

Sitzung am 10. August 1913.

Anwesend waren Franklin Vonnegut, Stempfel,

Lieber und Westing.

Turner Lieber berichtete ausführend über die

Zweckmäßigkeit eines Dormitoriums.

Nach eingehender Beratung wurde beschlossen,

den von Turner Stempfel eingereichten Bericht

den auswärtigen Mitgliedern des Verwaltungsrates

zur Abstimmung zu unterbreiten. Die darin

enthaltenen Empfehlungen wurden alle von den

Anwesenden einstimmig gutgeheißen.

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Ferner wurde beschlossen, nach erfolgter Annahme der  
Anträge die baulichen Änderungen unter Ausschuß  
des Architekten Kurt Vonnegut vorzunehmen.

Hierauf Vertagung.

G H Westing Sekr.

[printed insert in German Fraktur]

### **Dormitorium.**

Heute sind wir imstande, den Lesern ein Bild des Dormitoriums für Studentinnen des Turnlehrerseminars in Indianapolis zu präsentieren.

Dasselbe ist, wie auf dem Bilde zu erkennen, ein feuerfestes, solides Gebäude. Es ist in der Nähe des Seminars gelegen, und ist groß genug, um bequem 40 Mädchen zu beherbergen.

Die Leitung des neuen Dormitoriums wird in den Händen einer Matrone liegen, welche vom Verwaltungsrat des Turnlehrerseminars ernannt werden wird.

Um Studentinnen in der Selbstregierung auszubilden – was bei der wachsenden Stimmung für Frauenstimmrecht und Anteilnahme der Frauen an der Regierung des Landes wünschenswert erscheint – , wird der Verwaltungsrat

ein Komitee von fünf Studentinnen – 3 Seniorinnen, 2 Frischlinge – ernennen, die die Aufsicht über die Studentinnen führen werden. Das so ernannte Komitee wird das erste Halbjahr regieren. Dann werden die Studentinnen sich ihre Beamtinnen selbst erwählen. Diese Glieder der Behörde sollen nach Regeln regieren, die die Studentinnen selbst aufstellen.

Der Preis für Kost und Logis beträgt zirka 6-7 Dollars pro Woche; derselbe hängt von der Größe und Lage des Zimmers ab. Die Kost wird nahrhaft und sanitär sein. Die Möbel sind alle neu.

Das Dormitorium wird im September eröffnet werden.

In dem Gebäude wird ein fröhliches, turnerisches Leben herrschen. Irgend ein Mädchen, das einmal ein Jahr in Gemeinschaft mit frischen, freien, fröhlichen Turnerinnen zugebracht hat, und täglich in der Ausbildung aller Körper- und Geisteskräfte geleitet wurde, wird die wohltuende Wirkung dieses Jahres fürs ganze Leben spüren.

Also: Wer es wohl meint mit seiner Tochter, sende  
sie auf ein Jahr nach Indianapolis.

Meeting on August 10, 1913.

Present: Franklin Vonnegut, Stempfel, Lieber and Westing.

Turner Lieber reported in depth about the necessity of a dormitory. After a thorough discussion, it was decided to send the report Turner Stempfel submitted to the out of town members of Board of Trustees for their votes. The recommendations made in it were all approved unanimously by the present.

*To the members of the Board of Trustees.*

*Greetings!*

*With the ever growing number of female students in the Gymnastic Teachers Seminary, the need for a dormitory for them is felt stronger each year. A dormitory established specifically for the Seminary will offer the female students a well organized, sanitary home and better, relatively less expensive food arrangement. In addition, this housing situation will enable the Board of Trustees to exercise a certain amount of control over the students outside the classes, which will surely be a big comfort to their parents.*

*For this purpose, the Board of Trustees of the Gymnastic Teachers Seminary tasked a special committee a while ago to seek out a suitable building and to gather information from other universities about the management of such a dormitory. The result of these inquiries justified*

*the Board of Trustees' belief that it is indeed feasible to establish a dormitory without a big financial risk.*

*The special committee was able secure a building located in closest proximity to the Seminary on New Jersey Street (The Trenton Flats) to be repurposed as a dormitory. The building is in excellent condition and, after a few structural changes have been made, will be extremely suitable for a dormitory. The rent for the building is \$190. 00 per month.*

*After a thorough discussion of the matter and a visit of the building by the members of the Board of Trustees, in their meeting, which took place yesterday, they moved to authorize the treasurer to sign a three – year lease, with the option to renew for an additional term.*

*In addition, the motion was submitted to allocate the funds necessary for any structural changes and furnishings from the Seminary's funds as a loan, with the understanding that the advanced amount will be paid back through the income from food and lodgings; and that the Seminary will occur no loss through the establishment of a guarantee fund of \$2,500 for the duration of three years. Any remaining funds (after the loan from the Seminary funds has been reimbursed) will be used for the improvement and beautification of the dormitory.*

*It was decided to present these motions to the out of town members of the Board of Trustees and ask them for a response by telegraph.*

*It was decided to begin with the implementation of the project and collection of signatures for the guarantee fund immediately after the successful granting of the motions. Specific regulations about the management of the dormitory will be undertaken as well.*

*We are looking forward to your rapid response.*

*With Turner greetings,*

*yours*



In addition, it was decided to begin the structural changes under architect Kurt Vonnegut's leadership after the successful passing of the motions.

At this point, the meeting was adjourned.

G. H. Westing, secretary

## **The Dormitory**

Today we are able to present a photo of the dormitory for female students at the Gymnastic Teacher Seminary in Indianapolis to the readers.

As you can see on the picture, this is a fireproof, solid building. It is located close to the Seminary and is large enough to give shelter to 40 girls.

The management of the dormitory will be entrusted to a matron appointed by the Board of Trustees.

To educate the students in personal autonomy, which, in lieu of the growing interest in women's voting rights and participation in the country's government appears desirable, the Board of Trustees will appoint a committee of five women, three seniors, two freshmen who will supervise the students residents. This committee will act in the first half year. After that, the students themselves will elect their officers who will govern according to regulations established by the students.

The cost for food and lodgings is ca. 6-7 dollars per week. It depends on the size and location of the room. The food will be nutritious and clean. All furniture is new.

The dormitory will open in September.

A lively physically active life will prevail in the dormitory. Any girl, who has spent one year in the community of fresh, free and happy women gymnasts and was instructed in the further development of her physical and spiritual abilities, will feel the positive effects of this year for

the rest of her life. Anyone who aspires to give his daughter a head start is well advised to send her for one year to Indianapolis.