

Mr. Emeric

November 20, 1950

V.T.
VISITING TEACHERS

The Visiting Teachers of the Northern Virginia Area held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 20, at the Coffee Shop in Manassas.

The meeting was called to order and opened with inspirational remarks and prayer by the chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was made. Later, the disbursement of the money paid for dues was explained for the benefit of our new members.

The following members were present:

Cady	Loudoun
Embrey	Frauquier
Rigdon	Fairfax
Stockton	Fairfax
Maiden	Arlington
Ralke	Arlington
Harris	Alexandria
Niehl	Orange
Worrell	Madison
Van Anden	Rappahannock-Warren
White	Culpeper
Grane	Winchester
Payne	Prince William

Items of old business discussed:

1. A visiting teacher emergency fund--

Many of the group felt a definite need for an emergency fund to be placed at the disposal of the V. T. by the local school board. Some of the emergencies were classified as (1) sickness - doctors and medicine. (2) shoes and clothing. (3) food. (4) banks (5) clinic fees.

Code of D. P. W. and other Welfare Agencies:

1. Have a definite budget to adhere to.
2. Have more persons now than they can take of.
3. Might be an emergency but family would not want or need to apply for welfare and go thru investigation.

The fact was brought out that the school board also operates on a budget, is not a welfare agency, might not wish V. T. to assume this role.

Various members spoke of the various organizations and agencies in their communities which help with problems of this sort.

It was moved and seconded that the advisability of A V.T. Emergency Welfare Fund be studied by a committee appointed by the chairman. This committee was to be appointed after the meeting.

2. This brought about a discussion of Homebound teachers and how the program is operated in various school systems. It was decided that we should invite Mr. Barnett to attend our December meeting and give us an explanation of the Homebound Teacher policy of the State. The program chairman was designated to extend the invitation.

3. There was a discussion of accident insurance policies for school children. Several members explained the type of policies in force in their county.

Correspondence was read.

Some time was spend in clarification of the programs for the year. A revised copy will be sent to each member.

This time and place of meeting was discussed and it was decided that we would hold our next meeting at the Manassas Coffee Shop at 10 A. M. on December 11. The facilities there are excellent and seem to fit our group so well.

We adjourned to visit the Manassas Technical School. Mr. Schultz, the principal, and Miss Payne, the V. T. from Prince William, conducted us on a tour of the school.

After lunch the business session was again called to order.

A period was devoted to discussion of and comments on the V. E. A. meeting.

It was felt that Dr. Lane was by far the best speaker of the whole meeting.

Discussion of Spring Conference----

1. Joint conference of Supt., Supervisors, V. T., and principals very good but a time (day) should be set aside for V. T.'s to meet as a group. The fall and spring meetings are the only times the entire V. T. group can be together for a business session, clarification of policies and exchange of ideas.

2. Suggestion that we try a district meeting for a year or so-- composed of supervisors, Director of Instruction, Superintendent, V. T., Staff officials. State divided with districts or sections.

3. Regional groups meeting ⁱⁿ different school division each month, with Supt. of Schools, School Board, or representatives of School Board--So they can know what we are doing ~~to~~ trying to do and we can know what they expect of us.

Our tentative plan is to meet in Fairfax in May and visit N. E. A. Headquarters in D. C.

Stockton, Grove were appointed to get suggestions from group for State Program to report to Program committee.

The group felt that we need a Director of Visiting Teachers in the State

Department. We have no one person as such and certainly need someone to guide us. State pays out the money--should have someone in the department ^{to} of whom we can be responsible and who can direct us.

It was voted that we should go on record as favoring a director of the Visiting Teachers program for State.

The business session adjourned and the meeting was turned over to the program chairman, Mrs. Rigdon. She presented Dr. Maiden who gave a very good talk on "What Adolescence Is Like!"

A delinquent is a child in need of the counsel and protection of Juvenile Court.

There will be another White House Conference on Youth on December 3. He brought to the group 18 pamphlets that had developed out of the last conference.

In April 1950, there will be a forum on children and Youth in Arlington.

Adolescence reaches from childhood to maturity. He should deal with each individually to also make for--

"A Sound mind in a sound body in an effective school in a wholesome community".

All in all, the adolescent of today has a very difficult time.

Committee on V. T. Fund - Dr. Maiden
Miss Van Danen
Mr. Worrell

were given
Thanks to Miss Payne for arrangements.

Send copy of minutes to Supt. Voted to express appreciation to manager for excellent facilities and services.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P. M.

Ester White - Sec. & Treas.

Alice L. Cady - Chairman