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TRANSVAAL CARNEGIE NON-EUROPEAN LIBRARY.

*Apology enclosed*

January 21, 1950.

A meeting of the Transvaal Carnegie Non-European Library Committee will be held in Mr Borland's office, 232, Visagie Street, Pretoria, (and not in the Native Teachers' Library as previously notified) on Monday, January 30, 1950, at 2.45 p.m.

S. Nicholson.  
Hon. Secretary.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of previous meeting (Herewith).
2. Financial statement.
3. Eleventh annual report (Draft sent under separate cover).
4. Co-operation with Union Education Department Library  
(Copy of letter in this connection herewith).
5. Native Education Commission (Copy of letter outlining  
recommendations herewith).
6. General.

TRANSVAAL CARNEGIE NON-EUROPEAN LIBRARY.

Minutes of a meeting of the Transvaal Carnegie Non-European Library Committee held in Vereeniging on September 21, 1949.

Present: His Worship the Mayor of Vereeniging, Mr E. A. Borland, (in the Chair), Miss D. M. Scott, Mrs T. Visser, Mr I. D. van der Walt, Mr I. O'Driscoll, Mr G. H. Franz, Mr J.R. Brent, Mrs J. Churchill, Mrs M. A. Peters, and the Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from Capt. E. J. Baker, Mr C. Christie, Mr Heidtmann (Manager, Randfontein Native Administration Department), Mr C. Jackson, Mr Ramsay (Native Commissioner, Pretoria), Mr M. M. Stirling, Mr G. C. van der Watt.

The meeting was formally opened by His Worship the Mayor of Vereeniging.

Minutes of previous meeting: Confirmed.

Conference of non-European librarians: Mrs Peters reported that Mr Jackson might be able to arrange a conference at Kilnerton Institution at the end of July 1950, at a cost of £1 per person for three days. Mr Franz said that he would be able to arrange for a holiday school for about 60 persons for no charge. Agreed that Mr Franz, Mr Brent, Mr Jackson and Mrs Peters form a sub-committee to discuss and report - Mrs Peters to act as convenor.

Examinations: It was reported that the South African Library Association would hold Preliminary Examinations in librarianship for non-Europeans in December 1949. Agreed that the Committee should pay half the fees of those entering from the African Teachers' Library, Pretoria.

Financial statement: Noted.

Librarian's report: Noted.

Mrs Peters reported that there had been 650 visitors to the Library in the period under review.

Mrs Peters announced the resignation of Mr Maredi from the Native Education Department, and spoke very highly of his work and capabilities, saying that his loss would greatly affect the work of the African Teachers' Library and of the Carnegie Non-European Library.

Book boxes were still needed by the Library. Mr Franz agreed to obtain a quotation for boxes through the Department.

Books proposed for addition: Agreed that £100 be spent on books, but that American books not available locally should be deleted from the buying list, in view of import difficulties. Mr Franz suggested that books available in the African Teachers' Library be borrowed by the Carnegie Library, instead of buying other copies. This offer was gratefully accepted.

General. Library organizer. The Chairman asked if the Committee would agree to his applying to the Carnegie Corporation for £1000 with which to obtain the services of a European library organizer. Agreed that such application be made.

Committee meeting in Springs. The Committee accepted gratefully an invitation from Captain Baker to hold the next meeting away from Pretoria, at Springs.

When the meeting ended, Committee members were entertained to lunch at the Riviera Hotel by His Worship the Mayor, afterwards visiting the Location, the Non-European Library and the Vereeniging Public Library.

January 30, 1950.

Chairman.

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Department of Education, Arts and  
Science,  
New Standard Bank Buildings,  
Pretoria.  
7/1/50.

The Hon. Secretary,  
Transvaal Carnegie Non-European  
Library,  
P.O. Box 397,  
PRETORIA.

Madam,

Library Facilities for Non-Europeans.

With reference to a letter and a memorandum from the department's librarian dated 1st December, 1949, on the above subject, I have to inform you that the department agrees to a scheme of coöperation between the Non-European section of the department's library and the Transvaal Carnegie Non-European Library (vide paragraph VII, 1-6 of the memorandum) as follows:-

1. The Non-European Section of the department's library will be expanded in order to lend books in bulk to the Transvaal Carnegie Non-European Library for the use of degree students and research workers in the Transvaal.
2. The Transvaal Carnegie Non-European Library Committee will remain responsible to the department for any financial loss (fair wear and tear excepted) resulting from such books borrowed from the department's library, allow all degree students and research workers personal access to such books, keep a proper record of issues and returns, and allow the department to appoint a representative on the Committee.

Should your Committee agree to the scheme, it is suggested that details regarding its operation be discussed with the department's librarian.

Finally I have to inform you that the question of library facilities for Non-Europeans is being referred to the Commission on Native Education.

Yours obediently,

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for SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION, ARTS  
AND SCIENCE.

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Apologies for absence from Miss Scott, Mr Rheinallt Jones.

Minutes of meeting of September 21, 1949. Confirmed.

Financial statement: Noted.

Mr Stirling reported that the Native Affairs Department had written to say that they might not be able to pay the annual grant of £300 which the library has received so far.

After discussion, Mr Brent, seconded by Mr Jackson, moved that a deputation (Mr Borland, Mr Stirling, Mr Christie, Mr Jackson, and the Secretary) should interview the Secretary for Native Affairs, and should also visit the Chamber of Mines to ask for financial support.

Agreed.

After further discussion it was also agreed that municipalities should be asked to increase their annual grants, and that the Treasurer and the Secretary should visit the municipalities, taking other members of Committee who may be able to go, in order to discuss the position with the various municipal authorities.

Draft annual report: Confirmed as amended.

The Committee agreed to have the report printed, provided that not more than £25 be spent on this. An audited statement of accounts to be included.

Letter from Union Education Department: The Chairman read a letter from the Union Education Department, offering to cooperate with the Carnegie Non-European Library by lending books from their Non-European section to the C.N.E.L. for loan to Non-European degree students and research.

Discussing the letter, objection was made to Carnegie Non-European Library not being permitted to lend the books to other than degree students and research workers. Mr Stirling also said he thought such co-operation insufficient, and thought it would be better for the Committee to try to get a direct financial grant from the Union Education Department.

It was agreed after further discussion, to accept the offer of the Department, but to ask that the Carnegie Non-European Library be permitted to make the books available to all students from Junior Certificate upwards.

Native Education Commission: Copy of letter noted.

General: Mr Jackson and Mr Christie asked to be excused from the next two meetings, as they were proceeding overseas.

May 5, 1950.

Chairman.

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