

JOHANNESBURG INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 5 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 29TH JANUARY 1948, IN THE INDIAN CLINIC, 15 BREE
STREET, FORDSBURG, JOHANNESBURG.

PRESENT: Mrs. A.W. Hoernlé (in the Chair), Mrs. W. Ernest,
Mrs. J. Essery, Miss E. Katz, Mr. E.G. Moodley,
Mr. S. Moodley, Mr. N. Parbhoo, Mr. S.D. Royeppen,
Mr. H.D. Singh, Miss A. Varavia, Miss E.M. Hunt
(Hon. Secretary).

1. **APOLOGIES:** Miss J.H. Granger, Mrs. I. Kuper, and the Rev. B.L.E. Sigamoney.
2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read, and were confirmed subject to the following alterations:

At the top of page three the names of the schools should read:-

Johannesburg Indian High School,
Gold Street Indian Government School,
Bree Street Indian Government School,
Indian Girls' School.

3. **MATTERS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Indians in Benoni.

As Mr. Parbhoo had been unable to visit Benoni,

IT WAS AGREED that, later in the year, Mrs. Hoernlé and Mr. Parbhoo should go to Benoni and Boksburg and visit the Indians there.

4. **SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1947.**

"I paid 438 visits during the last two months. I found a few cases of diphtheria on my rounds and four cases of infantile paralysis. I am always impressing upon the mothers the importance of having the children immunised against diphtheria.

Child Welfare:

We have four new cases. In two of the cases the fathers were unfit for work and had applied for Invalidity Pensions. The other two cases were widows with children. A man who had been receiving a family allowance of £14 per month for his family of 9 children had this allowance stopped as he did not pay his rent. His home is opposite the Court and they found out that he was selling liquor to the natives. Last month we had very few new cases in need of groceries.

Clinic:

We attended to 212 patients during the last two months. Last year we had 98 more new cases than the previous year and the Doctor was always kept busy. Most of our patients are women with internal trouble. We injected 39 children for diphtheria.

We are resuming the Dental sessions next month after the school holidays."

5. **MATTERS ARISING OUT OF SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT.**

(i) Mrs. Ernest confirmed that all the cases of Infantile paralysis were in hospital. NOTED.

(ii) Mr. K.G. Moodley suggested that the Association should write to the principals of the four Indian Schools to draw their attention to the fact that diphtheria was prevalent again and that it would be advisable if they did all in their power to have all the children in their schools immunised. NOTED.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The Financial Statements for November and December 1947 were presented by Mrs. Hoernlé and were accepted.

7. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The Chairman read a letter from the bank granting our request for exemption from bank charges on the grounds that the Association was a charitable organisation. On Mrs. Hoernlé's proposal,

IT WAS AGREED that the Secretary write the bank a letter of appreciation for this gesture.

8. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT:

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED that the appointment of Mrs. J. Essery as Assistant Social Worker be confirmed.

The letter of appointment was discussed, and on the matter of leave, Mrs. Hoernlé told the meeting that it was the policy of the Johannesburg Child Welfare Society with which our Association is affiliated, not to allow any pay in lieu of leave, and that leave could only be granted after the end of each full year of service.

IT WAS AGREED that this Association adopt the same policy, and that this should be incorporated in any future letter of appointment.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

(i) Letter from the Transvaal Education Department regretting that it was not in a position to recommend an increase in its annual grant to the Association.

On the proposal of Mrs. Hoernlé,

IT WAS AGREED that when the Annual Report was published a copy be sent to the Department in order to show them the amount of money which was spent on dental work for the Non-European children.

(ii) Letter from Mr. Notten, husband of Dr. Attaoullah, expressing her appreciation of the flowers and letter sent by the Association.

NOTED.

(iii) Letter from the Registrar of Welfare Organisations acknowledging the Association's application for registration under the provisions of the Welfare Organisations Act, 1947, advising that the prescribed form of application would be forwarded in due course, and giving the information that the Association might, therefore, continue to function until further notice.

NOTED.

10. NEXT MEETING:

In order that copies of the Annual Report might accompany invitations to the Annual Meeting,

IT WAS AGREED (i) that this meeting be postponed from the last Thursday in February to the last Thursday in March, and

(ii) that the next ordinary monthly meeting be held on the 26th February, 1948.

11. GENERAL:

(i) The Chairman read a letter from Gangabon Goolad, of 482 Church Street, Pretoria, giving information about a widow named Bhoolah, at 12 Jules Street, Jeppe, who was badly in need of help.

IT WAS AGREED that Miss Katz visit her and apply for a Maintenance Grant on her behalf.

(ii) Mr. Royeppen pointed out that although Chinese were admitted to His Majesty's Theatre Indians were refused admission.

IT WAS AGREED that the Secretary write to Mr. Meldrum of the office of the High Commissioner for India requesting advice as to whether they had made representations in this matter and if not, what would be the best procedure to adopt.

(iii) Light in Clinic Office.

IT WAS AGREED that Miss Katz be authorised to choose a suitable table lamp from Gaylor's, and inform Mrs. Hoernlé of her choice.

(iv) Schools.

Mrs. Hoernlé promised to accompany Miss Katz and visit all the schools served by the Association to ask for donations towards Association funds.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 6.10. p.m.

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