

Highland Park NEWS

PARENTS AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

The object and purpose of The Parents and Teachers Association which has been recently formed is to provide facilities for bringing teachers and parents into closer contact.

The officers of this association elected at the first meeting were:

Mrs. William T. Underwood, President; Mrs. Bowen W. Schumacher, Vice-President; Mrs. H. B. Roberts, Secretary; Mrs. Ira J. Geer, Treasurer.

There are three local divisions with Mrs. Daniel M. Cobb as Chairman of the High School; Mrs. John Oliver, Chairman of the Elm Street School; Mrs. Curtis N. Kimball, Chairman of the Lincoln School, Ravinia School and the West school.

The work of the High School Division differs somewhat from that of the grades having more mature material with which to deal; the first aim has been to establish a fellowship abounding with good feeling between the parents of our half grown children and the men and women who daily instruct and educate them.

The High School Division has four sub-committees, and the work outlined is of good that we hereby show what these committees are doing.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Members, A R Williams, chairman; C F Smith, Mrs. E A Bourneque, Mrs. J R Hoffman, Mrs. H L Bowen, Mrs. A L Renning, Mrs. T C Williams, Mrs. W E Brand.

Suggested lines of work:—1st. To cooperate with schools of township in promoting a field day for pupils of grades at annual Grammar school meet, May 13, 1910. 2nd To encourage formation of baseball league among schools of the township. 3rd To attend athletic events at High school and to acquaint themselves with the purpose of physical training and athletic and to spread a knowledge of their value. 4th To consider advisability of admitting all pupils free to games. 5th To cooperate in raising fund necessary for support of athletics.

HOME AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Members, Mrs. F R McMullin, chairman; Mrs. F B Hussey, Mrs. W S L Anderson, Miss Laura Eustis, Mrs. H J Thayer, Mrs. W E Ten Broeck, Mrs. J A Reichelt, Miss Harriet Martin, Mrs. W P Morgan.

Suggested lines of work:—1st To cooperate with the school in social functions. 2nd Cooperation in discouragement of cliques, fraternities, or class distinction. 3rd. Encouragement of interest among the young in city and home. This may be done, first, by offering prizes for compositions on, "What has been done and may still reasonably be done to beautify and improve my home town". Second, by offering prizes for compositions on "What may be done to improve my home grounds and property and make them more attractive to passers-by. 3rd, by offering prizes for best kept garden of flowers, and best kept garden of vegetables, the work of pupils in school.

VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Members:—Mrs. R L Sandwick, chairman; Miss Everett, Mrs. F B Green, Col. C F Macaulay, Mrs. P C Wolcott, Mrs. William Brace, Mrs. Fred Schaefer, Mr. A M Allison, Mr. C G Phillips.

Suggested lines of work:—To make a study of the various professions and occupations, the opportunity in each and the qualities necessary for success. 2nd. To secure talks before the students on these lines by efficient men in various callings. 3rd. To make a study of the education helpful in various professions and occupations and the places where this education may be found.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Members:—Mrs A Tillman, Chairman, Mrs J T Moore, Mrs S J Baker, Mrs C G Phillips, H C Hill, Mrs J E Bittinger, Mrs J F Leaming, Miss F B Bliss.

Suggested lines of work:—1st Investigation as to the attitude of parents on changing the three years course in Mathematics so as to begin with Algebra the second year instead of the first, as at present.

(A) Changes involved. Substitution of Manual Training, Domestic Science, and Business Methods with mathematical computations, as required work in the first year. (B) Purpose. First, to lessen the difficulties of the course by the increased maturity of the student. Second to give a wider range of work in the first year as

a basis of choice in determining future courses in school or vocation in life. 2nd Solicitation of philanthropic aid to secure scholarships to assist deserving capable students to attend college or university. Third, study of the ways and means by which cooperation of school and home may develop character as the supreme end of education. Fourth, Consideration as to the advisability of introducing some study of the King James version of the Bible in the course in Literature. Fifth, acting as judges of Grammar School exhibit May 13, 1910. Sixth, report to the school as to the advisability of individual instruction on Saturdays from 9 to 12 to pupils who have been out of school or are finding temporary difficulty with their work. Seventh, consideration as to whether a night school should be maintained next year in connection with high school.

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The Elm Place division of the Parents and Teachers Association of Highland Park, Mrs. John Oliver, Chairman will hold an evening meeting at the Elm Place school, Thursday evening, May 12. The building will be open at 7:30 o'clock for the inspection school work on exhibition in the various rooms and at 8:00 o'clock the program in the school auditorium will begin. This will consist of music and of one or more exercises by pupils of the school, followed by an address by Professor Wm. B. Owen, Principal of the Chicago Normal school. The subject of the address will be "Some Modern School Problems". Professor Owen is a pleasing and forceful speaker and will no doubt make a noteworthy address. All patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited and urged to spend next Thursday evening at the Elm Place school.

City Council Meeting, May 3, 1910

Annual reports of City Clerk, Auditor, Commissioner of Public Works, Chief of Fire Department and City Treasurer were presented and approved.

Ordinance for gas main in St. Johns avenue between St. Johns Place and Maple avenue was submitted and the Council refused to pass same until size of pipe was specified in the ordinance.

Ordinances prepared by the Board of Local Improvements were passed for water mains in Woodpath avenue and Bronson street, also for paving the alley in block 23.

A petition signed by the property-owners on Waukegan avenue objecting to the expense of the proposed pavement of said street, was referred to the Board of Local Improvements.

Ordinance fixing salaries of city officers for ensuing fiscal year passed.

Election returns were canvassed and results declared, also ordinances providing for bond issues which carried at spring election were passed.

The Mayor presented his annual message, which was ordered published. (Message will be printed in the coming issue of the News-Letter).

Ald. Shields and Bahr were elected members of the Board of Local Improvements.

Request of Modern Woodmen to rent "Firemen's Hall", also communication from Highland Park Improvement Association, asking permission for free use of city water for sprinkling streets, were referred to the Fire and Water Committee with power to act.

A special committee, consisting of Alderman Bahr, Kline and McPherson, was appointed to report to the Council on site for a west side park.

The Committee on buildings and grounds was authorized to replace the dead elm trees in the parkway of East Central avenue.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Special Assessment No. 156.

NOTICE:—Public Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Lake County, Illinois, has rendered judgment for a Special Assessment upon property benefited by the following improvement:

The deficiency assessment for acquiring land necessary for the construction of purification works of Ravinia Sewer System No. 155 in the City of Highland Park, as will more fully appear from the certified copy of the judgment on file in my office; that the warrant for collection of such assessments is in the hands of the undersigned.

All persons interested are hereby notified to call and pay the amount assessed at the Collector's office, 105 West Central avenue, Highland Park, Illinois, within thirty days from the date hereof.

T. M. DOOLEY, City Collector.

Dated this 30th day of April A. D. 1910.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL: Gentlemen:—I herewith submit for your consideration the following statement of the City of Highland Park for the Fiscal Year from May 1, 1909, to April 30, 1910, of the different funds May 1, 1910:

Financial statement table with columns for BALANCE, DEBIT, CREDIT, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, and GRAND TOTAL. Includes sections for GENERAL FUND and SPECIAL FUND.