

Finding aid for the Stocking School PTA records Collection 376

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title	Stocking School PTA records
Date [inclusive]	1922-1965
Extent	3.0 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	<p>This collection contains scrapbooks and meeting minutes of the Stocking School Parent Teacher Association in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The organization was first formed in 1906 as the Mother's Club at Seventh Street School. The scrapbooks include newspaper clippings, photographs and programs. Information covers the school, principals, teachers, students and parents. Some material from the city and state level of the Parent Teachers Association is also included.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

In the late 1880s, Seventh Street School was constructed at the southeast corner of Seventh Street and Stocking Avenue. In 1906, an organization called The Mothers Club was formed, whose mission was “to bring about a closer unity between the home and school.”

In 1923, a new school was built at the northeast corner of Seventh Street and Walker Avenue. The property had belonged to the Stocking family and the school was named Stocking School after them. The Mother's Club was continued at the new school, but at some point was renamed the Stocking School Parent Teachers Association.

When it was first constructed, Stocking School was home to an Orthopedic school, which was associated with Mary Free Bed. The school provided classes and therapy for children with disabilities. In 1929, the orthopedic school was moved to Eastern Elementary School.

Grand Rapids Public Schools closed Stocking Elementary after the 2009-2010 school year. As of early 2011, the City of Grand Rapids is working to purchase the school property and turn it into a neighborhood park.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains scrapbooks and meeting minutes of the Stocking School Parent Teacher Association. The contents mostly focus on the activities of the association, such as fund raising, field trips, events, conferences and programs. Newspaper clippings are included throughout the scrapbooks and include articles featuring students or student's parents. Some photographs are also included.

The collection also contains some items from the city and state levels of the PTA.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Katherine Sainz, accession number 2010.024.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Stocking Elementary School. (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Elementary schools -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Parents' and teacher's associations -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History

Series I. Scrapbooks

Collection Inventory

Series I. Scrapbooks

Scope and Contents note

The original order of the scrapbooks is maintained as much as possible. Some loose items were removed to separate folders. The 1953-1956 scrapbook was in poor condition and the original order could not be determined.

	Box	Folder
Scrapbook 1922-1951	4	3, 4
		Box
Publicity Year Book April 1932-March 1933		3
Publicity Record Book April 1933-March 1934		3
	Box	Folder
Loose photograph, 1933-1934 Publicity Record Book	1	10
		Box
Publicity Year Book April 1937-March 1938		3
	Box	Folder
Loose photographs, 1937-1938 Publicity Year Book	1	11
		Box

Series I. Scrapbooks

Publicity Year Book 1939-1940		3
	Box	Folder
Loose items, 1939-1940 Publicity Year Book	1	12
		Box
Publicity Record Book April 1940-March 1941		3
Publicity Record Book April 1941-March 1942		2
	Box	Folder
Loose items, 1941-1942 Record Book, p. 8	1	13
Loose items, 1941-1942 Record Book, p. 11	1	14
Loose items, 1941-1942 Record Book	1	15
		Box
Stocking School PTA Publicity April 1943-June 1944		2
	Box	Folder
Publicity April 1945-June 1946	2	1
Scrapbook 1946	2	2
Scrapbook 1951-1953	2	3, 4
Scrapbook 1952-1953	4	1, 2

Series II. Organizational Records

Scrapbook 1953-1956	2	5
		Box
Scrapbook 1957-1960		4
Scrapbook 1960-1961		4
	Box	Folder
School Pictures, lists (found in 1960-1961 scrapbook)	1	9

Series II. Organizational Records

Scope and Contents note

This series includes meeting minutes, photographs (also included in scrapbooks) and reports.

	Box	Folder
Executive Board of Stocking School PTA meeting minutes 1940-1945	1	1
Executive Board of Stocking School PTA, meeting minutes 1945-1956	1	2
Record book, PTA Board meeting minutes 1961-1962	1	3
Record book, Board meeting minutes 1962-1965	1	4
History of Stocking School PTA	1	5

Series II. Organizational Records

Photographs (Note: Some of the photographs appear to correspond to a history in folder 5)

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Certificate, National Congress of Parents and Teachers to Stocking School PTA for The Summer Round-up of the Children 1940

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Reports, notes, budget (loose papers)

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