

Minutes of Meeting of Music Division, Nov. 25, 1959

Mr. Nowak read a letter from Fort Lauderdale College regarding a Jazz Festival, inviting any interested students to join. It was agreed that there were no students here to participate in this.

Mr. Nowak announced that Lucienne Davidson had withdrawn her request for a tutorial.

He also announced that Mr. Fels had sent him the Ford Foundation bulletin regarding grants for opera works, etc. and said we should bear in mind projects for foundation assistance.

Mr. Boepple brought up the matter of the possibility of a fine arts building. He said the Drama-Dance Division had been approached by the administration to make a report on just what they would have in mind for such a building, and Mr. Boepple wondered why the Music Division as well had not been approached. It was unanimously agreed that thought should be given to just what the Music Division's idea would be for this. It was thought that the Music Division was not approached at this time because of the possibility of remodelling the carriage barn. However, the Division thought it should act promptly in making its wishes and suggestions known to the administration. Stress was laid on the fact that a building of this sort should have adequate facilities to hold any size orchestra or vocal group in a satisfactory way. A good architect could design an all-purpose building if adequate emphasis were placed on the various uses required of it. In the case of anyone wishing to make a gift of a building, the average potential donor would think only of theatre needs and not realize theatre facilities alone would not take care of the needs of a music hall.

At the request of the Division, Mr. Boepple said he would send a note to the President saying that the Division assumes that the next building to go up on the campus would probably be for fine arts, and it would like to get help from professionals as to just what kind of a building would best cover the needs of all the many musical activities which might take place. Mr. Brant said that the future developments in music would envisage a certain kind of hall, and it would be pleasant to think that ours might be the first in the country. Mr. Nowak said that within the next week or two the faculty-trustee committee is meeting, and an all-purpose fine arts building might be one of the items brought up.

Meeting adjourned.

Lionel Nowak, Secretary