

Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on November 25, 1941.

Those present were: Mrs. Garrett, Ann Mills, Margaret Brush, Nancy Hamill, Teressa Blumberg, and Lucile Bloch.

House Chairman Reports

Nancy Hamill discussed Dewey House.

The house is cooperative on the whole, though the girls are very independent. They are interested in house meetings but not avidly interested in community government. The drama students have trouble getting to the meetings and are late occasionally but attend when possible and ask about the meetings if they are absent.

There are groups in the house but none of these is unfriendly or exclusive. There are no problems of adjustment or personality.

Margaret Brush discussed Jennings House.

Jennings is ordinarily co-operative as a unit. Most of the girls attend house meetings, with the exception of the drama students. This group includes Freshman who most need information. People enter discussions and ask good questions. They are reasonably interested in community government.

There are no cliques and the different groups in the house mix well and have some social life together; (tea on Friday afternoons).

There is little cooperation in the house duties. Weekly check-ups have been started in the kitchenette.

There are no drinking problems now.

Helene Ferris seems to be getting better established though she does not seem perfectly straight forward in her behavior. It was noticed that she cut her last class before Thanksgiving.

Harriet Grannis is uncooperative in the house when she is there. She seldom attends meetings and is unusually disorderly.

Lucile Bloch discussed Kilpatrick House.

The house as a unit works well together; is extremely cooperative and quite interested in a joint social life.

House duties were neglected at the beginning of the year but this has for the most part been corrected.

Nearly all the girls attend the house meetings. The drama students occasionally are unable to come but get information later and participate in all other house events. The group is interested in meetings if they are not too long or too much concerned with community government for which they showed little interest.

There are three or four different groups of girls in the house but these overlap and intermix so that there are no distinct cliques.

The Freshmen seem well established with the exception of Betty Booth who has had difficulty in adjusting herself to Bennington; is nervous and unhappy. No solution has been found.

Application for Absence

Mary Isham--Mrs. Garrett granted Mary permission to leave her last class before Thanksgiving. This was done because Ann Whiteley and Mary Lib Winner were taking Mary and had to leave at noon to make connections. She had misunderstood the hour.

Helene Ferris and Dorothy Caplow--missed their last last classes without permission. This will be discussed when a full report has been made of all girls who did the same thing.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted