

JOHANNESBURG INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, HELD AT 5. P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 29th APRIL 1948, IN THE
INDIAN CLINIC, 15 BREE STREET, FORDS-
BURG, JOHANNESBURG.

PRESENT: Mrs. A.W. Hoernle (in the Chair) Mr. A. Carrin, Mr. W. Ernest,
Mrs. W. Ernest, Miss E. Katz, Miss E. Marlowe, Mr. K.G. Moodley,
Mr. S.D. Royeppen, Mr. H.D. Singh, Miss E.M. Hunt (Hon. Secretary).

1. APOLOGIES: Mrs. I. Kuper, Mr. N. Parbhoo, The Rev. F.L.E. Sigamoney.

2. SIGNING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read, and signed as correct.

3. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.

(i) Mr. Nagar Daya.

Miss Katz reported that the Coronation Hospital had informed the Association that Mr. Nagar Daya was to be removed from the Hospital.

Mrs. Hoernle pointed out that there was no Old Age or Chronic Sick Home for Indians and that as it was reported that he was virtually unable to fend for himself, and he had no relatives, it was impossible to move him.

IT WAS AGREED to await the result of further discussions with Mr. Parbhoo and Mr. Thambi before writing to the Coronation Hospital.

4. SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT. MARCH 1948.

"During March I paid the following visits:-

Fordsburg	56
Vrededorp	47
Newclare, Newlands, Sophiatown and Albertsville	33
Doornfontein, Bertrams	27
Jeppe, Cleveland, Denver, Springfield ..	19
Kliptown, Ophirton, La Rochelle	26
Newtown, Ferreirastown	42
Alexandra Township, Mia's Farm	6
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CHILD WELFARE:

There are two new cases:-

1. A man in receipt of an Old Age Pension.
2. An orphan child who is committed to her paternal grandmother. I wrote to Pretoria about the payment of the Maximum Grant. It is supposed to be £6 per month, but our records show a mother with seven minor children receiving £5/15/- per month. I have had no reply.

POOR RELIEF:

We applied for temporary assistance in six new cases. In each case the breadwinner was unable to support the family owing to illness.

We made out detailed reports in two Maintenance Grant cases showing the necessity for further support with food. The applicants in both cases were widows with seven minor children.

CLINICS.

Dr. Altschul is ill and Dr. Fanny Lurie has taken her place. Our Clinic fees for this month are £22.

DENTAL CLINICS.

On account of the schools being closed dental sessions only started to-day. Dental clinics are now held on three mornings of the week.

Mondays The Waterval and Bree Street Schools.
Thursdays The High School and Gold Street School.
Fridays Two Sessions for the Girls' School.

OLD AGE PENSIONS:

Last month I took nine people to the Pension Office to apply for Old Age Pensions. In one case the old woman was unable to go so I asked a Police Officer to accompany me to witness her mark.

GENERAL.

We bought five dozen jerseys. They are not very warm but I was unable to buy woollen jerseys, and all the local kind are of the same quality.

The old man Naga Daya who has been under treatment at the Coronation Hospital is now fit enough for discharge. The authorities have requested us to take him but I have been unable to find a home for him. Mr. Thambi has promised to find accommodation for him.

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

(i) Jerseys.

As the only jerseys Miss Katz had been able to get were not warm Mr. Carrin promised to supply 5 dozen woollen jerseys, sizes 8-32.

(ii) Dr. Altschul.

IT WAS AGREED that a letter of sympathy be sent to Dr. Altschul.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Cash Statement for the month of March was presented by Mrs. Hoernle, and was adopted.

Secretarial Fee.

IT WAS AGREED that the Secretarial Fee for the half year, amounting to £25 be paid to the Institute.

7. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT, MISS E. MARLOWE.

Mrs. Hoernle informed the meeting that as Miss Katz was alone she had not waited for a reply from Mrs. Christopher, but had appointed Miss E. Marlowe as Assistant Social Worker, as she was willing to come.

IT WAS AGREED that her appointment be confirmed at an inclusive salary of £25 per month, and in terms of her letter of appointment, dated 3rd April 1948.

Muslim Institute.

Mr. Carrin could not furnish any definite information about the future of the Muslim Institute, and Mrs. Hoernle stressed that the Association would require a full month's notice of any change in the present system whereby the Assistant Social Worker spent some of her time with the Institute, who, in turn, subsidized her salary.

8. GENERAL.

(i) Indian Social Welfare Assistant.

Mrs. Hoernle brought to the notice of the meeting a letter from the City Council saying that a post had been created for an Indian Social Welfare Assistant.

The salary offered was £276 - £324 per annum, and the qualifications required included a University degree in Social Science or allied subjects, and linguistic ability to make it possible to work satisfactorily with all sections of the Indian community.

NOTED.

(ii) Diepkloof.

Mr. Ernest told the meeting that the Government was prepared to alleviate conditions of Indians. Buildings sites would be allotted to Indians at Diepkloof, in extent one acre, half an acre and a quarter of an acre. He said that much interest had been shown in Mr. Sigamoney's suggestion that the top portion of Fordsburg be allocated to Indians for the raising of flats.

(iii) Railways.

Mr. Royeppen deplored the continued congestion on the Non-European coaches on the railway and the fact that Chinese were permitted to travel among Europeans.

Mr. Ernest endorsed this and stressed that many natives were travelling in first and second class compartments, without tickets, thus crowding out those with tickets.

IT WAS AGREED that the time had come for further action in this matter and that the Transvaal Indian Organisation should write and ask for the co-operation of the Institute of Race Relations, giving as much information as possible.

(iv) New Committee member.

On the proposal of Mr. Singh, seconded by Miss Katz,

IT WAS AGREED to elect to the Committee Mr. A. Carrin, of 36 Becker Street, Johannesburg.

SIGNED:
CHAIRMAN.

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