

Albuquerque Youth Symphony
Board Meeting Minutes

May 25, 1960
7:30 p.m.

Music Department Office
University of New Mexico

Present: Gerschefski, Chairman
Frederick, LaPine, Stephenson, Turpen, Cleaveland, Kempter,
Rush, Anella, Anison.

Absent: Stein, Renfro

1. The minutes were read and approved.
2. The \$50.00 contributed to the Albuquerque Youth Symphony by the Junior League will remain in the Junior League treasury until such time as it is needed.
3. Mrs. LaPine reported on the success of the Albuquerque Youth Symphony's Junior and Senior High School assemblies in the course of the past school year. At this time there are no plans to enlarge on the assembly program; however, Dr. Stephenson suggested a trial concert could be given to 4-5-6th graders in an elementary school group area. Mr. Gerschefski suggests this could be done on a moderate scale working it into an educational program as something very special. It would supplement the Saturday Symphony Concerts and if this were done early in the fall it would give impetus to the entire program.
4. Messrs. Cleaveland, Kempter, and Rush reported on tryouts for the current Albuquerque Youth Symphony membership and for those students newly selected. None were dropped from the present orchestra, and of eight, four were selected to become members in string. Mr. Gerschefski will send congratulations as Chairman of the Board. Those students who were not selected were encouraged to study during the summer and try out again in the fall. It is the general consensus of opinion that Spring Auditions are worthwhile and that Saturday is the best day for them.
5. Mr. Cleaveland reported that nothing thus far has been done in reference to the Albuquerque Youth Symphony Patches. However, following the selection of new Albuquerque Youth Symphony officers in the fall the "patch" idea will be proposed.
6. Dr. Stephenson and Mr. Cleaveland reported on the picnic, which is sponsored by the Civic Symphony. Of the seventy students who said they would appear, forty were present. Dr. Turpen commented that socially this group is lacking. The probable cure would be a workshop retreat a few weeks before the beginning of school in the fall. The cost of the picnic was \$55.51, \$50.00 of which the Civic Symphony supplied, leaving a balance of \$5.51. The president of the Junior League will be approached to supply the sum of \$5.51 out of the \$50.00 they donated.

7. Mr. Gerschefski reported on the introductions of University of New Mexico and Public School officials at the May 8th concert of the Albuquerque Youth Symphony.
8. Dr. Turpen reported on the combined efforts of Mr. Renfro, Dr. Stein, and himself as the executive committee handling finance for the Albuquerque Youth Symphony. It was the feeling of the committee that a statement of purpose and policy was needed to tie in with the budget. Dr. Turpen read the constitution the committee had formulated. It was presented to Dr. Spain along with a history of the Youth Symphony and also to Mr. Popejoy; both subscribed to it. Dr. Turpen endorsed the new constitution, seconded by Dr. Stephenson.
9. Mr. Gerschefski thanked the Junior League for their interest in the Albuquerque Youth Symphony and for their representation at the meetings of the Board. He appointed Dr. Turpen chairman of the Board for the September 8 meeting, seconded by Dr. Stephenson.

Mrs. LaPine submitted a tentative calendar for 1960-61:

September 8 - Board Meeting
September 10 - Try outs - new members
 First rehearsal (?)
November 10 - Assemblies
November 13 - First Concert
December 17 - Concert for Grade School String
 Students and Parents.
January 19 - Assemblies
January 22 - Second Concert
January 27 - Southwest MENC
May 4 - Assemblies
May 7 - Third Concert
May 13 - Spring Picnic
May 20 - Spring Tryout

10. Discussion in reference to January 27, MENC night, followed as to the Albuquerque Youth Symphony's to be used in conjunction with a school chorus.
11. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 8, 1960 at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Department Office.