

TRUNCATED MINUTES OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

At the Rafters', November 6, 1973

Apologies to everybody for not having gotten these typed and distributed. Here are the topics brought up at the meeting:

1. Acoustical tile: Now ranked high on the priority list. Joan Shapiro says, per an architectural standards manual I think, that acoustical tile pasted to the ceiling reduces noise perhaps 75%; fronting a dropped ceiling, the noise cut is maybe 90%. The tile is likely to cost 30¢ per foot², which means about \$200 for the 600-ft.² playroom. Tile paste, trowels, and cutting knives would be extra.

The committee voted to spend approximately \$200 on these materials and to attempt to get them delivered to the playspace by the work weekend, coming up.

2. Curtains for sound baffling and cosmetics: Gunnel Payne has agreed to make these. The committee opined that (a) curtains should not be made until we assess how well the ceiling tiles deaden noise, and (b) some thought--Gunnel's--should go into the color and design of the fabric; that is, the drapes shouldn't be made of visually unappealing materials. In any event, the curtains should not be hung across the windows, for there is precious little natural light in the playroom as it is.
3. Windows: Peggy Spina has volunteered to clean them up generally. This means not rebuilding them but removing the plastic now on them, painting the frames &c., and covering with new plastic.
4. A dress-up area: It should have a plastic mirror; Amplast (on Canal) sells one for \$22, Louise Rafter has found. We voted to buy either that or mylar. The area should not have hooks for clothes but storage boxes. Gunnel should be asked for layout ideas.
5. The general question arose of how much time, effort, and funds we should put into improving the playspace further. Judy Reichler pointed out that the space is available to the cooperative for three more years--through 1976. Louise reported that the joint treasury currently contains some \$585, which will be reduced to about \$360 after the tiles and the dress-up area mirror are bought. The rummage sale, December 8-10, will need a cash outlay of perhaps \$50 but of course is expected to generate handsome funds. The suggestion was made--by Anne Romasco?--that if need be, we could hold more bake sales in the spring. Groans, but agreement.

The principal question was tabled for the nonce but will be brought up for discussion again at both the next coordinating committee meeting and the next whole-group klatch.

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6. General work weekend, November 10-11: The list of tasks needing doing and volunteers for them is attached.

Judy Reichler has posted a notice at the playspace saying that anyone who cannot contribute to polishing off these tasks will be asked to pay \$15 to the joint treasury, equaling a three- or four-hour work stint by (mighty cheap) hired labor.

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