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MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING
OF THE COUNCILMEN AND BLK. MGRS.

August 26, 1943

The joint meeting of the Councilmen and Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the councilroom was called to order by Acting Chairman Shirasawa at 9:00 a.m., August 26, 1943.

Roll was called and the Councilmen of 304, 306, 318, 327, 328, and 330 and the Block Manager of 308 were absent.

The minutes of the shibai committee meeting of August 24 read by Jimmy Takashima; and in it was set forth three plans, one of which was recommended by the committee. The three choices to finance the shibai were:

1. Camouflage trust fund.
2. Canteen rebates.
3. Straight donations from only those who are willing.

It was explained that in order to charge admission, arrangements must be made to have collectors stationed, an area must be roped, and other disadvantages would be incurred. Rather than to limit the audience, the shibai department preferred to have everyone feel welcome to come.

Since the people's money, either directly or indirectly, will be utilized in any of the three choices, the third was recommended mainly for its fairness. Merits and demerits of the plans are as follows, respectively:

1. All the members of the work corp, Niseis including those who have no interest in shibais, and those who have left the center will be assessed.
2. Children, people who will be leaving the center, and persons who have no interest in shibais will be forced to contribute; and a great deal of bookkeeping will be involved.
3. Only those who like shobais and are willing to donate will contribute.

A decision was reached to hold block meetings next Monday, August 30, to submit to the people for their approval the recommendation, explaining in full the reasons for this choice. If the recommendation is approved, donations are to be solicited for the minimum amount of \$600 to cover three months.

Acting upon a suggestion to form a shibai board of seven--one chairman and two from each roku--to handle the money and other duties, the following were nominated:

Roku I: M. Hayakawa, 306: M. Osato, 305: and K. Mayeda, 307.
Roku II: B. Doi, 325: B. Nakagawa, 318: Tom Takahashi, 326.
Roku III: T. Nishi, 329: K. Karasawa, 322: T. Yamashita, 330.

The meeting was adjourned.

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3. A special committee was formed to study all plans possible and they after due deliberation have made the recommendation that solicitation of voluntary donations be the most feasible plan.

Explanation was given as to reasons why the Trust Fund and Community Enterprises dividend fund ideas were felt not feasible:

I. Trust Fund

Since the dividend from the Trust Fund are to be paid to the members of the Work Corps only, and the fund rightfully belongs and officially could only be expended upon the consent of these Work Corps members, the matter of setting aside a certain sum of the Work Corps' Trust Fund should be decided by them only. In other words all the residents do not have the authority to say how that fund should be used. It does not mean that the fund is not available, but due to technicality involved, it is not thought of being feasible under the circumstances.

II. Community Enterprises Dividend Fund

According to a rough estimate, there will be approximately \$7,500 coming in the forms of script dividends to the residents of Poston 3, these dividends being based upon the gross purchases made of which 10% has been declared as dividends to be paid to the residents. However, in order to conform to WRA regulations, only 25% of this 10% will be paid on September 15, 1943, to the residents. Since the Board of Trustees and the Cooperative Congress have declared that all profits to June 30, 1943, to be disbursed 100%, it is impossible to get any allocation from the Community Enterprises to that period.

However, if so instructed by the stockholders of the Community Enterprises that in the future a certain sum be allocated towards the maintenance of the Shibal Department, the officials of the Community Enterprises will do as desired by the shareholders.

Other minor reasons as to why it was felt that setting aside of dividends was not practical this time were:

- a. Residents who are going to Japan as repatriates and those to Tule Lake Relocation Center, attempt is being made to make a 100% distribution of such persons' dividends.
- b. Irrespective of whether those receiving dividends would be infants, those who care for shibais, or those who

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do not attend shibais, everyone entitled to a dividend would be assessed. This was thought to be unfair in many respects. It would be better to pay such dividends out to the recipients and those who desire to maintain the shibais, make a voluntary donation.

Mr. T. Nakashima, Chairman of the Shibai Department was called into the meeting to get an idea of the minimum number of members he would need on his cast and the funds needed to maintain his department:

There are seven persons allowed on the quota of the WRA payroll. Besides these seven $9\frac{1}{2}$ persons are needed as a minimum. At least \$50.00 per month is requested to cover costs of costumes rented from Unit 1 and other incidental expenses such as powder, paints, etc.

Two proposals were made on how matter should be presented to the residents at the block meetings:

- I. Recommendation from the Council and Block Managers was that voluntary donations be sanctioned by the residents towards the maintenance of the Shibai Department, but also the Trust Fund and Community Enterprises plan to be presented as well giving all necessary details. Let the residents make the decision as to which of the three plans they wished to take.
- II. The Council and Block Managers after due deliberation have decided that the most practical and fair method is to raise funds by voluntary donations of the residents, but other two plans of Trust and Community Enterprises be explained in detail as to why such plans could not be actually used at this time. Derive the consent of the residents to the solicitation of voluntary donations.

Vote was called on the above two proposals:

Proposal #1----10 in favor of it

Proposal #2----11 in favor of it

Proposal #2 will be the method by which the Councilmen and Block Managers are to present the case to the residents.

In the discussion of ways and means of raising funds and how much is necessary to maintain Shibai Department on a monthly basis, the following was brought out:

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Mr. Nakashima stated that 9½ persons will be needed in addition to the 7 already on the WRA payroll, but 2 members will be employed on the Block 310-block manager's staff and work for Shibai on voluntary basis, thus eliminating 2 more persons.

It is estimated that 7½ persons with \$16 and \$3.50 clothing allowances as well as \$50 per month for expenses, would mean the necessity of raising \$200.00 per month. Donations will be requested to be made for a period of at least three months.

Block meetings to be held on one of the five evenings of August 26, 27, 28, and 29, 30.

Chairman Jimmy Takashima of the Community Council requested at the same time the proposal that a sound projector costing approximately \$500.00 to be purchased for poston 3 use showing more than one film per week. Estimated cost of use of film per showing would be \$15 which is proposed to be raised by charging 5¢ admission per person. It was felt that these extra movies would be of great help in occupying the leisure time of the young people as well as source of recreation to the residents as a whole. This proposal to be presented to the residents to derive opinions whether such is wished here.

Recommendations for members to serve on the Shibai Board whose duties are to conduct the management and take care of the financial duties of the Shibai Department:

Roku 1--Masashi Hayakawa, Kanjiro Mayeda, Mr. Osata, Block 305

Roku 2--Ben Doi, Block 325; Mack Kadotani, Block 317; Ben Nakagawa, Block 318; and Tom Takahashi, Block 326, S. Shira-sawa

Roku 3--T. Nishi, Block 329; K. Karasawa, Block 322; Mr. Yamashita, Block 330

Members of the Board would be responsible to the Community Council to make periodic reports and accounting of the finances of the Shibai Department.

The meeting was then adjourned by Chairman S. Shirasawa.

~~1~~ BLOCK MANAGERS
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MINUTES OF THE BLK. MGRS MEETING

Aug. 31, 1943

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 316 Recreation hall, was called to order by Chairman Dale Okazaki at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 31, 1943.

Rool was called and the Block Managers of 306 and 327, and the secretary of 318 were absent.

The new secretary of 307, Mrs. Toshiko Tanaka, was introduced.

The following were announced by the Chairman:

1. The Agriculture Department has asked for one tractor driver to plow the block gardens.
2. Any person who went to Japan after the age of six is on the stop list. According to Mr. Zimmerman, this may be incorrect; and therefore, he is wiring to Washington for clarification.
3. Due to the segregation, it is not definite yet whether or not ten percent of the staffs are to be reduced this month.
4. Families with children under two years of age are automatically eligible for hot-plates.

Storing hot-plates in the Supply Room was discussed and the managers unanimously opposed the plan and recommended that they be allowed to store the equipments in their respective offices. Reasons given were that there is bound to be damages and losses through handling and in which case there would be no one to be responsible.

Mr. Hamamoto of the Red Cross entered the meeting and reported on the attendance of workers from each block for the swimming pool, and he estimated that the pool will be completed in two weeks. The Managers are to thank the residents for the cooperation thus far.

The meeting was adjourned.

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MEETING

September 4, 1943

A special meeting of the Block managers of Poston 3, held in the 306 mess hall, was called to order by Chairman Dale Okazaki at 2:00 p.m., September 4, 1943

The roll was called and all the Block Managers except of blocks 305, 307, and 327; Gerald Wumino; and the Work Committee were present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss placement of employees released from the block staffs to conform with the recently issued quota and the agreement made with Mr. Rupkey concerning cement.

Mr. Hamamoto explained that approximately five hundred sacks of cement are needed to complete the swimming pool, and Mr. Rupkey has offered to supply the cement if thirty-five men from Unit 3 will work in his division to construct four or five irrigation gates between Units 1 and 2. Arrangements were also made with Mr. Uyeda in order that upon completion of the gates the men will be assured of jobs in the Construction Department.

Mr. George Ikuta suggested that the workers be released uniformly in all blocks on the same day. The date for the releases was set for September 8, and the names are to be submitted to the Supervisor at the next Block Managers' meeting, Tuesday, September 7.

It was further decided that the very aged or persons who do not wish to transfer to these jobs will be allowed to remain in the block staff until September 30.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Minutes of the
Block Managers Meeting
September 14, 1943

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 329 Recreation Hall, was called to order by Chairman Dale Okazaki at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 14, 1943.

The following announcements were made by the Chairman:

1. Wednesday will start and finish crating segregants freight.
2. More excellior for cooler available. Contact Community Enterprise if needed.

The Chairman reported that Mr. George Ikuta was not able to help him out as the assistant; also reported that he had contacted Mr. Jay Nishida to help out but was also refused because of a good reason. Mr. Jay Nishida suggested that the Supervisor ask Mr. Ben Nakagawa of block 318. The block managers felt that Mr. Nakagawa was a good man to have as the assistant supervisor.

It was left up to the supervisor to contact Mr. Nakagawa.

Mr. Hamamoto of the Red Cross was given the floor. He reported on the progress of the Poston Square Garden.

Blk. Mgrs: You should see the engineering department and see if the cannal will come into Unit 3 and is so, have it speeded up. If they get the cannal through, I believe there can be more work for our resident.

Chairman: It was my understanding at first that the cannal will come into this camp but lately, I have not heard anything about it. I will contact Mr. Wumino and see what their plans are.

Blk. Mgrs: Where is our ice? If they have requisitioned for 75 lbs. a day for us, I don't see why it isn't delivered to our office.

Chairman: If the ice is not delivered, there must be some reason. Often times, the ice does not come in to Parker on schedule and we have to go without it.

Blk. Mgrs: When is the lenoleum going to be delivered?

Chairman: The lenoleum will be delivered as soon as it comes in to this camp. If not delivered, you know that there is none in this camp.

Blk. Mgrs: I heard that Camp I have finished laying lenoleum.

Chairman: I don't know about that.

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Blk. Mgrs: We would like to know who is going to get \$19.00 pay.

Chairman: I don't know yet, who is going to get \$19.00 and who isn't. I haven't heard yet mayself but I'll try and find out for you.

The block managers felt that the releasing of Block 310 custodian was unfair. They unanimously voice that there is no sufficient reason for releasing her and they felt that she should be retained in the 310 block office.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the
Block Managers Meeting
September 21, 1943

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 329 Recreation Hall, was called to order by Chairman Dale Okazaki at 9:00 a. m., Tuesday, September 21, 1943.

Chairman: I went to see Mr. Nakagawa to see if he would help out as my assistant but he has already taken the job as the head of the Red Cross.

Linoleum laying in Camp I is not completed. Mr. Wumino told me this morning that a carload of linoleum is expected in sometime next week.

Canal to Camp III is to be dug but how soon we don't know. The engineers are working on the 160 acres for Camp III agriculture department now.

Blk. Mgrs: To speed up the work on the canal, I believe the Block Managers and the Council should do something about speeding up the work. Send a memorandum to engineer dept. and ask them to speed up the work.

Blk. Mgr: What has been done about the 310 custodian.

Chairman: I saw Mr. Wumino on this matter. Since the 310 block is to be recognized it will come under my jurisdiction. If the former custodian is capable of handling the job, she could continue but since the block has not been kept up, Mr. Wumino and Mr. Burge feels that she is incapable.

Blk. Mgr: It was our understanding that they were going to hire two more and not fire one and hire two.

Blk. Mgrs: We are not getting anywhere on this matter. I suggest that you appoint a committee of three to see Mr. Wumino and get the full information.

Chairman: That is a good idea. I have done all I can to explain. I will appoint Messer. Yamane, Nishi and Harada. I will make arrangement so then you can meet Mr. Wumino at 1:30 this afternoon.

Blk. Mgrs: I want to know why they are selling soap in Camp I and none here. Will you check up and find out?

Chairman: I will check up on it as soon as I get back.

Mr. Shirasawa: I took the shibai donations names to the Council to have them type out 20 copies so that all the blocks can have a copy but was turned down. The committee feel that every block should have one and I would like to ask each block secretaries to type out 20 copies of their own block donation list.

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Blk. Mgrs: I would like to ask the cooperation of the Block Managers to ask the young resident of your block to refrain from interrupting meetings and socials held in my block.

Blk. Mgrs: The last issue of the G. I. soap was divided equally among 16 blocks and not according to population. Like our block with more residents than the other block, will be unfair.

Chairman: I understood that it was the last issue of the G. I. soap. If there is anymore to be distributed, I will ask the supply department to issue it according to residents in the block.

Mr. Shirasawa reported on the volunteer worker attendance at the Poston Square Garden. Mr. Nishi suggested that the Block Managers get more volunteers to finish the swimming pool before the kibe, who is working so hard to finish the pool, leave for Tule Lake.

It was agreed by the Block Managers to try and send more volunteers so that the pool may be completed as soon as possible.

Chairman introduced Mr. Dick Tanino, 310 Block Manager.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the
Block Manager Meeting
October 4, 1943

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 306 Recreation Hall, was called to order by Chairman Dale Okazaki at 9:00 a. m., Tuesday, October 4, 1943.

The following announcements were made by the Chairman:

1. Kitchen workers medical examination has started yesterday. Until further notice, supper time will be 5:00 p, m.

Noon meal during the segregation time, originally set for 11:00 a. m. was just for yesterday. All mess hall will serve noon meal at our regular time, 12:15.

2. The power and water will be turned off tomorrow between the hours of 8:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.

Chairman: In regards to the question brought up at the last meeting of soap being sold in Camp 1, I called up the C. E. Office about it. They informed me that there wasn't any large stock. They found a few cases in the warehouse and distributed it to the canteen. I informed them that if they find anymore stray soaps, to hold on to it until there is enough to supply three camps.

Chairman: The Committee of three went to see Mr. Wumino about the 310 custodian. May I ask Mr. Yamane to make a report on it.

Yamane 309: Mr. Wumino informed us that there is a lot work that cannot be handled by a woman. I talked to Mrs. Hara but she said that she would not go back in even if she had a chance.

Blk. Mgr: How many will be on the staff at 310?

Chairman: As you know you all had to cut your staff down to seven at end of 1st month. At that time I got in contact with Mr. Burge and asked him if we can keep five in 310. He told me to make out the duties and function of each member of the staff and after looking it over and he feels that five are needed, we will be able to keep five in the 310 staff.

Blk. Mgr: The tabulation on the population put out by the housing department is off. I called up Camp 1 stewards office and told them to get the population from the Block Manager Supervisor Office. They told me that it doesn't make any difference where they get the up to date tabulation. I suggest that you send a memo to stewards office in Camp 1 to the effect that they get the population from your office.

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Chairman: I have noticed that there is quite a lot of mistake in population sent out by the housing. I would like to ask each block secretaries to make out an up to date census. We are making a card out for each family. I believe that if the new census is turned in, we can supply the stewards office with the weekly population.

Blk. Mgr: By going by the housing department population, we were short of seven chickens. You should make arrangement whereby you can furnish the stewards office with an accurate population weekly.

Blk. Mgr: The linoleum delivered in the early part of the year are stuck together. I wonder if there is any on hand for exchange.

Blk. Mgr: Before you go exchanging, we would like to get linoleum into Roku 1 first.

Chairman: I will see the construction department about exchanging that is after Roku 1 is delivered.

Blk. Mgr: At the farewell program for the segregants, there were a lot of paper cups wasted. We would like to get some paper cups for our office too.

Chairman: I will send a memo to supply departments in regards to that.

Blk. Mgr: In regards to the volunteer help, different department are asking us to get, I am having a hard time getting volunteers. When I ask my residents to help and they say that they don't want to go. I tell them the work is not voluntary, that his time will go in to the department he is working for but still they don't like the idea. May I ask how the other blocks are making out?

Blk. Mgr: Why do they always come to us to get volunteer?

Chairman: About this volunteer work for the school, Miss Cushman called me up and came to see me about it. I explained to her that it is hard for the Block Managers to ask for volunteers every time. I suggested to her to contact the P.T.A. Council of each block and together with the Block Managers, ask the resident. She told me that the P.T.A. Council is not well organized yet.

Blk. Mgr: Instead of asking the Block Managers to get volunteers, will you suggest to Mr. Burge or Mr. Wumino, to get workers from the different departments. It isn't that we don't want to help but asking for volunteers every time is getting impossible. I think it is easier for each department to ask their employee to go.

Blk. Mgr: The plumber and the boiler man of the maintenance department is getting very inefficient. I have a plugged up bowl and sent in a work requisition to maintenance but nobody came out to fix it. The only one that is working hard in the department is the Electrician. Will you send memo to the maintenance department and ask them for more cooperation.

Blk. Mgr: There was no mail delivered on Saturday. Postal department told me that they didn't have a truck and there was very few mail. I think the Post Office should have the priority on the truck and no matter how small the incoming mail, it should be delivered.

Chairman: I will send a memorandum to the Post Office in regards to that.

Chairman: introduced Mrs. Grace Takeguchi, 330 secretary and Miss Mitsuko Sakai, 325 secretary.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the
Block Managers Meeting
October 11, 1943

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 306 Recreation Hall, was called to order by Chairman Dale Okazaki at 9:00 a. m., Tuesday, October 11, 1943.

The following announcements were made by the Chairman:

1. Those blocks who have not turned in your census, please do so right away.
2. All the blocks have not turned in the list of family that needs soap.
3. Have all the residents check up on their heating stove. If the stove is out of order or need any repair work, please report it to the maintenance.

Chairman: Mr. Higashi is here to give us a report on the progress of the pool.

Higashi: The pool is progressing rapidly. I believe, due to this segregation, the people have not been showing up regularly. Have you any suggestion to get the volunteers to report and work when they are called?

Blk. Mgr: How soon will the pool be finished?

Higashi: The pool will be completed very shortly but the stage, wading pool and dance pavillion will take quite some-time.

Blk. Mgr. It is getting harder to get men to volunteer as the time goes on. There seem to be a lot of departments telling their employee that they don't have to go. I believe that is one of the reason that you are not getting a very good showing.

Chairman: I would suggest that you contact different department head and encourage them to send their employee when their turn comes.

Higashi: I will do that.

Chairman: I'd like to ask all of you to give all the cooperation in order to complete this project.

Chairman: Mr. Uota of the Agriculture Dept. is here to discuss some problem with us.

Uota: First of all, I would like to know if you want to re-hire the tractor driver that was working for you. As

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you know, he was released a few days ago because of school.

Blk. Mgr. We should rehire him immediately.

Uota: I see that you are all in favor of rehiring him, so I will go ahead and make arrangement for rehiring him. I have another problem I want to bring up to you. As you know, we are very short of insecticide. There has been complaint to the effect that some blocks are getting more than others. Have you any suggestion to the way of distribution.

Blk. Mgr. It isn't fair to have equal distribution. Some blocks may have more space planted than the others. It should be divided according to plots, planted.

Blk. Mgr. Even if we get equal distribution, we wouldn't be getting enough. I think it should be distributed equally.

Uota: It will be much easier for us if we distributed equally. I will let you know when it will be distributed. About the fertilizer, it will be impossible to give you fertilizer but I will make arrangement so that the tractor and trailer will be available to you to go after leaf mold.

Blk. Mgr. I suggest that you make a lower solid rack so that the leaf mold can be shoveled in from all side. As it is now with the high rack, only place that we can shovel in, is from the back.

Uota: If we can get some lumber, I'll have a new rack made.

Blk. Mgr: When are we going to get our clot ing allowance?

Chairman: That, I wouldn't know. I think the Welfare Department has already sent it in to Los Angeles. I believe it is being held up in Los Angeles.

Blk. Mgr: Subsistance truck is going through our block. It was my understanding that the only truck has any right to go through the block is the fire truck and the ambulance.

Chairman: I will report this to the Police Department so that they can caution the driver.

Blk. Mgr: Mail was not delivered again on Saturday. The Post

Office told me that they had the mail segregated but was not able to get a truck to deliver it. I found out that there were truck in the pool but all the driver, including Mr. Nakamura went to the game in another camp. It was the responsibility of Mr. Nakamura for the mail not being delivered. If Charlie can't run the transportation, it's about time that a little change is made.

Chairman: In regards to the mail delivery, Mr. Burge talked to me about this morning. Last week the Postmaster asked our cooperation in obtaining a truck for the Post Office. With the holidays nearing, Post Office work will be doubled and tripled and if there was no truck assigned to them at all time, they will have little trouble in delivery. I sent a memorandum to the Council to work on this matter too.

Blk. Mgr: I have gathered up the check for cashing but since they are going to come around to cash the checks, do you think that I should hold on to it till then?

Chairman: In regards to cashing checks, I believe the last time they cashed was in Roku 2 so this time it will start from Roku 3. It will be three weeks before Roku 2 checks will be cashed so I suggest that you take in what you have collected to the C. E. Office.

Blk. Mgr: Personal Mess is only feeding 25 to 30 person and they have eight employees.

Chairman: Personal Mess is none of our business. The person eating there are paying a good price for their meal and therefore I don't think that we should bother with how many employee they have and so forth and so on.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the
Block Managers Meeting
October 19, 1943

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 306 Recreation Hall, was called to order by Chairman Dale Okazaki at 9:00 a. m., Tuesday, October 19, 1943.

Chairman: Mr. Wumino has some very important problem to bring up.

Wumino: Anderson will not distribute the Master Pave until a survey is taken of all apartments that need linoleum. Will you please have this ready for Dale to pick up this afternoon. As soon as the survey is in, a linoleum crew will be formed and start working on it right away.

Experiments on putting up wallpaper is being done at 310-2-B. On your way home, will you please take a look at it. I want to know how you want this done.

Blk. Mgr: Have a crew formed from the construction.

Blk. Mgr: It may take a long time if we waited for a crew to come in. I think it is best to leave it up to the block. If you have the material in camp, have it distributed right away.

Wumino: I'll have it distributed out to the blocks and will leave it up to each Block Managers to see that it is put up. The paper will be tacked up.

Blk. Mgr: When are we going to get chimney for our kitchen stove?

Wumino: I will check up the warehouse and see.

Blk. Mgr: It is getting cold for the childrens at the nursery school. Will you see that they get it first.

Wumino: I have already ordered the kerosene. I don't know how soon the delivery will be made on it. I heard that there was a carload in Parker. After checking it up, we found about 100 gallon. I will check up on the order as soon as I get back.

Blk. Mgr: Will we be running short on fuel oil this year?

Wumino: Regardless of whether we need it or not, I am going to keep ordering it.

Dr. Togasaki told me that Dr. Kasuga, a T.B. specialist, is leaving the camp. Before he goes, I'd like to have him give a lecture to all persons interested in T.B. Would it be alright to ask him down here for Wednesday night, 8:00 at 310 Mess Hall? I will notify you through Dale, if there is any change.

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Blk. Mgr: We are furtherest away from the hospital and we need better care here!

Wumino: The car that was donated to the clinic was taken back by the owner and now the only thing we have left is an old Chevy truck.
I talk to Mr. Burge about it last Saturday. He told me that he will take care of it Monday. Transportation for the Clinic use, will be taken care of.

Wumino: We are not getting full support for the Poston Square Garden. We are putting the finishing touch on it and would like to get a better cooperation and get it completed. Have you any good suggestion? Mr. Higashi suggested that we ask one whole block to volunteer every day.

Blk. Mgr: It isn't our fault that the volunteer don't show up. Department heads tell them that they don't have to go.

Hayakawa: Instead of asking for three volunteers daily, I would like to get one volunteer daily that we can depend on.

Blk. Mgr: I think it is a good idea and if there is a block who do not send a representative, these blocks should be fined.

Hayakawa: From tomorrow, just send one volunteer. Don't ask the person who will ask for excuse.

I would like to have you announce to your resident to refrain from going to the pool at night. There is a possibility of an accident.

When we get started on the dance pavillion it will not take long.

Shibai stage will not take long to finish after we get started on it.

Wumino: Please go easy on the use of electrical appliances until the switch is fixed.

Chairman: Mr. Burge asked me to tell you to have one member of your staff, remain in your office on Saturday afternoon, to receive the mail. No matter how late, at least one delivery will be made.

When you make out the inventory, keep it in you office. A man from the Supply Department will be around tomorrow to go over the inventory with you.

Camp 1 Stewards Office asked me to furnish them with this camps population. In order to furnish this, I will have to ask each block to turn in their population every week on Thursday. I receive the record of the person leaving on an indefinite and seasonal but I don't get

the name of person returning from the seasonal. Will you please list all persons returning from seasonal every week.

Complaints from Block Managers:

1. Horses are eating the vegetable. Please see that something is done.
2. Subsistance truck still driving through the block.
3. If the construction is not able to repair the leaky Mess Hall roof, we would like to get the roofing paper and tar so that we can fix it ourselves.
4. Clothing allowance check has not arrived yet?
5. Who is going to get \$19.00 and who is going to get \$16.00??
6. When will we get the hose that we loaned to the Poston Square Garden, back?

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the
Block Managers Meeting
November 2, 1943

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 316 Recreation Hall, was called to order by Chairman Dale Okazaki at 9:30 a.m., November 2, 1943.

Roll was called and the Block Managers of 306 and 316 and the secretaries of 305, 307, 326, and 327 were absent.

Announcements were made by the Chairman:

1. Some of the blocks have not been making weekly population reports; please turn them in.
2. A few iron cots are available, and they are to be distributed only to the old-aged, the sick, and the pregnant mothers.
3. Through the efforts of Mr. Ichiro Okada one Parker warehouse worker was employed.

Mr. Wumino announced that Messrs. Head, Burge, and Popkins have okayed wall papering the apartments. It is understood that the block carpenters are to do the job and that it is not to be done individually. Seventy-two rolls were estimated to be sufficient for one block, and this paper is to be used to line the walls only.

A question was brought up by one of the Block Managers of what to do with the papers not used in the apartments which are already lined. Mr. Burge felt that it would be better if the Block Managers do not take the papers for those apartments with the understanding that no paper was put in that apartment; and when the persons leave, the project will be called upon to put them in. In that way the Block Managers will not be responsible. Mr. Wumino added that there will be only seven pounds of tacks for each apartment. When asked how soon they will be delivered, Mr. Burge answered that as soon as the figures are turned in by all the blocks.

The color of the paper, pink or gray, is to be decided by the persons living in the apartment. The paper was bought by the Army to line the apartment walls; and if it is not wanted, it does not have to be put in. In general the Block Managers are to have them put in all the apartments without linings, according to Mr. Burge.

Complaints:

1. When will Roku 1 have their floors covered?

Mr. Wumino: The linoleum for Roku 1 will be in any time.

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2. The mess halls need elbows.

A requisition was placed for six stoves, but since they are difficult to get, Mr. Wumino's suggestion was to have them made of tin cans by the Maintenance.

3. Mr. Wumino: The agreement at the last meeting was to send one volunteer worker from each block to the swimming pool project and that the Construction and mess hall workers will not be drafted. The required number has not been showing up; and therefore, the Block Managers were urged to fill their quota if possible.

4. What is the Construction Department doing about the mess hall roofs?

They have been checking them, but there are only two men on the crew and the rounds cannot be made very quickly.

Mr. Burge commended the Block Managers on how smoothly the unit has been run during the last three months of his absence and said he intends to appear at the Block Managers' meeting more often hereafter... He believed that during the next two months, between now and the first of the year, when this project comes under the full control of the WRA, there may be some changes in the personnel... He has driven around Poston 3 quite a bit lately and several times with Mr. Head who has commented on its upkeep. He personally felt that it should be looking a little better: the trash outside the blocks, and around the sewage plant and west of blocks 307 and 308 which isn't too good partly because it is not level. It will be level, however, when the engineers have the ditches running into Unit 3... The ditches will not run through the blocks as it does in the other two units, but it will go into the fire breaks if it is needed there... The school is going well and the moral is fine. He urged the Managers to help in school matters whenever called upon and to attend the P. T. A. meetings, which are quite important, if they have children... Regarding the electrical appliances, he felt quite certain they will be picked up from the blocks.

The Block Manager of 325 asked whether Poston had more or less transportation than the other centers. Mr. Burge replied that we have more because of the three camps.

The Manager of 307 asked if Unit 3 has been given another hospital

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bus. Mr. Burge's answer was that the matter was taken up yesterday with Mr. Haverland. Because the people have abused hospital equipments in the past, it will be harder to get.

Mr. Wumino suggested that Mr. Evans' car which is not equipped for fire be used temporarily by the hospital.

Mr. Wumino stated that Mr. Burge is in favor of the Christmas Bazaar, and in the conversation with Mr. Takashima it was felt the best thing to do is to get everyone interested.

Mr. Nishi asked about the camouflage distribution. The Chairman is to check with the Council.

Mr. Wumino suggested to Mr. Shirasawa to have the canteens open at least twice a week in the evenings to accommodate the working group.

Mr. Okada asked for tar paper to patch the holes in the barracks.

The new Block Managers, Mr. T. Suzuki of 328 and Mr. Yoshida of 323, were introduced.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the
Block Managers' Meeting
November 9, 1943

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 316 block office, was called to order by Chairman Dale Okazaki at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 9, 1943.

Roll was called, and the Block Managers of 305, 306, and 308, and the secretaries of 305, 307, 308, 326, and 327 were absent.

Announcements by the Chairman:

1. Regarding the Camouflage trust fund, the checks have been made, according to Mr. Takashima; but those who were to sign them have gone to work at Tule Lake Center. The checks have been sent to Tule Lake for their signatures and should be here any day.
2. The requisition for wall paper has been made and was sent to Unit 1 for Mr. Anderson's signature.

It was reported that there are twenty-five barrels of two hundred pound bulk soap in the canteen. The Chairman asked the Block Managers if they were willing to sell the soap in their block offices; the answer was unanimously positive. The soap is to be weighed and put in three pound bags by the canteen, and they are to be sold per capita.

For the benefit of the managers who were not present the Chairman explained briefly the results of the bazaar meeting: It was decided by the various division heads to have Mr. Shirasawa chairman of the bazaar. The tentative date was set for the 3d, 4th, and 5th of December, and block 310 was chosen for the site of the bazaar.

A suggestion was made by Mr. Nishi of 329 to have the 325 bell ring the correct time each evening at nine. No definite decision was reached on this matter.

The Chairman was asked to check the rumor that the blocks in Unit 2 were given fertilizer from the Agriculture Department.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the
Block Managers' Meeting
November 16, 1943

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 316 block office, was called to order by Acting Chairman S. Shirasawa at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 16, 1943.

Roll was called and all were present with the exception of the Block Managers of 306, 307, and 308, and the secretaries of 305, 322, 326, and 327.

Mr. Shirasawa reported on the bazaar and its progress. The bazaar is to be located at block 310, and all the vacant "D" apartments are to be used for booths and concessions, thus scattering the crowd and avoiding the congestion which prevailed last year. The Community Enterprise merchandise will be sold in the 305 and 309 Rec Halls; the council room is to be the coffee and doughnut shop; and the pre-schoolroom is to be used to display vegetables grown in the blocks. On two mornings there are to be baseball games, Messrs. Fujita, Hanada, and Mimura taking charge. Toys are very scarce; and therefore, the major part of the fund is to be raised by selling food--aside from popcorn, potato chips, cakes, and doughnuts, from chow mein, chicken noodles, and tendons.

The chairman read the following list of committees which is yet subject to change:

Honorary Chairmen	Burge, Head
Advisor	Wumino
General Manager	Hayakawa
Co-chairman	George Ikuta, Ben Nakagawa
Treasurer	Kimura
Finance	Takashima, Imai
Chief Auditor	Nishi
Head Cashier	Yoshida
Assistant Cashiers	Mimura, Karasawa
Supply	Mimura
Transportation	Nakamura, Omachi, Doi
Construction	Uyeda
Maintenance	Wadamoto
General Steward	Yoshimine
Food Supervisor	Takahashi
Caucasions	Mrs. Burge, Miss Grube
Publicity	Ikemura, Ikemoto
Red Cross	Nagano
Entertainment	Nakashima, John Mitsuoka
Dance	Community Activities, Delta Sigma Chi
Arrangement	Fujimoto, Yamane, Shimizu, Matoi, Shintani, Yamakawa
Construction of booths	Sunahara, Katano
Decoration	Harada, Yasuda

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Shibai	Nishida, Nakashima
Program	Doi, Ikuta, Mmes. Ohye, Inouye, Shimizu
P. A.	Okazaki, Masukawa
Signs	Yamane
Raffle	Otani, Okabe, Nishi
Bingo	Jike
Outside Relocation	Wumino
Donations	
Clean-up	All Blocks

In order to aid interned fathers with sons in the armed forces granted rehearings, the Welfare Division is gathering informations for the Department of Justice in Washington, Miss Grube explained. Special forms were passed out, and instructions for filling them were given.

Mr. George Ikuta announced that the following departments have consented to sponsor booths: Red Cross, Adult Education, P. T. A., Community Enterprise, Welfare, Employment, Boys Scouts, and the Administration. The canteens will be closed during the three days; however, necessities will be sold at the bazaar to accommodate the people.

The problem of handling cash was discussed. It was suggested that the block secretaries and assistants be cashiers for each booth and that receipts should be issued in order to make checking more accurate. Another suggestion was to have each department head responsible for his own booth. The matter was left for the finance committee to discover some means.

The meeting was adjourned.

Joint Meeting of Block
Managers, Councilmen, and
Manpower Commission

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Meeting of Block managers, Councilmen, and the Manpower Commission of Unit 3 held on November 19, 1943 at R.H. 306 was called to order by K. J. Takashima. Roll Call: All present with the exception of Blocks 305, 317, and 325 who attended the meeting in Camp 1 and majority of Manpower commission were present.

Before we go into the Manpower meeting for which we called this meeting, I would like to have Mr. Evans, the fire chief, give us a few things on the prevention and control of fires and also a systematic working of the block residents in the event a fire occurs. I know that in Camp 1 when the fire broke out, a lot of people just stood around and got in the way instead of being of help.

Mr. Evans: So far as the volunteer crew is concerned working at the fire, it isn't feasible but the volunteer crew could be a big help to the fire department and with the police department if they could organize and train in case of fire and act as fire guard and give the firemen lots of room. We haven't enough police to control the traffic and people and if we organize a volunteer crew, the important thing is fire-line control and to keep the crowd away from the fire. We can't take care of the fire and the crowds both. The fire alarm system if prodded along, will be installed soon. This will consist of a private line to Camps 1 and 2 and we won't have to contact the operator first. The other, I'm not sure where they will be located, but plans are being set up, and as soon as materials are obtained, they will go to work.

Untrained men who go into the barrack or building to save property are of more harm as they are not trained. If you want to organize a volunteer crew within each block, it would be an immense help to us in every way possible and help in such an emergency. I will be willing to give training along that line for them to act as fire-line guard with the Police dept. The best thing we can do is to get at least eight men or more in each block and have them come out at least once a week for instruction and I will give them emergency instruction so that they will know exactly what to do in case of fire. After we get them trained as traffic

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guards and if they are interested, then we can give them training in salvaging property from a rec. hall or mess hall. After that, I cannot tell what plan we will follow.

One more thought--be careful of the charcoal and oil stoves. We don't know what started the fire in Camp 1, but all we can do is surmise and guess.

Chairman: The purpose of this meeting is to find out the opinion of the block managers regarding the setting up of a manpower commission within the blocks. Much discussion was held on this matter. Mr. Yoshimine suggested that a committee consisting of two block managers from a Roku be selected to study the future plans for the organization of such a commission to cooperate with the Manpower commission of Unit 3 under the Community Council. This suggestion was accepted by the body and the committee will take this matter up after the Bazaar.

Mr. Yoshimine explained about the mess hall cut and the opinions of the blocks were asked:

- 305--Impossible to have another cut
- 306--Resolution drawn up at a block meeting.
- 307--Strike if cut down
- 308--Impossible to have cut
- 309--Oppose cut
- 316--Very quiet
- 317--Can't have another cut
- 318--Oppose cut
- 325--Can't stand another cut
- 326--Oppose further cut but no action until later
- 327--Oppose cut
- 322--Oppose another cut
- 323--Oppose cut
- 328--Oppose cut
- 329--Oppose cut
- 330--Oppose cut

As an all-over Manpower Commission meeting will be held at the beginning of next week, the matter of further mess hall cut will be discussed at that time. Manpower will do their best to keep the mess halls from being cut.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Takashima. In the event official word is received to cut down the mess hall workers, a combined meeting of the chefs, block managers, councilmen and Manpower Commission will be held next week.

Minutes of the
Block Managers' Meeting
December 7, 1943

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 329 Rec Hall, was called to order by Chairman Dale Okazaki at 9:30 a.m., December 7, 1943.

Roll was called and the Block Manager of 306 and the secretaries of 305, 306, 307, 316, 317, 318, 326, and 327 were absent.

Announcements by the Chairman:

1. The Sanitation Department requests that the residents do not use sludge in the vegetable gardens; it will, however, be permitted in flower gardens.
2. Send in surveys on privately owned refrigerators today. Also send in internee list for the Welfare and the weekly census.
3. Blankets used at the bazaar will be stored in the warehouse. Those blocks which need them are to requisition for them to the Supply Department, and clean ones will be sent.

Mr. Wumino thanked the Block Managers for their hard work on the Bazaar, and announced that Mr. Popkins has approved the laying of linoleum and papering the walls of the meeting room in block 310.

Mr. Shirasawa also thanked the Block Managers for their cooperation.

Mr. Yoshida, Chairman of Finance, reported that the gross sales, not including the proceeds from the dances which has not yet been figured, is \$7,101.11. Mr. Shirasawa added that the Finance Committee will complete their figuring as soon as possible in order to make an early announcement to the public. No decision has been reached regarding distribution except that a portion of it will be set aside for children's Christmas gifts and that the remainder will be turned over to the Welfare Division to aid the needy families.

Distribution of the Christian Church gifts and the Bazaar gifts was discussed, and the Block Managers' opinion was that the two should be combined and distributed equally to all the children of the unit regardless of denomination.

At the meeting of December 6, Mr. Wumino reported, it was suggested that there be a large box for each block with gifts and that the Block Managers who are more familiar with the people of their blocks should distribute them. The Block Managers were given full authority to decide on the method of distribution.

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The opinion was that the age limit of seventeen is too old; and, therefore, it was changed to fifteen. The Managers were asked to make lists of the ages of all children under fifteen omitting the names.

Refunds will be made on all unused meal tickets which are turned in to the Block Managers' offices by noon of December 8.

There have been several complaints that the present trash crew is not do satisfactory work. It was agreed that a new crew should be organized.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the
Block Managers' Meeting
December 9, 1943

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 329 Rec Hall, was called to order by Chairman Dale Okazaki at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 9, 1943.

This special meeting was called to clarify the misunderstanding existing regarding the certificates given to chefs and cooks who have worked eleven months or more by August 15, 1943. Some of the managers did not turn in the names of persons who are not working at the present but who worked at that time, while other managers had. Whether to include such workers was discussed, and it was decided that since the certificates mention the period of service and not whether they are working at present, certificates should be given to all cooks and chefs who worked during that time.

The Chairman asked the Block Managers to announce to the residents for the return of thirty-five forks which are missing from the 310 mess hall.

It was suggested that the Community Enterprise cash government checks with the bazaar money in addition to the regular weekly lot. The matter is to be taken up with the Community Enterprise.

Mr. Ikuta announced that Mr. Shirasawa has requested the presence of all the Block Managers at the bazaar committee meeting to discuss distribution.

In order to make the statement on the bazaar as soon as possible, Mr. Yoshida asked that the cashiers of all the booths be notified to check their receipts with his books.

Mr. Frank Doi from the Department of Agriculture entered the meeting. He asked for the aid of all block gardeners to harvest the two acres of Chinese cabbage, for the Ag Department is very busy preparing an area of forty to sixty acres for planting next spring and wish to complete the cabbage as soon as possible. The Block Managers consented to send at least one gardener from each block tomorrow morning and recommended that the various departments of the Ag Department also cooperate and in the harvesting.

Mr. Hayakawa announced that the Poston Square Garden will resume their work beginning next Monday.

Various complaints were made concerning the post office service:

1. Mail is dumped off the truck and left outside the block office causing breakages. The managers asked for better care in handling and to have the mail delivered into the offices.

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2. When mail comes into the post office, the workers leave the windows to sort, and persons wishing to purchase stamps are made to wait.
3. A twelve year old girl had gone to the post office for a C. O. D. package, and at the window she was told to return the next day for it was 4 o'clock (closing time).
4. Why must stamps be put on letters addressed to another unit?

Mr. Okazaki is to contact the post office to have these faults corrected.

Mr. Takeo Yabuta, former 328 Block Manager, will become Assistant Supervisor, the Chairman announced.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the
Block Managers' Meeting
December 14, 1943

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 329 Rec Hall, was called to order by Chairman Dale Okazaki at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 14, 1943.

Roll was called, and all the Block Managers were present.

Announcements by the Chairman:

1. Turn in the list of ages of all children under 15 fifteen as soon as possible.
2. Mrs. Furubayashi has asked that each Block Manager have a large box to receive the block presents.
3. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Nakamura, Dispatcher of Unit 3, to have a truck haul fire wood for each block.

Mr. Mickey Furuta was present at the meeting, and means to solve the post office problem was discussed. Because the post office is understaffed, it was decided that the Block Managers will carry in the unloaded mail; but when there is no responsible person near by, the delivery crew will take the mail into the office.

Mr. Wumino explained that he had contacted Messrs. Anderson and Popkins to have the buckled masonite shower walls either varnished or replaced; but according to Mr. Popkins, arrangements will be attempted to get celotex, a water-proof material which he saw in Los Angeles, for the walls.

There are a few troughs available to replace those which are unrepairable. Blocks needing exchange were asked to make their request to the Supervisor.

Complaints were made regarding the unsatisfactory work of the present trash crew. The general opinion was that these part-time workers do not have sufficient time to do a careful job; and, therefore, it was decided that they should be replaced by a new crew of full-time workers.

In order to give the children of this unit a more Christmas-like holiday, a tree for each mess hall through the courtesy of the bazaar was suggested. The suggestion was unanimously approved, and Mr. Wumino is to make the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Wumino announced that all unused Indian Affairs' stationery must be turned in after the first of the year.

Clean-up day set for Saturday, workers will be given time in the morning for clean-up and are to report to work at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Minutes of the
Block Managers' Meeting
December 21, 1943

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 329 Rec Hall, was called to order by Chairman Dale Okazaki at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 21, 1943.

Roll was called, and the Block Managers of 306 and 326 and the secretaries of 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 318, 326, and 327 were absent.

Announcements:

1. Mr. Yabuta has gone into the Community Activities Department; Mr. Kaye Watanabe is now assistant.
2. The new Block Manager of 306 is Mr. Ueki.

The new secretary of block 317, Miss Barbara Yokota, was introduced.

Mr. Wumino explained the cause of the fuel shortage: Whereas three trucks and trailers have been coming in regularly, only one or none have come in during the last few days; and the reason for this, according to Mr. Smith, lies not in the shortage of oil but in the shortage of transportation. Both Mr. Head and Mr. Haverland are working on the problem to increase transportation from the first of the year.

Several blocks reported that they have stopped the boilers in the laundry rooms and the latrines and that the residents are not given oil or kerosine for their stoves.

Rev. Imai has requested that all the Block Managers appear on the stage on the Christmas program. The program is to be held in block 310 if the stage of Poston Square Garden is not completed by that time.

There seemed to be some misunderstanding of who was to purchase the Christmas gifts--the Bazaar Committee or the Christmas Committee composed of members of the Protestant, Catholic, and the Buddhist churches. The subject was discussed; but since there were no one present from either of the committees with the correct informations, no conclusion was reached. The Block Managers, however, recommended that the Christmas Committee and the Bazaar Committee send all the packages to the block offices and that the managers be allowed to distribute the gifts to the children of their blocks according to their own discretion. Mr. Wumino is to contact the responsible parties and give the correct informations to the Block Managers.

Mr. Wumino announced that donations have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Ichinose and from someone in North Platt, Nebraska, who are out on indefinite leaves.

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The report on the Tule Lake incident was read by Mr. Wumino.

The manager of 328 complained that a telegram sent on the eighth has not been received in Tule Lake, and the confirmation from the Western Union also has not been received. Mr. Wumino's opinion was that perhaps the disturbance in Tule delayed its delivery.

A dump truck for gravel will be assigned to the blocks each evening. The schedule will be made by the Chairman.

The next meeting is to be held on the second Tuesday of January, if no emergencies arises.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the
Block Manager Meeting
March 22, 1944

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 310 meeting room, was called to order by Chairman Jay Nishida at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 22, 1944.

Mr. Miyata of the Community Enterprise was present at the meeting. He announced that a shipment of soap came in recently and discussed with the Block Managers the fairest means of selling soap. Issuing tickets to each family was suggested, but it was decided that soap will be distributed according to population to each block and sold per capita.

Block Managers asked for excelsior. Mr. Miyata asked that Block Managers report to the Supervisor the amount they need.

Mr. Wumino explained that orders had been received from Mr. Spanswick of Internal Security that all expatriates on the police force must be released immediately. The Block Managers were, therefore, asked to recruit men age thirty-~~two~~ and over to replace them.

According to Mr. Wumino, the Block Gardeners will be placed under the Agriculture Division. He talked to Mr. Burge and Mr. Sharp, but definite information on the quota will not be known until Mr. Mills returns from Washington.

Mr. Evans, Fire Chief, was given the floor. He asked the Block Managers to caution residents not to use the fire phones except for fire emergencies and to make no false alarms. He also suggested that those blocks which burn their trash dig fire pits so that wind cannot carry sparks.

Mr. Yoshimine announced that beginning next month, each mess hall will be given quota for dietician and also that sugar ration will be decreased.

Mr. Nishida announced that the Block Manager staffs beginning April will consist of one Block Manager, one secretary, and one and one-half janitor.

The managers of blocks with telephones complained that various departments are constantly making calls, thus these Block Managers with the increased load are running messages to all the blocks of their respective rokus all day. They, therefore, asked for messengers or to have these calls curved in some way. Mr. Wumino was to send a memo to every department reminding them that these roku phones are for emergencies only and not for social or ordinary business calls.

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The Chairman read a memo from the Maintenance Department distinguishing the difference between the reorganized Utility Maintenance and Construction Maintenance departments.

The Chairman announced that there will be no Supply Department beginning April. Block Managers hereafter are to make requisitions once a week and turn them over to Mr. Wumino's office. Camp 1 will then deliver supplies directly to the block offices.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the
Block Manager Meeting
March 31, 1944

The meeting of Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 310 conference room, was called to order by Chairman Jay Nishida at 3:00 p.m., March 31, 1944.

The Chairman announced that Mr. Mills had approved of transferring one gardener from each block into the Agriculture Division but said that the managers and the Agriculture Department must make arrangements of which days these gardeners are to work in the blocks and other details. Quota for janitors, he also announced, has been changed to two full-time janitors for each block.

Mr. Wumino asked the Block Managers to give the names of those on the block staff who wish to transfer into the Construction Division. Names were then submitted.

Mr. Wumino clarified that janitors are under the supervision of Mr. Popkins of Maintenance Construction; Block Managers, however, are to keep their time.

In as much as the Block Managers were to work out the block gardener schedule with the Agriculture Department, Mr. Wumino suggested that a committee be selected to confer with the Ag Department. Fridays and half day Saturdays to work in the blocks except in case of emergency was suggested by Mr. Wumino to Mr. Sharp.

Rather than form an committee, the Block Managers unanimously requested Mr. Nishida to meet with the Agriculture Department and agreed to abide by whatever decision is reached.

Mr. Wumino instructed to send in requisitions by Tuesday morning and to list office, janitor, and block supplies on separate sheets.

Chairman announced that for rationing purpose a house to house canvass is to be made on Saturday, April 1, for an actual count of residents. Residents are to remain in their barracks until 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the
Block Manager Meeting
April 11, 1944

The meeting of the Block Managers of Unit 3, held in the 310 conference room, was called to order by Chairman Jay Nishida at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 11, 1944.

Roll was called and all the Block Managers were present.

Messrs. Uchiyama, Suzuki, and Hayakawa were present at the meeting. Mr. Hayakawa spoke to the Block Managers and asked for suggestions for supporting the shibai. Donations, he felt, should be avoided if possible. Admission and trust fund were suggested. All were in favor of using the camouflage trust fund, and Mr. Hayakawa was to present the suggestion to the Community Council.

Mr. Hayakawa asked the Block Managers to warn residents that the swimming pool is not completely finished and at present they are using it at their own risk, and also not to tramp on flowers planted around the wading pool.

Mr. Wumino announced that he had ordered 7400 pounds of ice for Unit 3; but according to present plans, Unit 1 is to distribute them. He felt that, from past experience with ice delivery, Unit 3 should handle their own ice distribution. Block Managers all agreed, for there was a great deal of shortage last year.

Managers of those blocks with carpenters who wish to transfer into the Construction division reported to the Supervisor.

Lack of ambulance service since April 1, and the serious problems it has created were discussed. At present there is no ambulance service after midnight, and in case of emergency the ambulance in Unit 1 is called if it is not in use at Unit 1. In as much as Unit 3 is farthest from the hospital, all were of the opinion that the ambulance staff should be increased. Dr. Namiki explained that there were four drivers on shifts, but beginning April they were cut to two. It was decided that the problem should be presented to the WRA or Mr. Dillon Myers by the Community Council.

Announcements by Mr. Wumino:

1. The cost of the two pictures purchased as a gift to Mr. Wade Head is \$20.
2. Moving from one apartment to another without a permit from Housing Department is prohibited.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the Block
Manager Meeting
August 15, 1944

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 310 conference room, was opened by Administrator Mr. Wumino, at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 15, 1944.

Roll was called, and all were present except the managers of 316 and 317.

The new Block Managers, Mrs. Ann Iwasaki of 308 and Mr. Nishimoto of 309, were introduced by Mr. Wumino.

Mr. Wumino announced that Mr. Satoru Sunahara was elected Block Manager Supervisor as a result of the committee meeting Wednesday, August 9. The Block Managers unanimously gave their approval, and Mr. Wumino asked that full cooperation be given Mr. Sunahara in his new position. The meeting was then turned over to the new chairman.

Mr. Nishi was given the floor to make the financial report of the sales at the Poston Square Garden on August 5th and 6th.

Mr. Suzuki announced that the Poston Community Co-op dividends are ready and asked for the Block Managers' aid in its distribution.

Mr. Kubota, representative of the Community Council, was introduced by the chairman and given the floor to ask the opinion of the Block Managers on the action being taken on the problem of communicable disease by the Council. He stated the problem as being that a number of patients not completely cured of a highly contagious disease is being released from the hospital through the request of either the patient or the family. There being no adequate quarantine system, the other residents would be endangered by the presence of such patients within the block. The problem was presented to Mr. Duncan Mills who suggested that the Council issue some appropriate regulation to control the situation; therefore, it has been proposed that only such patients whose release has been approved by the attending physician, an evacuee physician, and Dr. Pressman should be allowed to convalesce at home. The opinion of the Managers were in favor of the Council's move.

Announcement was made by Mr. Wumino that the new school auditorium will be completed this week; however, the dedication service scheduled for the 21st has been cancelled until the blower is installed.

Discussion was held regarding the block gardeners. The arrangement with the Agricultural Department not being entirely satisfactory, Mr. Wumino asked for the records of all the vegetables produced by the block gardeners since April, and he is to attempt to have the gardeners work independently of the Agriculture Division.

Complaints: Deodorants, disinfectants, and fly spray needed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the
Block Manager Meeting
August 22, 1944

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 310 conference room, was called to order by Chairman S. Sunahara at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 22, 1944.

Roll was called, and all the Block Managers were present.

The Chairman urged the managers to appear at the meetings on time hereafter.

Announcements by Mr. Wumino:

1. Mrs. Vicker and Suzuki of the Unit 1 hospital has asked to have announced that new classes for nurses' aides will open and to ask all interested girls to sign up.
2. More logs are needed to construct the shade at the swimming pool; therefore, volunteers from each block will be asked to help cut wood Thursday. Lunches will be furnished by Mr. Yoshimine of the Steward's Department. A memo will be sent to each block with the exact details.
3. Further plans for the Poston Square Garden are to construct a latrine and a shower house for the swimmers and a shade west of the wading pool for a picnic ground.
4. A telegram was received from the Apache baseball team that they are presently in Gila and plan to come to Poston next week if financially able.
5. Requisition should be made to the Supervisor's office for supplies.

Announcements by Mr. Sunahara:

1. There are no pine oil in the Camp 1 warehouse.
2. Mr. Wumino will keep a calender of activities to prevent conflictions. All bulletins and posters must first be approved by either the Supervisor or Mr. Wumino.
3. According to fire regulations set by Fire Chief Evans, at least three doors must be left open where more than fifty people gather in building. Also a permit must be obtained, or the fire chief notified, in order to hold parties or gatherings of more than fifty.
4. Fire pits must be six feet wide, six feet deep, and a hundred feet from any building. Time for burning trash is between five and nine in the morning.
5. A letter was received from the Unit 1 Community Enterprise that bar soaps are difficult to purchase; however, attempts are being made to get them.

Mr. Nishi read a letter from former 326 Block Manager, Mr. S. Shirasawa, who is now relocated at Michigan.

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Manager of 329 brought to the attention of the group that there is no ambulance service between the hours of eight Saturday evening to eight Sunday Morning. After some discussion, it was decided that since it is imperative that an ambulance should be available at all times, the matter should be referred to the Council for action.

According to Mr. Wumino, the shower walls may be cemented and painted.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the
Block Manager Meeting
September 12, 1944

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3, held in the 310 conference room, was called to order by Chairman S. Sunahara at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 12, 1944.

Roll was called, and all the Block Managers except 327 were present.

The Chairman opened the discussion regarding Mr. Wumino's plan to re-locate sometime in the near futures and explained that Messrs. Asami, Hayakawa, and Uyeda have been planning to persuade Mr. Wumino to remain in camp a little longer for the reason that there is apparently no one who is capable of filling his position at present. It was suggested from the floor that the Block Managers as a whole ask Mr. Wumino to remain for the benefit of this camp. Another suggestion was to have one representative from the Block Managers, preferably Mr. Sunahara, confer with the three above mentioned. The latter suggestion was favored and approved.

Mr. Wumino entered the meeting at this time and was given the floor. As there is no Parker warehouse crew and there are quite a few carloads of food to be unloaded, Mr. Wumino asked for volunteers to help this coming Thursday. (Camps 1 and 2 have unloaded Monday and Tuesday respectively.) Volunteers are to meet in front of the 310 canteen at eight o'clock Thursday morning. Lunches will be provided.

All licensed dogs will be inoculated at the shibai stage, Friday, September 15, 1944, at 1:30 p.m.

According to Mr. Wumino, he has been making attempts to get iron cots from the Jerome center for the residents of Poston.

It was decided that office supplies will be distributed equally to the Block Managers by the Supervisor; therefore, individual requisitions will not be necessary hereafter.

Mr. Wumino announced that there is one opening for switch board operator to work night shifts.

A letter was received from Miss Cushman suggesting that a gate be made for the swimming pool in order that children will not go in immediately after lunch. The gates cannot be made at present as equipments are not available; however, Mr. Wumino asked the Block Managers to convey to parents that children are not allowed in the pool before 1:30 p.m. and to educate the children the danger of swimming soon after meal. He added that about six hundred people swim daily in the pool, and everything is being done to keep the water as sanitary as possible.

An inquiry was made whether a Japanese language school could be established for children who intend to go to Japan. This question has also arisen in other centers; however, it was stated that Mr. Myers' answer has been that no Japanese schools or beer are allowed in centers.

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Beginnin the 15th of this month the amount of ice for each mess hall will be cut down to two hundred pounds.

Mr. Nishi of 329 brought to the attention of the managers that students are unable to reach their mess halls in time for lunch, especially those living in Roku 3. Many run home, but they become so exhausted they cannot eat. He felt that a suggestion should be made to Miss Cushman to have school dismissed earlier before lunch.

Mr. Okada of 305 asked whether some tar paper could be left in each block; in order that leaks can be repaired when they are found during rainy season.

Manager of 307, Mr. Arikawa, asked whether fire ladders could be made for each block. Mr. Wumino is to ask Mr. Popkins for lumber.

The meeting was adjourned.

Joint meeting of the Councilmen,
Block Managers, Department Heads,
and Executive Board of Poston III.

November 28, 1944

The joint meeting of the Block Managers, Councilmen, Department Heads, and Executive Board of Poston III was held on Tuesday afternoon, November 28, 1944, 2:00 P.M., in the 310 Mess Hall of Poston III.

Roll Call: All Councilmen present with the exception of the following: Blocks 317 and 330 - absent, also 323.

All Block Managers present with the exception of Block 378.

Following Department Heads were present: H. K. Yoshimine, A. Shintaku, Ben Nakagawa, Takeo Toyama, Dr. Namiki, Frank Shimohara, Kuichi Uyeda, Y. Asami, F. M. Hayakawa, Ben Doi, S. Yamane, T. Nakashima, and O. Ota.

Executive Board members G. Horibe and K. Kurokawa present.

Mr. Itaru Kubota was selected unanimously as Acting Chairman of the joint meeting.

Chairman Kubota: "As you have been notified by the memo sent you, this meeting was called to discuss ways of raising a fund by which to express the sympathy of the residents toward Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Suzuki who were victims of a fire which destroyed their barrack last Sunday. As Mr. Evans, Fire Chief of Unit III, is here, we shall hear what he has to say first."

Chief Evans: "The first serious fire we have ever had in Camp III occurred last Sunday, and I want to say this that with a little precaution and a little commonsense on the part of Mr. Suzuki, we would not have had that fire. For one thing, we cannot send a man into every home to see what you have there, only in the case of an emergency. In every home there are wires hanging on nails around the house. He said that he had a drop cord and sometimes it would get dim and go off and on again. If he had had an electrician look at his wiring it may not have happened. The fire was all on the upper structure of the building. If it had been a stove or charcoal pot, it would have burned through the floor first. But this fire was on the upper part. I am satisfied that this fire occurred from the electric cord hanging on a nail.

"The sad part is that Mr. Suzuki lost five thousand dollars worth of his property--over three thousand in cash in the house, which is a poor thing to do, and two thousand dollars in clothing and other things. Five thousand dollars wiped out in two minutes.

"I don't care what they do in Camp I and II. If they want to make it a fire hazard that is their look out, not ours. In Camp I a charcoal pot started a fire which cleaned out a barrack. That is definite. There is one thing that I want the cooperation of the Block Managers and residents in eliminating the charcoal pots. It is dangerous. We have plenty of heaters which are perfectly safe. I see no reason for the charcoal pots in the buildings at all. I see no reason for it at all. That building in Camp I was definitely proved that it was a charcoal pot that started it, and the whole building was lost and the building next to it. What it was in Block 36 I don't know, but we have been awfully lucky that we have not had more fires from charcoal pots. They are an awful thing to have, and some day we are going to have a high wind when a fire starts, and then look out! Yesterday we checked every apartment and so far I have two pages here full of notes. Everyone has drop cords hanging from nails.

"I am an electrician and have been for years past, so I know what I am talking about. Any electrical appliance or cord hanging on nails or any metal at all is dangerous. We do not have earthquakes here, but we have building vibrations. If the cord is hanging on a nail, the vibration will cause friction between the cord and nail and you are going to have trouble--you are going to have a fire.

"And another thing, in this building over here, we had an awful lot of paper stacked up in the corner. That is bad. A lot of the fires we have had in the city is from spontaneous combustion.

"This charcoal stove, I would like to see that eliminated--entirely gotten rid of as there is no need for it.

"That fire Sunday, being short-handed the fire boys did a good job as I have seen to stop that fire. I give them the most credit--they have it coming for they are the ones that do the hardest work.

"I don't know anything else I can bring up at this time. There is one other little thing that I would like to mention. The firemen were at the ball game. They had to run to the fire; and we have the authority at any time that we need a truck or car we can take it. So in the future if anything of this type comes up, don't feel hurt or sore at the Fire Department if we take any truck anywhere at any time as we can do it. If any mileage or trip reports come up, you can report that to the Fire Department and we will take care of that."

The meeting was then turned back to Chairman Kubota who asked the body for suggestions on how the fire fund for Mr. Suzuki should be raised.

It was decided to have each individual block raise a fund in whichever manner they wish. Friday evening, December 1, will be the deadline for accepting block contribution from the

residents. On Saturday morning before 12 o'clock noon, the block managers are to bring their block donations to the Local Council Office, 310-8-D. Four people were chosen to handle the accumulated fund: Mr. H. K. Yoshimine, Mr. Iitaru Kubota, Mr. Satoru Sunahara, and Mr. Tosaku Nishi. These four persons are to meet at the Council Office, 310-8-D, on Saturday to receive the block donations.

The recommendation regarding the charcoal pots made by the members of this joint meeting was that any person desiring to use a "hi-be-chi" must obtain a permit from the Fire Chief.

Mr. G. Horibe gave a report of the Over-All Manpower Commission meeting held last Friday. The quota for the next fiscal period will be 4850. If any department must be increased, the department head should report the number of increase needed and reason for the addition to the Manpower Commission members of Unit III by Friday morning.

Mr. Tosaku Nishi, member of the Financial Adjustment Committee of the Poston Square Garden, inquired as to what the outcome was in regards to the Adjustment Committee's request for a \$325 allocation from the Council. Council Chairman Kubota answered that the Council did not feel ready to decide the question last week.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Acting Chairman Iitaru Kubota.