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BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE-ROOM ON THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY, 1955 AT 5.15 P.M.

PRESIDENT:

Dr. Ray E. Phillips. (in the Chair.)
Mr. G. O. Clarke.
" M. A. Crawford.
" S. R. Mutshekwane.
" A. Nobanda.
" A. B. O'Brien.
" J. Montague Pim. (Treasurer.)

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs. B. Mav. Mudau (Secretary.) and A. W. Mbatha.
(Assistant Secretary.)

APOLOGIES:

Rev. Lee Bergsman.
Mr. L. C. Koza.
" Self Mampuru.
" A. B. Mathobela.
" F. J. van Wyk.

1. MINUTES: The Minutes having been circulated were taken as read and adopted.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Mr. Pim (Treasurer.) informed the meeting that Senator W. G. Ballinger, member of the African Children Feeding Scheme approached him and informed him that the people who were arranging the Show on behalf of the organisation had not as yet handed over the takings.

The Secretary, in reply, pointed out that Rev. Trevor Huddelston and Mrs. Ponsonby who are both Committee members were present on the night of the function.

After a discussion on what really must have happened to the takings Mr. Mutshekwane moved that the Secretary should ask to see a Financial Statement of the function from Mrs. Ponsonby. AGREED.

(b) Mr. Pim reported to the meeting that the cheques refunded to the Western Areas T. B. Association and the Association of European and African Women had not been cashed and as such they were somewhat inconveniencing him.

In reply the Secretary informed the meeting that he had approached Mr. Mosotho, to whom the cheque was handed. Mr. Mosotho was finding a difficulty in cashing this cheque because it is made out in the Association's name and the officials are not prepared to accept it because he had used the Association's name without their permission.

After a lengthy discussion the meeting authorised the Treasurer to cancel the cheque made out to the T.B. Association and requested Mr. Mutshekwane to contact Mrs. Makau, Secretary of the European and African Women - Western Native Township Branch - and advise her to cash her cheque immediately. AGREED.

3. CORRESPONDENCE: Applications for the use of the Hall were received and dealt with as follows:-

(a) From the Kailes Non-European Sporting Club for the use of the Hall for Professional Boxing on the 12th February, 1955. GRANTED.

(b) From the Transvaal African Dancing Teachers Association for a Dancing competition on the 4th February, 1955. GRANTED.

(c) From the Transvaal Association for Non-European Professional Boxing for the following Fridays:-

(i) 28-1-55, (ii) 25-2-55, (iii) 25-3-55. GRANTED.

(d) From St. Alban's Mission for a Church Fund raising Show on the 18th February, 1955. GRANTED.

(e) From the African Methodist School for a fund raising Show on the 11th February, 1955. Members enquired whether this School was known, and as to whether any of the applicants is a member of the Centre. It was found that the School was not known and applicant was not a member as such the application was refused.

(f) From the Shanty Town Septet for a fund raising Show on the 15th January, 1955. GRANTED.

(g) From the Medical Officer of Health for the extension of days for the use of the Hall on Thursday and Tuesday afternoons for the Children's Clinic.

The meeting in granting the use of the Hall on Tuesday afternoon AGREED that they be informed that they are granted the use of the Hall on Tuesday afternoons on a 3 months trial basis and that they be asked to pay £3 per month for the afternoons. AGREED.

(h) A Card had been received from the Registrar of Welfare Organisation conveying the Minister of Social Welfare's message wishing the Institution a happy Xmas and a prosperous New Year. NOTED WITH APPRECIATION.

4. NEW MEMBERS: The following were admitted into the membership of the Bantu Men's Social Centre:-

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| 1. Lawrence Mhlanga. | 7. H. H. Mancherjie. | 13. G. Makhatha. |
| 2. Walter Zikode. | 8. J. Gqoda. | 14. E. Moerane. |
| 3. Peace E. Maimane. | 9. M. J. Mathala. | 15. O. Moshweu. |
| 4. V. H. Kgadiete. | 10. A. Mohomane. | 16. E. Sebide Johnson. |
| 5. L. C. Sitole. | 11. Sam Malefane. | 17. O. Dlamini. |
| 6. Mavi Mandi. | 12. D. Mjambana. | 18. Sam Samuels. |

5. MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: The following members have renewed their membership:-

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| 1. M. Nyati. | 7. M. Mabala. |
| 2. J. Miyambo. | 8. J. Jonas. |
| 3. E. Manana. | 9. B. Mabuza. |
| 4. H. M. Job. | 10. P. Tau. |
| 5. A. Nxumalo. | 11. D. Neku. |
| 6. P. Nxumalo. | 12. W. Teyise. |

6. GENERAL:

(a) The Chairman informed the meeting that the 1954 Sunday Guest Nights were a success and that he would like to know as to whether these Guest Nights should be continued.

After a lengthy discussion the meeting AGREED that the matter be referred to the Literary and Cultural Committee which would draw the programme for the year.

(b) The Chairman reported that the Loud Speakers were installed by Mr. Lilianfeldt of the Roberts Radio Co. and, on behalf of the meeting, expressed his sincere thanks to Mr. O'Brien for having made the arrangements.

Mr. O'Brien suggested that a letter of thanks be written to Mr. Lilianfeldt for the splendid work.

(c) Mr. Mutshekwané suggested that the extension leading to the Telephone Bell be repaired. The meeting authorised the Chairman to see that the Bell was fixed.

(d) Mr. Pim reported that Mr. Dunn the Centre Auditor will be leaving Johannesburg. The meeting authorised Mr. Pim to find an Auditor for the Centre. AGREED.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6.35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN. _____

DATE. _____

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BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

Phone: 33- 8110

3, Eloff Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

14th January, 1955

Dear Sir,

NOTICE OF MEETING.

You are invited to attend an ordinary meeting of the Bantu Men's Social Centre's Executive Committee, to be held in the Bantu Men's Social Centre's Committee - Room, on Thursday January 13th, 1955 at 5 p.m.

AGENDA.

- (1) Minutes.
- (2) Matters arising.
- (3) Correspondence.
- (4) Membership.
- (5) General

Yours respectfully,

B. Mav. Mudau.
SECRETARY.

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BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

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Phone: 33 - 8110.

219, Eloff Street,
JOHANNESBURG.
4th February, 1955.

Dear Sir,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee, Bantu Men's Social Centre, that will be held in the Committee-Room on Thursday 10th February, 1955 at 5 p.m.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes.
2. Matters Arising.
3. Correspondence.
4. Membership.
5. General.

Yours respectfully,
B. Mav. Mudau.
SECRETARY.

BMM/AWM.

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE, HELD IN COMMITTEE-ROOM ON THURSDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 1955 AT 5 P.M.

PRESENT: Dr. Ray E. Phillips. (in the Chair.)
Mr. M. A. Hough.
" L. C. Koza.
" H. Makhonofane.
" Self Mampuru.
" A. B. O'Brien.
" J. Montague Pim.

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs. B. Mav. Mudau (Secretary.) and A. W. Mbatha.
(Assistant Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: Mr. M. A. Crawford.
" C. H. Boyang.
Rev. Lee Bergsman.
Mr. S. R. Mutshekwane.
" A. B. Mathobela.
Councillor A. L. Gillibrand.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes were circulated, confirmed and signed with the following additions and amendments.

(a) That the first paragraph of section " A " of the Minutes should be changed to read:- " Mr. Pim (Treasurer.) informed the meeting that Senator W. G. Ballinger, member of the African Children Feeding Scheme had enquired whether the organisers had been duly authorised to stage the Concert on the 30th December, 1955."

2. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Reporting on the Door Takings of the African Children Feeding Scheme function the Secretary informed the meeting that he had contacted Mrs. Ponsonby who informed him that her Office had not received the takings of that function, because one of the organisers had been arrested for mishandling cheques of the Association. NOTED.

(b) Mr. Mampuru informed the meeting that he was unsuccessful in his efforts of tracing through the records the loss of the four B.M.S.C. badges and as such he handed over the sum of £1. 0. 0. to cover the cost of the badges.

(c) The Chairman informed the meeting that he had written a letter of thanks to Mr. Lilianfeldt of the Roberts Radio Co., for their splendid piece of work of installing Radio Loud Speakers.

(d) Mr. Pim (Treasurer.) produced a cheque returned by Mr. Mosotho who stated in his letter that he had had difficulty in cashing it. The meeting after discussing the matter authorised Mr. Pim (Treasurer.) to pay Mr. Mosotho in cash. AGREED.

(e) The Secretary reported that Mr. Mutshekwane had informed him that he had contacted Mrs. B. Makau, Secretary of European and African Women Association and advised her to cash the cheque sent to her immediately.

(f) Mr. Pim (Treasurer.) reported having approached a firm of Chartered Accountants, Mr. H. S. E. Anderson and Co., who Agreed to audit the Centre's Books at a nominal fee of £10. 10. 0. per Annum.
ACCEPTED WITH THANKS.

3. CORRESPONDENCE: Applications for the use of the Hall were received and dealt with as follows:-

(a) From Mr. D. R. Twala Secretary/Treasurer Mendi Memorial Scholarship Fund for the use of the Hall for the Annual Church Choir Competition on Sunday 20th February, 1955. GRANTED.

(b) From Mr. Mathaba of Lady-Selbourne Dancing Club (Pretoria.) for a Dancing Competition on the 6th May, 1955. GRANTED.

(c) From the Young Africans Improvement League for a fund raising Concert on the 11th March, 1955. REFUSED.

(d) From the African United (Central Africa.) Social Club for purposes of holding an Annual General Meeting on Sunday 13th February, 1955. GRANTED on condition they receive permission from the Police exempting them from the ban on meetings imposed by the Minister of Justice.

(e) From the Secretary African Nurses Association, Non-European Hospital for a Tea Party on the 6th March, 1955. GRANTED on the usual conditions.

(f) From the B.M.S.C. Cleaners for an increase in their cost of their Food Allowances. Mr. O'Brien moved that this matter be referred to a Sub-Committee which should report in the next meeting.

The following were then asked to serve in the Sub-Committee:-

Dr. Ray E. Phillips. (Chairman.)
Mr. J. Montague Pim. (Treasurer.)
" B. Mav. Madau. (Secretary.)

(g) From Mr. Banda of the Bedford Banda School of Ball-Room Dancing for a Dance Competition on the 22nd April, 1955. GRANTED.

(h) From the Manager Shanty-Town Septet reporting their failure to pay the Centre's balance of £7. 10. 0. after the Show held on the 15th January, 1955. This Show was a financial failure. They applied for another date, the 6th May, intending to recover their losses and pay the Centre in full.

After a lengthy discussion Mr. Mampuru supported by Mr. Koza moved that they be granted on condition they pay the first balance of £7. 10. 0. AGREED.

4. NEW MEMBERS: The following were admitted into the membership of the Bantu Men's Social Centre:-

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| 1. Sam Lebatle. | 9. Lazarus P. Mathabe. | 17. James Rankuna. |
| 2. Enos Kumalo. | 10. Benjamin Chaka. | 18. Edward Tlamakgana. |
| 3. Simon Mabaso. | 11. Frances Mtembu. | 19. Edgar Maete, |
| 4. Isaac Mabeba. | 12. Jacob Dlamini. | 20. Robert Goliath. |
| 5. Dunston Papiyana. | 13. Ritchard Mahloko. | 21. Nett van Rooyen. |
| 6. Noah Bougaard. | 14. Moses Ngcobo. | 22. Solomon Raphela. |
| 7. Joseph C. Phehane. | 15. Alexandre Oliphant. | |
| 8. Isaac Mayeko. | 16. Joel Ndaba. | |

5. MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: The following members have renewed their membership:-

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| 1. P. Framrose. | 8. S. Ngwangqa. | 15. Aziz Omar. |
| 2. P. Kunene. | 9. Lazarus Thlapi. | 16. S. Mabude. |
| 3. S. Ginwala. | 10. I. N. Sharp. | 17. R. Tatane. |
| 4. J. Mokoni. | 11. Chester Bite. | 18. Moses Mofokeng. |
| 5. Goolam Fakir. | 12. R. Denalane. | 19. D. Links. |
| 6. Julius Mdluli. | 13. J. Mathe. | 20. Timothy Ndaba. |
| 7. S. Vilakazi. | 14. M. Kambule. | |

(3.)

Below is a reflection of our Membership strength showing those who have paid up-to-date from February 1954 to February, 1955:-

Good Standing:- 673.

Bad Standing:- 202.

875.

6. GENERAL:

(a) The Chairman placed a draft programme of the Guest Nights for the next six months before the Committee Members asking for their comments and authority to print copies to be distributed amongst the members. The programme was ACCEPTED and the necessary authority granted.

(b) Mr. Pim reported to the meeting that he had received two Rhodesian cheques of £30 and £40 respectively to be banked from the Assistant Secretary.

The Assistant Secretary informed the meeting that the cheques were from the Mashonaland Boxing Club for a boxing tournament in Salisbury during the Easter Week-end. The amount sent was to cover our Team's travelling expenses.

The meeting formally authorised the team to make the trip to Rhodesia and authorised the Assistant Secretary to accompany the team.

(c) It was AGREED that the Annual General Meeting should be held on Thursday 31st March, 1955 - the European meeting at 5.00 O'clock and the African at 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN. _____

DATE. _____

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BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

Phone: 33 - 8110.

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219, Eloff Street,
JOHANNESBURG.
23th February, 1955.

Dear Sir,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee, Bantu Men's Social Centre, that will be held in the Committee-Room on Thursday 10th March, 1955 at 5 p.m.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes.
2. Matters Arising.
3. Correspondence.
4. Chairman's Report on Cleaners.
5. Publications.
6. Membership.
7. General.

Yours respectfully,

B. Mav. Madau.
SECRETARY.

BMM/AWM.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE-ROOM ON THURSDAY 10TH MARCH, 1955, AT 5 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. M. A. Hough. (in the Chair.)
Rev. Lee Bergsman,
Mr. M. A. Crawford.
" L. C. Koza.
" S. R. Mutshekwane.
" Self Mampuru,
" A. Nobanda.
Dr. Ray E. Phillips. (arriving late.)
Mr. J. Montague Pim.
" A. B. O'Brien.

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs. B. Mav. Mudau (Secretary.) and A. W. Mbatha.
(Assistant Secretary.)

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes having been circulated were confirmed and signed, with the following additions and amendments.

(a) That the third paragraph of Item (6) Section (b) of the Minutes be changed to read:- " The meeting formally authorised the team to make the trip to Rhodesia and AGREED that the Assistant Secretary accompany the team as Manager. He was granted Special leave for this period."

(b) That the last paragraph of Item (3) be changed to read:- " After a lengthy discussion Mr. Mampuru supported by Mr. Koza moved that their application be considered only after they have paid the balance of £7. 10. 0. "

2. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) The meeting instructed the Secretary to write a letter to the Manager of the Shanty Town Septet demanding the payment of £7. 10. 0., being the balance owing to them.

(b) The Secretary reported that the St. Alban's Church Dance was not held on the 18th February, 1955 and that no reason for failure to hold the function was given. NOTED.

3. CORRESPONDENCE: Applications for the use of the Hall were received and dealt with as follows:-

(a) From the Transvaal Association for Non-European Professional Boxing for tournaments on the 29th April, 27th May, and 24th June, 1955, respectively. GRANTED.

(b) From the Young Africans Improvement League explaining their aims and objects and asking the Committee to reconsider their application.

The meeting, after a lengthy discussion, AGREED that the Secretary should contact Mr. Nakeni Principal of the Orlando High School to clarify the matter and if this were satisfactory to ask the applicants to choose another date.

(c) From the Kailles Sporting Club for a Boxing Tournament to be held on the 15th April, 1955. REFUSED because they failed to fulfil the Centre's requirements for the hire of the Hall.

(d) From the Sophiatown African Methodist Church School claiming £5. 0. 0. as follows:-

(i) £2. 10. 0. being the refund for their deposit.

(ii) £2. 10. 0. for expenses incurred through advertising

After considerable discussion the meeting AGREED that their deposit be refunded and that Dr. Phillips should write a letter informing them that the expenses incurred through advertising was not the Centre's responsibility. Further the meeting instructed the Secretary to see that in future applications are attended to immediately.

(e) A circular letter from the Department of Social Welfare pointed out the amendment of regulations restricting the use of Social Centres by political or Semi-political bodies.

After discussion as to what " Semi-political bodies " are, the meeting authorised Dr. Phillips to reply the letter describing the Centre's procedure and asking for more detail.

(f) From the Transvaal Association of Girls Clubs and Youth Clubs giving a donation of £5. 0. 0. to the Centre. The meeting asked the Chairman to express its appreciation to the Transvaal Association of Girls and Youth Clubs for the donation.

(g) From the Johannesburg Co-ordinating Committee of Social Welfare Organisations reminding the Centre to pay its Annual Subscription fees.

In discussing this matter the meeting enquired whether the Centre was ever a member of this Council and how it benefitted.

After a lengthy discussion the meeting AGREED that the Chairman should find out all particulars with regard to the membership of the Co-ordinating Council and report to the next meeting.

(h) From Mr. Mudau (Secretary.) applying for Annual Leave as follows:- (i) Two weeks leave commencing from the 9th May to the 22nd May, 1955; and four weeks leave from the 4th July, to the 31st July, 1955. GRANTED on condition that Mr. Mudau attend the Social Workers conference to be held from the 20th to the 24th July, 1955.

4. CLEANERS' INCREMENTS: Opening a discussion on the Cleaners' increase on Food Allowances the Chairman informed the meeting that Dr. Phillips and Mr. Pim suggest that the Cleaners be given £1. 0. 0. on their Food Allowances. It was pointed out, however, that the Cleaners would be glad if the increment could be £1. 10. 0.

Mr. Mampuru supported by Mr. Nobanda pointed out to the meeting that it was necessary to give them the £1. 10. 0. rise on Food Allowances because the cost in food stuffs has risen considerably and had not had an increment for some years.

After a lengthy discussion on this matter the meeting AGREED on granting them the £1. 0. 0. rise on wages which will automatically affect the cost of living allowance and increase their over-all wages by approximately £1. 10. 0. AGREED.

It was further AGREED that the increase in payment be effective as from the 1st of March, 1955.

5. CLAUDE NEON LIGHT (S.A.) LTD: Dr. Phillips reported that he had received a letter from Messrs. Claude Neon Lights S.A. Ltd., stating that they would repaint and repair the sign on the side of the building within the next two weeks -- Gratis. ACCEPTED with thanks.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS: In presenting the Balance Sheet and the Expenditure and Revenue Account for the year ended 31st December, 1954, the Honorary Treasurer intimated that there was a deficit of £13. 16. 0. of Expenditure over Revenue for the year. The deficit was due to the repairs to the Building and Furniture and the delay on the part of the Government in sending the pound-for-pound subsidy on repairs.

The Honorary Treasurer dealing with the different items of the Financial Statement of Accounts pointed out that there was a substantial increase in membership subscriptions.

The Financial Statement was accepted with a vote of appreciation of the outstanding services rendered through Mr. J. Montague Pim the Honorary Treasurer, by the Firm of Messrs Howard Pim and Hardy.

7. NEW MEMBERS: The following were admitted into the membership of the Bantu Men's Social Centre:-

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| 1. Amos Nkosi. | 12. Tommy Joyce. | 23. Danny Thomas. |
| 2. Edward Seute. | 13. Simon Makane. | 24. J. Ramorolo. |
| 3. Rocks Velelo. | 14. P. Ndlovu. | 25. Pius Selogilwe. |
| 4. J. Mofutsanyana. | 15. J. Mahlabaane. | 26. William Mtshali. |
| 5. T. Khoza. | 16. S. Moleleki. | 27. Mishack Molefe. |
| 6. Jacob Mabuse. | 17. S. M. Pooe. | 28. George Koza. |
| 7. Alfred Msimang. | 18. R. Daya. | 29. Willie Abels. |
| 8. Z. Modibedi. | 19. E. M. Motala. | 30. James Douman. |
| 9. P. Makgata. | 20. Bennett Tau. | 31. Joel Baleni. |
| 10. J. Tshabalala. | 21. S. Tshabalala. | 32. Osbourne Ferdinand. |
| 11. A. Sayad. | 22. Neville Traut. | |

8. MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: The following members have renewed their membership:-

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| 1. Mahomed Adams. | 8. Afac Makatso. |
| 2. G. S. Mbokazi. | 9. J. Abrahams. |
| 3. J. Lebethe. | 10. G. Tau. |
| 4. H. Gumede. | 11. J. Mabunda. |
| 5. E. Malindy. | 12. P. Rezant. |
| 6. G. Mohapie. | 13. D. Tsotetsi. |
| 7. J. M. Hoskins. | |

9. GENERAL:

(a) Dr. Phillips reported that he, in consultation with the Treasurer, had secured the assistance of Dipest Products and Service for fumigating the Centre at £13. 10. 0.

In sanctioning the action of Dr. Phillips and the Treasurer the meeting AGREED that the Centre be fumigated every six months.

(b) Mr. Nobanda suggested that the Centre should give the Secretaries bonuses for Nights of functions or raise their Cost of Living Allowances.

Mr. Koza in support of Mr. Nobanda moved that this matter be included in the Agenda for the next meeting. AGREED.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7.5 p.m.

CHAIRMAN. _____

DATE. _____

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

Phone: 33 - 8110.

219, Eloff Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

28th March, 1955.

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NOTICE OF MEETING.

Dear Sir,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee, Bantu Men's Social Centre that will be held in the Committee-Room on Thursday the 14th April, 1955 at 5 p.m.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes.
2. Matters Arising.
3. Correspondence.
4. Annual General Meeting's Report's:-
 - (a) European Members Meeting - Dr. Ray E. Phillips (Chairman).
 - (b) African Members Meeting - Mr. Self Mampuru (Chairman).
5. Membership.
6. Secretaries Allowances - Mr. A. Nobanda and Mr. L.C. Kosa.
7. Report of trip to Rhodesia - Mr. A.W. Mbatha.

Yours respectfully,

B. Mav. Mdaou.

SECRETARY.

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE-ROOM ON THURSDAY 14TH APRIL, 1955 AT 5 P.M.

PRESENT: Dr. Ray E. Phillips. (in the Chair.)
Rev. Lee Bergsman.
Mr. C. H. Boyang.
" M. A. Crawford.
" L. C. Koza.
" Self Mampuru.
" H. Makhonofane.
" S. R. Mutshekwane.
" J. Montague Pim.
" A. B. O'Brien.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. B. Mav. Mudau. (Secretary.)

1. MINUTES: The minutes having been circulated were taken as read and adopted.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Arising out of Item (3) Section (e) of the Minutes dealing with Departmental Circular No. 5 of 1955 re-Use of Subsidised Social Centre Halls for Political Meetings. The Chairman read a copy of a letter to the Department pointing out the Policy of the Centre which is opposed to the holding of Party political meetings at the building. The letter pointed out that the only exception was the holding of meetings addressed by Senator the Hon. W. G. Ballinger the Constitutionally elected Native Representative in Parliament for the Orange Free State and the Transvaal. He had enquired whether it was not considered proper to allow such meetings in future. NOTED.

(b) Reporting on his investigation of the Centre's membership in the Johannesburg Co-ordinating Council of Welfare Organisations, the Chairman informed the meeting that the Centre was not a member of this body and that according to its Constitution the Centre was not really concerned with such a body which is an organisation of Welfare bodies while the Centre is a Community Centre.

The Chairman recommended that the Centre decline membership in the Johannesburg Co-ordinating Committee of Social Welfare Organisations at this time. ACCEPTED.

At this stage Mr. Mampuru enquired on whether it was not the very Organisation that was arranging for the July Conference at the University of the Witwatersrand? And if it is this Organisation, why do we grant our Secretary leave on condition he attends the conference?

After considerable discussion the meeting AGREED that the leave be granted on the understanding that Mr. Mudau would attend the two Conferences on the 20th -- 24th July, 1955 and that the Centre would pay the Conference registration fee of 5/-.

(c) The Secretary reported having approached the Principal of Orlando High School, Mr. Nakeni to verify the aims and objects of the Orlando Young Men's Improvement League. Mr. Nakeni said he would be grateful if the Centre Committee should grant the use of the Hall to this organisation on the 13th May, 1955. GRANTED.

(d) The Chairman informed the meeting that he in consultation with the Treasurer have paid the Dipest Products and Service the sum of £30. 0. 0. for fumigating the whole building. The Chairman asked the meeting to sanction their action. AGREED.

3. CORRESPONDENCE: Applications for the use of the Hall were received and dealt with as follows:-

(a) From the Y.W.C.A. (Zenzele.) applying for a refund of part at least of the money paid for the use of the Hall on the 4th March, 1955.

The meeting enquired whether they had incurred any loss. The Chairman, in reply informed the meeting that the function seemed to have been a success and to his best knowledge no loss had been sustained.

After a considerable discussion the meeting, fearing that such refund would create a presedent AGREED that a letter of regret be written refusing the request but expressing the Executive's real interest and sympathy with the work of the Zenzele Y.W.C.A.

(b) From Mr. Salisbury Klaaste applying for the use of the B.M.S.C. Piano for giving piano tuition.

After a discussion as to when classes would be held; how much was he going to charge for his tuition; and how much was he going to pay to the Centre, the meeting appointed a sub-committee consisting of the following to meet with Mr. Salisbury Klaaste and report back to the Executive:-

Dr. Ray E. Phillips.
Mr. Self Mampuru.
and Mr. B. Mav. Mudau.

(c) From the Non-European Nurses Home (General Hospital.) applying for the use of the Hall for a Dance on the 8th July, 1955.

The meeting not clear on whether this was an Association or not, it instructed the Secretary to investigate and report in the next meeting.

(d) From the Women's Welfare Society for a Dance on the 10th June, 1955. GRANTED.

(e) From the Transvaal Association of Girls Clubs for a Dance on the 17th June, 1955. GRANTED.

(f) From the Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work Student Bursary Committee for their Annual Ball on the 2nd December, 1955. GRANTED.

(g) From the Bantu Sports Lawn Tennis Club for a fund raising Show on the 3rd June, 1955. GRANTED.

(h) From the Catholic-Pro-Cathedral for a fund raising Show on the 12th August, 1955. GRANTED.

(i) From the Leader of the Shanty Town Septet informing the Committee of their difficulty in paying the balance of £7. 10. 0. which they owe the Centre. The wished the Centre to grant them the use of the Hall to raise the funds to enable them to meet their indebtedness.

After considerable discussion the Committee AGREED that another letter demanding the balance be written, with the understanding that on their failure to pay, it should be treated as a bad debt.

(j) From Mr. Gilbert Moloi for a Boxing Tournament in-aid of Jolting Joe Maseko on the 14th May, 1955.

The meeting felt that Mr. Moloi should first get permission from the boxing Board of Control, and appointed a Committee consisting of Dr. Ray E. Phillips and Mr. S. R. Mutshekwane to grant the date on condition they were satisfied that Mr. Moloi had got such permission. AGREED.

4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING'S REPORT:(a) EUROPEAN MEMBERS.

Reporting on the proceedings of the European Members Annual General Meeting Dr. Phillips pointed out that the meeting ACCEPTED the Financial Statement of Accounts and made corrections in the Reports.

At this stage Mr. Pim (Treasurer.) asked the meeting to state that certain missing Vouchers are in the hands of the Department of Social Welfare.

Mr. O'Brien supported by Mr. Mutshekwane moved that this meeting confirms that the missing Vouchers are in the hands of the Department of Social Welfare. AGREED.

(b) AFRICAN MEMBERS.

Summarising the proceedings of the African Members Annual General Meeting Mr. Mampuru pointed out the following:

(i) That there were 73 African Members present.

(ii) That the report was accepted with comments of appreciation.

(iii) That the Financial Statement of Accounts was approved and thanks expressed to the Firm of Messrs. Howard Pim and Hardy.

At this stage Dr. Phillips pointed out that the meeting was well conducted by Mr. Mampuru as Chairman and further thanked Mr. Mutshekwane for the fine manner in which he presented the Financial Statement of Accounts.

5. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICE BEARERS: The following were elected to serve as Office bearers for the Bantu Men's Social Centre for the year 1955:- President - Dr. Ray E. Phillips; Vice-Presidents - Mr. A. B. O'Brien and Mr. Self Mampuru; Treasurer - Mr. J. Montague Pim.

6. SECRETARIES ALLOWANCES:

Opening a discussion on this matter Mr. Nobanda intimated that the Secretaries were over-worked and he wished to suggest that they be given some bonuses or alternatively that they be given an increase in the Cost of Living Allowance.

The meeting, in discussing this matter, found out that there was no strong evidence to justify the increase in the Cost of Living Allowances. Mr. Koza supported by Mr. Makhonofane moved that a Sub-Committee be appointed to investigate the matter.

After a long discussion on this matter the Chairman pointed out that the movers of this motion have no convincing evidence and as such the matter should be closed until such time that facts about this matter are available. AGREED.

7. NEW MEMBERS: The following were admitted into the membership of the Bantu Men's Social Centre:-

| <u>NAME.</u> | <u>AMOUNT PAID.</u> | <u>NAME.</u> | <u>AMOUNT PAID.</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. H. Cajee. | 10s. Od. | 9. L. Manyane. | 10s. Od. |
| 2. Ben Mawela. | 10s. Od. | 10.E. Lepaku. | 10s. Od. |
| 3. P. Radise. | 10s. Od. | 11.J. Sikhali. | 10s. Od. |
| 4. J. Mlangeni. | 10s. Od. | 12.L. Xaba. | 10s. Od. |
| 5. L. Kgatiswe. | 10s. Od. | 13.J. Sikhonyane. | 10s. Od. |
| 6. W. Slambert. | 10s. Od. | 14.A. S. Moosa. | 10s. Od. |
| 7. D. Choane. | 10s. Od. | 15.E. Bulbulia. | 10s. Od. |
| 8. A. Kgokane. | 10s. Od. | 16.P. Phukuile. | 10s. Od. |

| <u>NAME.</u> | <u>AMOUNT PAID.</u> | <u>NAME.</u> | <u>AMOUNT PAID.</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 17. M. Choane. | 10s. Od. | | |
| B. Shumi. | 10s. Od. | | |

8. MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS. The following members have renewed their membership -

| <u>NAME.</u> | <u>AMOUNT PAID.</u> | <u>NAME.</u> | <u>AMOUNT PAID.</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. E. Bully. | 10s. Od. | 10. S. Mnisi. | 10s. Od. |
| 2. A. Fish. | 10s. Od. | 11. M. Molate. | 10s. Od. |
| 3. K. Vrylal. | 10s. Od. | 12. R. J. Carsten. | 5s. Od. |
| 4. Z. Fisher. | 10s. Od. | 13. G. Makunga. | 2s. 6d. |
| 5. N. Gordon. | 10s. Od. | 14. J. Pamla. | 10s. Od. |
| 6. P. Mabusela. | 10s. Od. | 15. A. Maseko. | 10s. Od. |
| 7. W. Kgoale. | 10s. Od. | 16. P. Rampa. | 10s. Od. |
| 8. S. Mzaba. | 10s. Od. | 17. J. Leslie. | 10s. Od. |
| 9. C. Mokoleng. | 2s. 6d. | | |

9. GENERAL:

(a) Mr. L. C. Koza moved that the Founders Day be held on Friday the 28th October, 1955.

The meeting AGREED that suggestions for a Guest Speaker be submitted in the next meeting.

(b) Mr. Crawford informed the meeting that the Editor of Umteteli has AGREED to give the Centre a Weekly Copy - but, a formal letter asking for the Copy should be written. AGREED.

(c) The meeting AGREED that in future Membership lists submitted to the Executive Committee's monthly meetings should reflect the category of each individual member. AGREED.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7.25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN. _____

DATE. _____

Mr. ...
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BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

MAY 2 1955

Phone: 33 - 8110.

219, Eloff Street,
JOHANNESBURG.
28th April, 1955.

Dear Sir,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee, Bantu Men's Social Centre, that will be held in the Committee-Room on Thursday 12th May, 1955 at 5 p.m.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes.
2. Matters Arising.
3. Correspondence.
4. Report on Rhodesian Tournament.
5. Membership.
6. General.

Yours respectfully,

B. Hav. Mudau.
SECRETARY.

BMM/AMM.

(c) From the Transvaal International Table Tennis Association for the purpose of holding the Transvaal Open Table Tennis Championships in the evenings of the 24th, 25th, 26th, and 28th May, 1955 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. respectively. GRANTED.

(d) From the Head Master, St. Peters Secondary School for a fund raising Concert and Dance on Thursday 2nd June, 1955. GRANTED.

(e) From the Catholic Pro - Cathedral Church for a Dance on the 12th August, 1955. GRANTED.

(f) From the Gaiety Musical Revue for a Concert and Dance on the 3rd June, 1955. GRANTED.

(g) From the Johannesburg Bantu Music Festival for the following dates:- 5th August, 1955 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. for a Warm Up Dance, 27th August, 1955 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; 17th, 18th, and 25th September, 1955 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 1st October, 1955 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 2nd and 9th October, 1955 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday 24th November, 1955 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Friday 25th November, 1955 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. GRANTED.

(h) From the Johannesburg Non-European Dancing Teachers' Association for a Ball-Room Dancing competition on the 9th September, 1955. GRANTED.

(i) From Mr. J. R. Rathebe for a Wedding Reception on Saturday 21st May, 1955. GRANTED.

(j) From the National Council of African Women for a fund raising Concert and Dance on the 1st July, 1955. GRANTED.

4. REPORT ON RHODESIAN TOURNAMENT: In reporting on a Boxing Tournament held in Rhodesia on the 10th April, 1955 between the B.M.S.C. boxing Club and the Mashonaland and International Amateur Boxing Clubs Mr. Mbatha (Assistant Secretary.) informed the meeting that both the trip and the tournament was a success. The journey was uneventful and the members of the team enjoyed it. The B.M.S.C. boxing Club won over the two Clubs with a lead of 35 points to their 25.

The tournament in general was a financial success and the organisers had expressed the wish of making such visits an Annual event, alternating between Rhodesia and Johannesburg.

The report was ACCEPTED with a vote of appreciation for the success that the B.M.S.C. boxing Club had attained in their first tournament outside the Union.

5. NEW MEMBERS: The following were admitted into the membership of the Bantu Men's Social Centre:-

| <u>NAME.</u> | <u>AMOUNT PAID.</u> | <u>NAME.</u> | <u>AMOUNT PAID.</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. John M'olo. | 10s. 00. | 17. J. Sebolao. | 10s. 0d. |
| 2. Lucas Motuba. | 10s. 0d. | 18. Robert Ntshingila. | 10s. 0d. |
| 3. S. Makwe. | 10s. 0d. | 19. W. Zuba. | 10s. 0d. |
| 4. J. G. Mackay. | 10s. 0d. | 20. William Meyers. | 10s. 0d. |
| 5. Jeffrey Moagi. | 10s. 0d. | 21. Lucas Nkosi. | 10s. 0d. |
| 6. Larry Smale. | 10s. 0d. | 22. Mishack Mtembu. | 10s. 0d. |
| 7. J. Phalatsi. | 10s. 0d. | 23. A. H. Legoale. | 10s. 0d. |
| 8. R. Parbhoo. | 10s. 0d. | 24. V. Cotty. | 10s. 0d. |
| 9. B. Sithibe. | 10s. 0d. | 25. P. N. Gumbi. | 10s. 0d. |
| 10. J. J. Nare. | 10s. 0d. | 26. Enoch Sitole. | 10s. 0d. |
| 11. S. Kika. | 10s. 0d. | 27. Elias Pali. | 10s. 0d. |
| 12. H. Job. | 10s. 0d. | 28. Zacharia Nthite. | 5s. 0d. |
| 13. S. Shipalane. | 10s. 0d. | 29. V. Butelezi. | 10s. 0d. |
| 14. C. Nkabinde. | 10s. 0d. | 30. Sulaman Kola. | 10s. 0d. |
| 15. R. Manga. | 10s. 0d. | 31. Melville Soya. | 10s. 0d. |
| 16. B. Nhlabati. | 2s. 6d. | 32. Pheneas Mashishi. | 10s. 0d. |

| <u>NAME.</u> | <u>AMOUNT PAID.</u> | <u>NAME.</u> | <u>AMOUNT PAID.</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 33. Simon Foord. | 10s. Od. | 34. Eric Sifunda. | 5s. Od. |

6. MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: The following members have renewed their membership:-

| <u>NAME.</u> | <u>AMOUNT PAID.</u> | <u>NAME.</u> | <u>AMOUNT PAID.</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. P. C. Mokgokong. | 10s. Od. | 6. J. Pamla. | 10s. Od. |
| 2. J. Makubo. | 10s. Od. | 7. L. Matlotlo. | 10s. Od. |
| 3. Stanley Nkolombe. | 10s. Od. | 8. W. Magwaza. | 10s. Od. |
| 4. Michael MacDiva. | 10s. Od. | 9. L. Mcunu. | 10s. Od. |
| 5. Solly Patel. | 10s. Od. | 10. C. Jacobs. | 5s. Od. |

Below is a reflection of our Membership strength showing those who paid up-to-date from May, 1954 to May, 1955:-

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| Good Standing: | 757. |
| Bad Standing: | 162. |
| | <hr/> |
| | <u>919.</u> |
| APPLICATIONS: | 34. |
| RENEWALS: | 10. |
| | <hr/> |
| | <u>44.</u> |

7. GENERAL:

(a) The meeting confirmed the Chairman's action in paying for the repair of Seven sets of Sixteen Ounce boxing gloves at a cost of £8. 5. 0.

(b) Mr. Nobanda reported that the Tennis Committee had AGREED to hold its Annual Championships from the 28th May, 1955. NOTED.

Further he suggested the buying of Trophies for the oncoming Indoor games and Tennis competitions. The meeting, after some discussion, appointed a Committee consisting of Mr. Self Mampuru, H. Makhonofane, A. Nobanda and A. W. Mbatha to investigate the building of a Cup buying fund to which the Tennis Entry Fees would be added. It was also AGREED to start off this fund with the amount of £10 donated to this cause by the Bantu World.

(c) The Chairman informed the meeting that arrangements had been made for an exhibition in Billiards and Snooker to be held on Sunday the 22nd May, 1955 by Mr. Horace Lindrum the World renowned Billiards and Snooker Champion. It was AGREED to pay the visitor the nominal fee of £9. 10. 0. for the exhibition; also to cover the senior members' Billiards Table and purchase a new set of Billiards balls.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6.20 p.m.

CHAIRMAN. _____

DATE. _____

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE?

Phone: 33 - 8110.

219, Eloff Street,
JOHANNESBURG.
2nd June, 1955.

JUNE 3 1955

Dear Sir,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee, Bantu Men's Social Centre, that will be held in the Committee-Room on Thursday 9th June, 1955 at 5 p.m.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes.
2. Matters Arising.
3. Correspondence.
4. Report of Sub-Committee on Trophies.
5. Membership.
6. General.

Yours respectfully,

B. Mav. Mudau.
SECRETARY.

BMM/AWM.

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