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JOHANNESBURG COUNCIL FOR ADULT EDUCATION.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1955.

The Annual General Meeting of the Johannesburg Council for Adult Education will take place on Monday, June 20th 1955 at 8 p.m. in Room 77 of the Public Library.

Affiliated organisations are entitled to send two representatives to this meeting, and are requested to do so.

Representative should be officially nominated and given power to vote, but there is no need to submit the names of representatives to the Council before the meeting.

Three sets of papers are enclosed herewith - one set for filing, and the other two sets for use by your representatives. A set of Agenda papers will constitute the credentials of a representative.

There will be room for others as well, and members of your organisation are cordially invited to attend.

The election of the representatives of groups of affiliated organisations for the year 1955/6 will take place at the meeting.

We are happy to announce that Professor J.P.Duminy, Principal of the Pretoria Technical College, will address the meeting.

C.Rheinallt Jones.
Hon. Secretary.

A G E N D A .

1. Notice convening the meeting.
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd June 1954 (enclosed).
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. Report of the Executive Committee for the year ended 31st March 1955 (enclosed).
5. Statement by Mr. J.Ramsay Thomson on "The Legal Status of Voluntary Organisations."
6. Accounts, Balance Sheet and Auditor's Report for the year ended 31st March 1955 . (To be tabled).
7. Election of Group Representatives to the Executive Committee.
8. An address - "Education in World Reconstruction" - by Professor J.P.Duminy, Principal of Pretoria Technical College.
9. General.

6th May 1955.

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JOHANNESBURG COUNCIL FOR ADULT EDUCATION.

Minutes of the fifth Annual General Meeting of the Johannesburg Council for Adult Education held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 23rd June 1954, in Room 77 of the Johannesburg Public Library.

PRESENT: Commander C.E.D. Enoch, in the Chair, and 32 persons representing the Executive Committee, and the affiliated organisations. Also, by invitation, Dr. A.J. van Zyl, Senior Professional Officer of the Department of Education, Arts and Science.

APOLOGIES: Mr. D.A. Etheredge, Hon. Secretary, owing to illness, Miss C. Miles, Mrs. Mitchell Hunter, Mr. H. Leith, Mr. J.R. Lopez, Mr. K.E.W. Lydall, Mr. H. Traunek, the S.A. Society of Music Teachers and the Wild Life Protection Society.

NOTICE OF MEETING. This was read by the Office Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 17TH JULY 1953: These, having been circularised, were taken as read, and confirmed on the proposal of Dr. Abt, seconded by Miss McLarty.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 9TH OCTOBER 1953: These, having been circularised, were taken as read, and confirmed on the proposal of Mr. Romm, seconded by Dr. Simon.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: There were no matters arising.

DR. VAN ZYL'S PAPER: At the request of the Chairman, Dr. van Zyl read an interesting paper on the various aspects of adult education, and the Government's attitude towards it. In the discussion that followed, Dr. van Zyl said that eighteen was taken as the age of attainment of adulthood, and that people should be more discriminating when reading newspapers.

THANKS: In thanking Dr. van Zyl for his well thought out paper, the Chairman stated that he hoped to make it available to organisations to study at leisure.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT: In presenting his report, which had been circulated to members, the Chairman said that he was very distressed at the standard of education of the new adults. The standard was falling rapidly, and the new generation was merely bioscope minded. They had no idea of teaching themselves, or amusing themselves. The authorities should take action for the sake of future generations. Adult Education deals with the proper use of leisure. Most people only work eight hours a day, and with no other interests, they are open to serious temptations. In the past we were taught that success went to the swift; to-day it goes to the educated. The great countries of the past were those with the toughest armies and generals; to-day the great countries are those with the greatest influence in propaganda, broadcasting,

films, etc. Tomorrow, the greatest will be those whose people make the best use of their leisure. "The day in which I have not learnt something new is a day completely wasted". This Council has a grave responsibility to the public to help them.

He then moved the adoption of the Executive Committee's Report. It was seconded by Mr. Romm. There was no discussion.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Lorimer, then explained the Balance Sheet and accounts, which had been circulated to members. In moving their adoption, she also proposed a vote of thanks to the Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Dallas and Thurley. The adoption of the Hon. Treasurer's Report and the vote of thanks were seconded by Mr. Kleinhaus.

ELECTION OF GROUP REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
The meeting divided into five groups and the elections took place.

The following persons were elected:

Learned and Scientific Group.	Dr. H.Simon. Mr. M.Hodgson.
Welfare Group.	Mr. H.Leith. Mrs. D.Nelson.
Hobbies Group.	Commander C.E.D.Enoch. Dr. W.G.Hesse.
Art, Music and Theatre Group.	Mrs. E.K.Lorimer. Mr. J.R.Lopez.
Fraternal Group.	Dr. H.Abt. Mr. I.S.Romm.

There was no election in the Religious Group, as no representatives were present. After discussion, Miss M.McLarty was nominated by the meeting to represent this Group, and the Executive Committee was authorised to invite a second person.

THANKS TO OUTGOING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Chairman expressed his thanks to those members of the Executive Committee who had assisted him so well during the past year.

GOOD WISHES TO MR. ETHEREDGE: The meeting passed a special message of good wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. D.A.Etheredge, and their thanks for all the work he had done for the cause of adult education during his many years as honorary secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 9.55p.m.

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DATE.

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CHAIRMAN.

JOHANNESBURG COUNCIL FOR ADULT EDUCATION.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1954/5.

The year under review has seen some stimulating local progress, but little general progress, in the field of adult education. Once again we draw attention to the antithesis of increasing activity amongst the voluntary organisations in Johannesburg (as evidenced by the Hobbies Fair, "Women Can Do It" Exhibition etc.) and the gradual falling away of Government support, both moral and financial, for the work of voluntary organisations. Moreover, we are disturbed and disappointed that, although nine years have passed since the launching of the State Adult Education scheme, there is still no clear policy which could encourage those working in the field of adult education, and that in times of prosperity the Treasury has not seen fit to loosen its tight rein on expenditure for adult education. Nevertheless, we pay tribute to the greatly overburdened officials of the Division of Adult Education who endeavour to implement the State Adult Education scheme in the face of considerable difficulties. In particular, our thanks are due to Dr. van Zyl who directs the scheme, and to the Regional Organiser, Mr. J.H.Coetzee, who has taken a lively interest in adult education in Johannesburg, and whose enthusiasm has served to minimise the frailties of the State scheme.

Your Committee suggested, in its last annual report, that the time had come for the Department to convene a national conference on adult education. This has not come to pass, and meanwhile the need for such a conference has undoubtedly increased. Reference is made later in this report to approaches which the Council has made to the Carnegie Foundation with the object of having a survey made of the needs of adult education in Johannesburg. Should this eventuate, there is little doubt that it will prove very helpful, but, nevertheless, it is no real replacement for a positive review of the situation on a nationwide basis by a Government agency.

At the beginning of the year under review the Chairmanship of the Council was taken over by Mr. D.A.Etheredge, who had been Secretary of the Council since its inception. The Committee welcomes Mr. Etheredge to the chair, and at the same time pays tribute to the excellent service which it received from Commander Enoch during his two years in the chair. Like Mr. Etheredge, Commander Enoch has served on the Executive Committee since the formation of the Council, and we are grateful that we have his continued services as Vice-Chairman.

1. The Executive Committee.

At the Annual General Meeting held on the 23rd June 1954, the following were elected to represent the six groups into which the affiliated organisations are divided.

Art, Music and Theatre Group.....	Mrs. E.K.Lorimer.
Fraternal Group.....	Mr. J.Rodriguez Lopez.
Welfare Group.....	Dr. H.abt.
Learned and Scientific Group... ..	Mr. Ittamar S.Romm.
Hobbies Group.....	Mrs. D.Nelson.
Religious Group.....	Mr. H.Leith.
	Dr. H.Simon.
	Mr. R.M.Hodgson.
	Commander C.E.D.Enoch.
	Dr. W.G.Hesse.
	Miss M.McLarty.

As there was no other nomination for the religious Group, the Executive Committee was empowered to make an appointment, and duly persuaded Mr. J.Ramsay Thomson to fill the vacancy.

The Johannesburg

The Johannesburg City Council representatives for the year were:

Until November.

Mr. R. Kennedy, the City Librarian.
Councillor H. Schwartz.
Councillor S. Moss.

After November.

Mr. R. Kennedy, the City Librarian.
Councillor Dr. B. Agranat.
Councillor E. F. Rendell.

The University representative was Mr. H. K. Girling of the Department of English.

The Johannesburg Youth Council representatives were Mr. K. M. W. Lydall and Col. J. G. Upperton.

At its first meeting on the 24th August, the Executive Committee agreed to accept the following:

Mr. D. A. Etheredge.
Mr. A. Bovet.
Mrs. C. Rheinallt Jones.

At the same meeting, the following office-bearers were appointed:

Chairman:	Mr. D. A. Etheredge.
Vice-Chairman:	Commander C. E. D. Enoch.
Hon. Treasurer:	Mrs. E. K. Lorimer.
Secretary:	Mrs. C. Rheinallt Jones.

With the appointment of Mrs. Rheinallt Jones as Secretary, vice Mr. Etheredge, the post of Office Secretary fell away.

2. Office Administration.

The Council continued to occupy offices in Natal Bank Chambers, in company with the Auxiliary of the Alexandra Anti-tuberculosis Association. The Council once again expresses its gratitude to this association for allowing the Council to share these offices. The Council was able to show its appreciation in tangible form during the year by resolving to pay the association the sum of £36 per annum from the 1st April 1954 for accommodation and services provided.

The office has become more and more the focal point of the Council's work during the year, a situation which has been in no small measure due to the enthusiasm and energy of Mrs. Rheinallt Jones. The Committee places on record its thanks to Mrs. Rheinallt Jones for the very fine service it has received from her during the year.

3. Affiliations.

A constant look-out for potential members of the Council is kept, and we are able to record that nine organisations applied successfully for affiliation during the year. On the other hand, one organisation ceased affiliation, and one dissolved.

The total number of organisations affiliated to the Council on the 31st March 1955 was eighty seven.

4. Finance.

The details of the Council's progress from a financial point of view are fully covered by the audited accounts and balance sheet. In comment, we have to repeat what we have said in every annual report: the Council had to struggle financially during the year, and was only able to meet its obligations by reducing the number of issues of "In Town To-night". While this situation continues, the Council cannot hope to undertake any considerable expansion of its activities.

The Council has made....

The Council has made application for £500 to the Union Education Department, and £300 to the Johannesburg City Council for the current year.

5. Grants-in-Aid.

We again record, with disappointment, that the amount of money voted by the Department to organisations applying through this Council has decreased year by year, and that in the year under review only three organisations received grants. Eleven applications have been considered for the current year, and are now in the hands of the Department.

6. "In Town To-night".

Financial considerations limited the production of "In Town To-night" to eight issues during the year. It will be recalled that it was the intention to produce ten issues per year, combining the months of June and July, and the months of December and January. Your Committee hopes that it will prove possible to publish ten issues during the current year provided that printing costs do not continue to rise.

Further consideration was given to changing the format of "In Town To-night" and enlarging its scope. The Committee was fortunate in having the services of Mr. R.M.Hodgson, who devoted many hours to producing a scheme for the improvement of "In Town To-night". This has not yet come to fruition as the Committee has been unsuccessful in finding anyone prepared to undertake the selling of space to advertisers. Meanwhile, the Committee desires to express its thanks to Mrs. Rheinalt Jones for the many improvements she has made to "In Town To-night" in its present form.

It is apposite at this stage to mention that an arrangement was made with the S.A.B.C. during the year whereby "In Town To-night" is used as the basis for reference to adult education activities in Regional News.

7. Educational Foundations.

It has been apparent throughout the history of the Council, and for that matter throughout the history of adult education in this country, that a satisfactory and continuing extension of adult educational activities depends upon large sums of money being available. With this in view, your Committee have investigated the possibility of grants being made available by some of the many philanthropic Foundations overseas. We learnt that Mr. Pifer of the Carnegie Corporation was in Johannesburg and members of the Committee were able to see him. As a result the Carnegie Corporation has been approached to send an adult education expert to Johannesburg for a year to make a thorough survey of the adult education needs of the City. Your Committee feels that we cannot hope to secure large sums for the advancement of adult education until we have such a survey, as a basis for our request.

The application is now being considered by the Carnegie Corporation.

8. Special Activities.

Brief reference must be made to three functions in which the Council was involved during the year:

a). "Hamlet".....

a). "Hamlet". The Council gladly agreed to a request by Miss Margaret Inglis to sponsor her production of "Hamlet" at the Windmill Theatre, and helped her find guarantors against loss. The production merited the high praise it received, and it is only a pity that the venue, and apathy of many citizens resulted in no more than four thousand seeing the production during its run. The Council's thanks are due to Miss Inglis, the actors and the many voluntary helpers.

b). Mayor's Family Life Week and Camp. Members of the Executive Committee represented the Council on six of the Committees formed to organise the Mayor's Family Life Week, and the Secretary attended the Conference as our delegate. The Secretary and Mr. Romm also attended the Camp at Hartebeespoort Dam. It proved to be very successful, largely because of the efficient and enthusiastic organisational arrangements made by the Regional Organiser, Mr. Coetzee, and his colleague in Physical Education, Mr. Opperman.

c). Hobbies Fair. Your Committee did not play any large part in organising the Hobbies Fair, but is happy to record its expression of congratulations to the organisers of this splendid exhibition.

Proposed Exhibition. Your Committee is engaged in discussions emanating from a suggestion by the Division of Adult Education that an exhibition be held in Johannesburg covering the whole field of adult education.

9. Activities on behalf of affiliated organisations.

Apart from issuing "In Town To-night", and recommending grants to the Department, and its other routine functions, the Council has undertaken special functions and investigations for affiliated organisations. Amongst these are the following:

a). Meetings of Groups. Meetings with representatives of the organisations in each of the six groups were held to promote interest within the groups and to discuss a number of problems. These proved very successful, and will be repeated.

b). Status of Voluntary Organisations. The Committee has investigated the question of the status of voluntary organisations in regard to legal processes, liability for debt etc. and is taking steps to inform organisations of the position.

c). Visual Aid Equipment at the Public Library. In co-operation with the City Librarian, the Committee has considered the position regarding visual aid equipment at the Library. It is hoped that the City Council will make a grant available to the Librarian to enable him to repair and replenish this equipment, whereupon affiliated organisations will be approached to fall in with an arrangement that will ensure that the equipment is not misused.

d). Registers. The Register of Halls has been brought up to date, and circulated to affiliated organisations. The Register of lecturers will be available shortly.

On behalf of the Executive Committee.

C. Rheinallt Jones,
Hon. Secretary.

D. A. Etheredge,
Chairman.

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