affected in the wrong way. Theodora talked further about certain girls in the house but there seem to be no problems and no other information relevant here.

II--Edith Stevens discussed Franklin House. Franklin moves as a real unit with few divisions in the group. The Freshmen internixed well with the old girls and the house is a good social unit. However the house meetings are rather undernourished; there is a large number of Freshmen who still do not completely understand the college organization, and some lack of interest in the older girls.

The four girls in the house who are least co-operative are Rip Humphreys, Mary Lib Winner, Margaret Young and Joan Stockard, who don't seem to take their work at all seriously either. They have played most of the term and are just now beginning to be concerned about work.

Alice Leavitt has not been working either; her interests are outside the College and it is a question whether she will stay on here.

Jacqueline Köhler and Otis Kidwell have planned and spent their time foolishly, keep bad hours. But they have given up their "jobs" of soda jerking in the town and will probably become more integrated in the community.

Edith concluded by saying that there was absolutely no drinking in Franklin.

Application for Absence

In the past week applications for early leave and for late return have come to the Central Committee and have been discussed and settled outside of meeting. The Committee was at fault for not having posted a notice urging all applications to be in on a certain date. This will be done before the Christmas recess.

Natalie Barker--The decision reached on November 10 was reversed. Natalie had already planned her work with her instructors; her work was done and she felt it urgent that she go.

Eva Maria Hegemann--was excused at Doctor Hager's request on November 14 because she was ill.

Catharine Heermen--had to get to New York to meet her "camp children". She could not afford a train and the only ride available was with Marion Colt.

Carol Goldschmidt--was excused from an extral course to meet her Mother in New York to hunt for an apartment for winter period.

Helen Brauns--was excused so as to reach Chicago Wednesday morning, November 19. She was granted permission since she was missing only classes which she takes aside from her general program.

Rosalind Wilson--was excused an hour early since she must see the eye doctor in Boston and can only get down by accepting a ride offered.

Adelaide Ruben--was given permission to return late from Cleveland where she is announcing her engagement. Without extra travelling time she would have to forego her party.

Heather Rosenbaum--was given permission to return late from Philadelphia. She has a ride up on Monday morning the 24th; her family does not want her to take the late Sunday train; she would only miss a studio for which she always works at any time she chooses.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucile Bloch
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