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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIVISIONAL RESPONSIBLE MEN AND THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

March 11, 1944

The regular meeting of the Divisional Responsible men and the Co-ordinating Committee of the Tule Lake Center was held on March 11, 1944, from 2:00 p.m., at 1608 - A. Chairman B. Akitsuki presided.

Attendance was recorded as shown per attached sheet.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Executive Secretary then reported on the activities of the Committee as follows:

1. March 13 through 18 will be observed as clean-up week. Divisional Responsible men's recommendation some time ago requesting the establishment of a clean-up crew to increase employment has materialized at last, since crew of workers will be employed under the Operations Division. Voluntary assistance of the block residents will be asked also to do the cleaning within and without their own quarters and blocks. Neatest block will be awarded a chicken dinner which will be enjoyed by the entire residents of that block.

2. Farm will begin operations soon. Tentative plans for the farm were read in details by the Executive Secretary.

3. New employment practice has been established in the Placement Office. Hereafter all work requests should not be submitted by names.

4. Project Director Best is due to return on the 18th of this month. Many matters are yet pending and awaiting for his return.

5. Normalcy of the center condition should, by no means, be interpreted as a true and complete one, as exemplified by the recent propaganda distribution and vandalism. Administration should be especially cautious not to take a complacent attitude. Because of the occurrence of some disturbances in the public school, Mr. Harkness and Dr. Gunderson were asked to be present at the Advisory Council meeting of the 10th. They expressed regrets of the possibility of losing teachers who no longer can endure such actions. Teachers will not be replaced. The Chair then appealed to the body assembled to cooperate in educating the children.

6. Zalan-kai was held on the night of March 8 with the stockade releasees. Releasees agreed to put out a statement clearing their position, immediately upon the release of the 14 internees recommended by the Committee, such as M. Kimura, Kobayashi, Naito, Yamanaka, Kozuma, Komiya, etc.

Reports of the various divisions were given as follows:

- Construction: Requested for 60 more carpenters about two weeks ago. 30 will commence work on Monday on the Block 78 plaster boards. About 120 carpenters will be needed to work in the new area.
- Coal Crew: Night coal crew will be discontinued. It is my earnest request, if possible, that the boys be given some other jobs.
- Clothing: Contrary to the ruling effective hitherto, I am happy to inform you that even if one person in the family works, hereafter, the entire members of the family are eligible for clothing allowances.

Property Control: 74 are working now.

Hog Farm: Slaugh- 13 from the Maintenance crew are working on the Hog Farm. There are 45 working there.

ter House:
Furniture Indus- Few orders to manufacture are received. If there are any requests for furnitures, submit your requisition to us.

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Garage: I understand that next week, one-half of the division will be moving into the new location.

Packing Shed, Maintenance, and Mess Management reported unchanged conditions.

Mr. R. Kondo of the Construction asked whether there were any provision to replace, repair, or indemnify tools owned by individual carpenters, in the event they are lost or damaged. Mr. Okamoto of the Furniture Factory explained, in details, the procedure by which eye glasses broken during work could be replaced. In brief, a foreman takes broken glasses to the hospital where Dr. Okamura, Optometrist, estimates the value and issues a certificate which must be taken to the Social Welfare.

Future policy of the Committee was discussed in deliberation, whether replacement of the body should be made again from the various divisions or from the blocks. Suggestion was made that various divisional representatives, as well as representatives selected from wards, should be made. Mr. Ninomiya suggested that a separate body from this organization, represented likewise by all divisions should be organized for the purpose of settling employment problems, complaints, etc. Upon suggestion raised to re-organize this divisional body, it was decided that Mr. Black or Mr. Robertson should be asked to attend one of the divisional body's meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Byron Akitsuki, Executive Secretary

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| Shigemi Ikemoto | 2916 - C | S. Muraoka | 1217 - A |
| Ben Ishida | 1616 - D | Yasutaro Kataura | 3918 - B |
| James Okamoto | 2214 - C | Richard Kondo | 2004 - B |
| James Nishida | 602 - C | Kumesaburo Kosaka | 1405 - B |
| Kelvin Mitani | 4402 - A | Hideo Sakuma | 3203 - D |
| Shigeru Fukushima | 3702 - AB | Tom Minami | 2018 - D |
| Shinji Saito | 1303 - A | T. Ikemoto | 2915 - D |
| Kunisuku Kawamoto | 4807 - A' | E. Yoshida | 4402 - E |
| M. Kojo | 5403 - A | | |
| M. Furuta | 4811 - A | <u>Committee:</u> | |
| Frank Kawai | 2905 - C | K. Okamoto | |
| Tatsuo Miyake | 4303 - D | B. Akitsuki | |
| Sport Watanura | 3704 - A | | |
| M. Minomiya | 7117 - A | | |