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Arrangement of Materials:
Chronological.

Scope and Contents
This record book belonged to the San Diego County Kindergarten Club between 1919 and 1924. Minutes from club meetings are recorded chronologically and treasurer reports are included towards the end. Pages 85-88 are missing from the treasurer’s report section. The book begins with the organization’s objectives, officer roles, membership requirements, election rules, dues, and a structure for meetings. Secretaries authoring the record book appear to be Elizabeth Calhoun, Frances Jouls, Dorothy M. Geiss, Grace E. Frilly, and Gladys Cleator.

The first meeting was held on April 14, 1919, led by Chairwoman Miss Brewer and Secretary Miss Baker, to determine officer positions for the 1919-1920 school year. Meetings were often held at Lincoln School and other elementaries, while a
few were hosted elsewhere: Ziac Boathouse, Kraus’ Cottage, Sandford Hotel, Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park, and Blue Room in the Civic Auditorium. In 1921, the club voted in favor of inviting primary school (first grade) teachers to the meetings, renaming the club “Kindergarten – Primary Club.” Invitations were sent out, resulting in 26 primary school teachers enrolling from around the county.

Meetings include the sharing of information regarding teachers’ salaries, employees’ rights, and other matters pertaining to California teachers. One meeting revolved around the Smith-Towner Bill (pp.15-16), which advocated the raising of the minimum salary for California teachers to $1,200. The bill was discussed thoroughly and supported by the members of the club. Another meeting details an academic training led by Mrs. McTee regarding “The Project Method,” which utilizes a three-step process – manipulation, construction, and project – and is “as old as the art of teaching” (p.18). Other trainings include methods for teaching music (p.30) and the emotional development of young children (p.68).

Notable mentions include City Superintendent Johnson, County Superintendent Martin, and Dr. Fernald from the University of California.

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San Diego County Kindergarten Club Record Book 1924

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents note: Includes club policies and articles, leadership position descriptions, meeting minutes, election results, and fundraising results.