

# Wilgespruit Fellowship Centre

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FUND-RAISING ACT AND FUNDING

MEETING



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VENUE: WILGESPRUIT FELLOWSHIP CENTRE

DATE: THURSDAY, 2 APRIL 1987

TIME: 14h30

PRESENT: See list attached

APOLOGIES:

Dorothy Ramodibe - ICT  
Pinkie Molajane - Funda  
John Allwood - World Vision  
Mahomed Navsa - LRC  
Joy and Berryl - ECC and Black Sash  
David Nkwe - Ipelegeng  
Maggie Nkwe-- ,Orlando Home  
Michael Corke - St Barnabas College  
Mr Pitje-- ,Black Lawyers Association  
Griffiths Zabala - Wilgespruit Fellowship Centre

1. OPENING

Meeting was opened by Mr I Mkhabela who gave an explanation on the difficulties which led to minutes not having being sent to organisations prior to the meeting. An agenda for the day was agreed upon.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of 19 March 1987 meeting at Ipelegeng were tabled and adopted as a true reflection.

Four groups indicated that they were not aware of the Ipelegeng meeting. These included Mandla Adonisi (World Vision), Jenny Glennie (SACHED), Geof Budlender (LRC) and Colin Smuts (The Open School).

3. GUIDELINES FOR RECIPIENT CRITERIA

Revd Dale White presented the funding guidelines for recipient criteria



applicable to Inter-Church Aid (SACC), the Boston guidelines for recipients, Diakonia Projects Programme, and Ukukhanya Trust Development Foundation.

The criteria presented were intended to initiate some discussions towards a commonly agreed funding criteria for groups in the country. Dale White was requested to ask the SACC Executive on 7 and 8 April 1987 to consider sponsoring such discussions at regional level and to facilitate for preliminary discussions before the proposed national meeting. The responsibility for convening a national meeting to look into guidelines for recipient groups has been delegated to John Samuel, Buti Tlhagale and Eric Molobi. Jenny Glennie agreed to follow the matter with John Samuel and impress on the urgency of such a meeting.

SACHED has been requested to co-ordinate for the draft guidelines relevant to education project in the country. Education projects/groups were asked to submit their own criteria to SACHED before 16 April 1987.

4. DRAFT MEDIA STATEMENTS

Revd Dale White tabled a draft statement for consideration by the SACC Executive on 8/9 April. The statement was received and accepted by the meeting without amendments.

Ishmael Mkhabela submitted a second statement on behalf of the draft sub-committee including Revd White and Griffiths Zabala. The meeting noted it and decided to ask groups to comment on the statement, suggest alterations and additions. Groups are requested to indicate in writing before 16 April 1987 their approval of such a statement being made in the name of concerting groups.

5. REPORTS

Reports on developments in Natal, Western Cape and the Transvaal were made.

5.1 Natal

Ishmael Mkhabela reported that in a telephone conversation Mr Alvin Anthony informed him that the threatened charge of PACSA has been dropped. Community organisations which have been thus far investigated include the Natal Indian Congress and Community Research Group. A comprehensive report has been sent to Griffiths Zabala.

Funding criteria have not as yet been discussed. Anthony indicated that there is no clarity on whether groups should be called to discuss this issue. A need for local mandate should be established.

5.2 Western Cape

Sallie Abrahams in a discussion, reported that groups meet once a month (general meetings) and the Co-ordinating Committee meets weekly. The first general meeting attracted sixty people while the second drew forty.

Abrahams and Professor John Murphy have been selected to focus



on the Fund-Raising Act and report to the groups. The Co-ordinating Committee is awaiting a national report back meeting.

There has been very little media coverage of local groups investigated. Focus in the media has been on groups outside Cape Town.

### 5.3 Transvaal

Meeting noted that three groups namely, The Open School, Education Opportunities Council, and Black Lawyers Association have been refused fund-raising numbers in terms of Sections of the Act. The groups are intending to challenge the decision of the Director.

The groups were advised to draft a dossier of their cases and indicate the anticipated costs of such appeals. These will be forwarded to supportive groups including the European donors.

Geof Budlender informed the meeting to note the existence of an Appeal Committee which is, however, exclusively manned by state servants.

Following a Fuba report on the difficulties related to the state's racial laws the meeting agreed that such issues should also be challenged. Mr Raymond Tucker, for his legal experience, was recommended to deal with such and the Fund-Raising Act issues. LRC is, in principle, willing to represent community groups which have no funds in dealing with cases.

Two possible donors for support in legal cases were identified. Groups should be free to decide on approaching either the US Aid or the SACC.

## 6. EEC FUNDING

Ukukhanya Trust reported that it had approached the Kagiso Trust on behalf of twenty two groups. Request was turned down and a letter laying down the reasons behind the decision was promised three weeks ago. The letter has not yet been received. Kagiso Trust has indicated that it has a policy of not contributing money to Trusts. It only funds individual groups. Fuba requested to be added to the list of the organisations in the Ukukhanya basket of needs.

Community For Intervention (COFI) request has also been turned down. Kagiso Trust see their work as duplicating the work of others, that COFI needs to prove that its work will be more than that of similar groups, and that the Trust see the COFI project as one aimed at amelioration rather than transformation. SACHED reported that it has received some money from the Kagiso Trust. Fuba request has been turned down. European sponsors have nevertheless indicated that Fuba qualifies for assistance. Certain donors have indicated that pressure has been made to bear on them.

Change of management in the SACC Joint Screening Committee has adversely affected The Open School's 15 year support, while SACHED has benefited from the change.



The meeting noted the conflict of interest in this area. There is a need for co-ordination. The area disputed is that of people who does the co-ordination and criteria applied.

Groups were advised to lodge their appeals with the SACC Executive in a case where they feel unjustifiably treated.

The meeting also noted that EEC Governments have a local representative in the country. He monitors processes and developments related to EEC funding. The representative is at the British Council in Pretoria. He needs to be briefed and posted on progress and dissatisfaction. Groups should consider inviting him with other Trusts.

A sub-committee to concretise and discuss ways and means on issues was selected. The following were appointed: John Samuel, Tshidi Mokoape, Ishmael Mkhabela, Themba Mkhwanazi and Buti Thagale. The committee is to report on progress at the next meeting.

7. Next Meeting

The following were decided for the next meeting:

Date: Thursday, 23 April 1987  
Venue: SACHED  
Time: 14h30

AGENDA

1. Opening
2. Minutes
3. Regional Reports
4. Public Statement (Reportback and discussion)
5. Guidelines to Education Funding Criteria
6. Sub-Committee: Trusts and Issues
7. National Meeting
8. General
9. Closure

Next meeting: 4 June 2.30 pm.

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Agencies to talk to local trusts



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Colin Smuts	The Open School	833-1927
Sipho Mashinini	SHADE	7661076/9
Mandla Adonisi	World Vision	674-2043
Themba J. Mkhwanazi	Learn & Teach	834-5939
Gopolang Sekobe	UTP	838-2181
Jenny Glennie	SACHED	836-3331
Gabby Tucker	J.C.A. Offices	837-3438
Oko Mabasa	English Library Project	339-2864
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Joyce Seroke	YWCA	339-8212
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Tshidi Mokoape	Fuba	"
Gugu Ngema	Adult Education	933-1837 ext 252
Kenny Nkonyane	"	"



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TO: SACC EXECUTIVE

PRESS RELEASE

The Fund-Raising Act 107 of 1978 provides protection to the public from unscrupulous and fraudulent fund-raisers.

The Churches note with growing alarm the sudden increase of inspectors into reputable and established religious bodies in terms of the Fund-Raising Act. While we anticipate that all such bodies will open their records to inspection as they have nothing to hide, it does appear that the activities of the Director are excessively zealous.

The close ongoing relationship of many South African religious bodies with overseas Church partners and Foundations precludes the possibility that these representatives of 'the Public' as described in the Act, are being misled as to the purpose of the collection of funds abroad.

The specific exemption given by the Act to religious bodies and their religious work renders even more objectional the indiscriminate widespread sweep of inspections within this domestic circle of the Church and its ministry to society.

There is grave danger that the State is once again entering into confrontation with the Church on the matter of its freedom of worship and pursuit of religious practice.

We would therefore draw to the attention of the Government this deepening crisis and require the immediate cessation of this executive action being taken against bona fide Churches and their institutions.

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DRAFT PRESS STATEMENT

The Director in charge of fund-raising has joined other repressive agencies of the State in a war against organisations and individuals working for justice and peace. The Director's investigations are counter-productive in that they will destroy valuable work aimed at alleviating present hardships and laying foundations for a free post-apartheid society.

Organisations and agencies working among people are interpreting the investigations as an extension of the State of Emergency which has crippled community based groups. The disruptions have been introduced to pave ways for government sponsored leadership and programmes.

People's organisations will do all in their effort in defence of the interest of their constituencies. The attack on the commendable work done in this regard while seemingly aimed at organisations it is in fact a direct assault on the communities. Organisations may be banned but the issues involved will remain in need of people's intervention.

The powers that be should spend their energies on addressing the fundamental historical inequities and injustices. The way ahead lies in accepting the legitimacy of black leadership, groups and programmes.

The South African authorities should be warned against over-reacting in the light of international sanctions and internal challenges to the minority racist dispensation in the country.

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