

the fact that Woestemeyer moved and Stapleton seconded that we authorize his employment for two months for a total of \$300, and assure him every effort would be made to finance the 3rd month. The motion and second were withdrawn when the ensuing discussion revealed that we needed more accurate information as to whether his contract would cover 6 hrs. a day for 6 days a week, his responsibility for daytime practice sessions boys might feel necessary, the possibility that the brown-out regulations for wartime might make playing under lights impossible, the division of time between the children - who are the Council's chief concern - and adult players, etc. etc. etc. Also an accurate estimate of equipment inventory and probable purchases, or extra supervisory help to be employed, responsibility in case of accidents etc. etc.

There are questions involved which must be thought over carefully, since decisions made now will have far-reaching consequences. Mr. Houston is genuinely interested in the general summer program and in its eventual expansion to more adequate limits; he assured us that there was no wish to jeopardize any other part of the recreation program. I am afraid that the allocation of \$1200 of chest funds has resulted in over optimism as to the ease with which we may frame our budget for next summer, since \$2000 plus our carefully hoarded balance sounds like affluence. Leadership for playgrounds, if we can secure it at all, will come high, much higher than last summer. Unless "D. J." Cannady can arrange to return, the search for a trained director will be up-hill and costly. Maud Ellsworth's long-coveted downtown craft center project, which she hoped to start next summer by our providing one or two teachers for afternoon supervision as an experiment toward the realization of the larger goal, is one of the expansions we had hoped to get from our "margin". Joie Stapleton will be gone next summer so that, even if Red Cross continues to pay the head swimming instructor, our responsibility for the safety of the children will necessitate our employing more helpers by the hour. The cost of all our leaders will be greater, proved by the fact that Dr. Allen recommended at least \$1 an hour for the holiday gym supervisors. Will there be unpleasant repercussions if we pay our teachers who serve as our playground leaders \$100 for the six weeks, as we did last summer, when we pay another teacher \$150 a month or \$225 for the same six weeks, and give him additional income of \$450 as contrasted to \$100? Their actual supervision hours are fewer, but their preparation and planning hours are far greater.

I apologize for the lack of brevity, but our decisions in the next few weeks and months will be a measure of our usefulness to the community at large, and our excellent record of progress in Lawrence schools under present salary schedules is more than difficult, and our cooperation by giving summer employment to some of them whose retention in the system is highly desirable is one way of getting "the greatest good for the greatest number". Just how far we can go and with what degree of concentration on certain individuals, which activity should be expanded first and to what degree - - food for thought before next Tuesday's meeting and for all our meetings this spring. A full-time trained city recreation director, which we've asked for since 1940, should be employed, but we must function as a correlating body until he materializes.

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