

Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on December 9, 1941.
Those present were: Mrs. Garrett, Ann Mills, Mariel
Cummings, Priscilla Sherman, Eleanor Metcalf, Ann
Whitely, Teresa Blumberg, and Lucile Bloch.

House Chairman Reports

Mariel Cummings discussed Canfield House.

The house meetings are well attended. The only person who does not attend is Olga Buloga who seems to lack interest. Olga gets along very well otherwise in and with the house. There is a very active interest in the house meetings and continual participation on the part of both Freshmen and upper classmen. It is not a cliquer house. Everyone is congenial and the group as a whole is particularly good.

There is general cooperation in house duties, though the kitchenette was a problem for a time.

The only trouble has been with Ellen Hart, however she seems to feel more a part of the house than she did at any time before. Marilyn Baker has friends and seems more relaxed--in better spirits. Sarah Lee Rudolph has less interest in the house than some others and is a trifle less cooperative.

Things have been disappearing again--food, coats, a sweater, a skirt, a house coat--Mariel spoke about the food in house meeting, but the other was not mentioned. These things have not been found. No solution was offered.

Priscilla Sherman discussed Stokes Sanford House.

Stokes Sanford is an ingoing group and is always together. The house meetings are very well attended and issues are discussed hotly. However the girls resent being bothered about details.

Most of the trouble in the house has been about carelessness in caring for the house. Priscilla has received a bill of ten dollars for damage to the bathroom doors. There is this real neglect and no one will admit her part in the damages.

Jane Meyerhoff and Yvonne Roy have recovered from the noise-making and maladjustment of the first year.

Nancy Martin and Theo Strong have not been working. They take a great many weekends and their house relations are not good. A great many people object to Nancy's dancing and she is aware of it. She seems very much on the defensive. The Committee wondered if something could be done to make her less conscious of a chip on her shoulder. The rest of the Freshman group is well adjusted.

Eleanor Matcalf discussed McCullough House.

The unit is excellent, without cliques, and with a good general intermixture. The house likes to play together and is not on the whole studious. There is a great deal of bridge playing in spare time. Laura Parker is in the bridge group. She is not as yet interested in college and seems to be the only real problem by reason of her not working.

House meetings are well attended, particularly by Freshmen and Sophomores who are extremely interested. Intelligent questions are asked about the community and its government though the older girls are bored sometimes. The general atmosphere is much improved over any Eleanor had felt before.

Rosalind Wilson is wonderfully well established in the house and with her room-mate, Joan Rosiner. She works adequately.

Druane Blackmore is completely immersed in her work and her intellect but she is beginning to come out into other interests.

Elizabeth Fattee is much more outgoing and happy and is better oriented socially.

The girls living in the apartment, Ann Franke and Elizabeth Herrington, are not close to the house; their friends are among the science majors about the campus. They are isolated but their behavior has been excellent.

Elinor Pino is not entirely with the house either, though she is good at small practical duties, and willing.

Audrey Schwenk is remarkably happy in the house and is very appreciative of the entire social relationship.

There is not ~~any~~ drinking at all. The only general house problem is that of noise, which goes on till late at night and is due principally to high spirits.

Ann Whitely Discusses Swan House.

The house seems to be model in every respect. It is not at all cliquer. The girls are extremely interested in house problems and really plunge into things and help. It is a friendly group. There are house teas on Thursdays and other group meetings. Each girl is willing to do her share in any way. The large cocktail party of the dance weekend was carried off beautifully with a large degree of cooperation.

Dorothy Caplow is the only person who worries Ann. She is not included in everything and seems lonely. Her work occupies much of her time but it is her only interest and she has no friends.

Judith Knapp is at Swan a great deal of the time. She has nothing in common with Jennings. The problem of the Jennings personnel was discussed. It was felt that some changes should be made to jolt up the general house status. Perhaps the girls returning from non-residence will be put in, or certain others who might help the tone.

Applications for early leave

Alice Brisbane and Phyllis Preston--asked to be excused a day early in order to make connections to South Carolina where they are to be bridesmaids for Pamela Tower. Permission granted--since the girls' work is good and since this is particularly important for them.

Grete Schuyler Haberman--asked to leave college December 19, missing two classes, to go to Boston where she must find her winter period apartment. This is her only chance. Permission granted--though the Committee felt she might have planned more carefully and so avoided this.

Shirley Hubbard--asked permission to leave college December 11 since she must stop in Minnesota for ten days to see a doctor. This request

was backed up by her family and by Dr. Rager. Permission granted.

Katrina Van Tassel--asked to be excused from her last class. She wanted to have that time to travel to New York where she will attend the annual concert her father sings in. Permission granted--for two reasons; on the basis of Katrina's work and the importance of this request to her.

Merion Miller--asked permission to leave college before her last conference. Since this conference can be held at another time this request was not necessary and can be sent to the Records Office. She automatically is granted permission.

Patricia Schaeffer--asked to leave college on December 14 for Montana. This would give her a little more time at home before she returns to New York on January 5. Permission granted--since she has been very careful in her work and has not left the campus this semester.

Sign-out Slip

Lucile Bloch said that she had noticed that the girls have been returning from dates at later and later hours. There has been an increasing number of girls who have stayed out all night. This will be checked carefully and handled through the house chairman.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucile Bloch
Secretary, Central Committee