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The next meeting of this Association will be held at the  
Small Darragh Hall on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.

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- AGENDA:
1. Apologies.
  2. Minutes.
  3. Ariaing.out of Minutes.
  4. General.

SPECIAL FEATURE:

*Programme for the year*

Service Committees MUST be represented.  
All members welcome.  
No reports will be dealt with at this meeting.

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Minutes of a general meeting held on Saturday, 15th January, 1966 at the Donaldson Centre, Orlando East, at 9.30 a.m.

**PRESENT:** 12 European and 25 Africans. Mrs. Stewart, who took the Chair, welcomed all those present, and particularly Miss Gibson, Miss van Heemstra and Mrs. Doncaster. She wished everyone a happy and successful New Year and thanked all who had sent good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

**APOLOGIES:** Mesdames Haggie, Newton Thompson, Berning, Birley, Xola, Sibisi, Mene, Mokheti and Bingswanger. Mrs. Bingswanger, who had been very ill, sent her love to Pimville Service Committee and all the other Service Committee members.

**MINUTES:** of the November general meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**ARISING:** (1) A number of letters of gratitude had been received from the old people who had been given Christmas parcels by the Service Committees and the Association. The parcels were bought from the Congregational Centre, in that way helping 2 groups of needy people. The parcels cost rather less than if the Association had bought the goods and packed them, and part of the profits were used to supply meals to poor old white people. 160 parcels were given out and Mrs. Stewart thanked all Service Committees who helped in the distribution to needy people in their areas. (2) The Christmas picnic was a tremendous success, the numbers being greater than ever before. (3) At the November meeting as recorded in the minutes, it was announced that the Day Nurseries would open on 11th January. Subsequently at Miss McLean's class, Service Committee Supervisors decided to open the Day Nurseries on the same day as the Primary Schools - 18th January. This being tried as an experiment. Mrs. Stewart asked supervisors not to admit any new children until they are quite sure their seven year olds have been admitted to the Primary Schools. (4) Mrs. van Rensburg held the last class in her Nutrition Course on the 24th Nov. as announced at the Nov. meeting. She was very disappointed that only two people were present. Mrs. van Rensburg would like to finish the course and make up the classes she had to miss due to illness. The classes will be held on a Wednesday as formerly. Students will be advised. Mrs. van Rensburg will probably run another course later in the year. (5) The new toys given by Mrs. Mendelsohn were not all sold, the remainder will be sold later. (6) The sale of the Youth Leadership Training crafts realised R28, and there are still some to be sold.

**GENERAL:** (1) In accordance with the decision taken at a previous meeting Service Committees all over Soweto and from as far as Daveyton and Watville at Benoni, had contributed to a sum of R60, which was sent to victims of the Kwa Mashu train disaster. (2) the "Star" got in touch with the Association through the Congregational Centre to find a very needy African family to whom it could give food and clothes and who would be the "Star's" Christmas Family. A family of eight children whose father is unable to work, was found by Mrs. Lolwane, and was the chosen family. The pictures of the family appeared in the "Star". (3) Mrs. Silgee was congratulated on her granddaughter Hazel carrying on the family tradition by obtaining a 1st Class J.C. (4) The Victoria League's parties for old people will be held on 26th January at Emdeni South and Orlando East.

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING:** Classes will start on 20th January, at Phefeni Clubhouse at 10 a.m. sharp. Miss Majemosi proposed that as the Day Nurseries were opening on the 18th, training should start a week later. After discussion among those concerned it was decided to open on the 20th January. Mrs. Stewart said everyone had been most impressed by the Nativity Mime on 11th December, including Mrs. D.

Sowden, Music and Drama critic of the "Rand Daily Mail". Mrs. Sowden wrote a glowing report of the mime, which appeared in the paper. Mrs. Stewart congratulated all who took part, and all those who trained the children. Thembelihle Day Nursery children performed the mime at the Christmas Picnic, and Itumeleng children did it at their own Christmas Party.

WATER RESTRICTIONS: Mrs. Stewart asked everyone not to waste water as there is a great shortage owing to the long drought. Where spray washing arrangements are available these should be turned off as soon as the children are finished washing. Hands and dishes must not be washed under a running tap. All garden hoses must be put away, only watering can or bucket is allowed.

REPORTS: from Ezindlovini, Zondi 1, Diepkloof, Thembelihle, Orlando East, Okwezi Youth Club, Dube and Wattville (Benoni) were received and read at the meeting.

EZINDLOVINI: As well as presenting a report this Service Committee sent a letter of thanks for the Christmas parcels, and greeting to Association and Service Committee members.

ZONDI 1. Mrs. Parkinson said the site granted for the building of Mayiande Day Nursery was too large. It was pointed out that it was only necessary to fence the portion that is being used, as other Day Nurseries have done.

DIEPKLOOF: Mrs. Stewart said she would organise the purchase of blankets. The Day Nursery also requires tables and chairs. They were advised to apply for a site. As the Day Nursery is in A Government township it is probable a building will be erected for them and they will be required to pay rent.

THEMBELIHLE: Money has been collected for a lightning conductor, which will now be installed. Other Service Committees as well as Thembelihle received gifts of eggs from Willowstream Farm and would be given the address so that they too could write letters of thanks.

ORLANDO EAST: At one time Christmas parties were held separately at each Day Nursery. The Advisory Committee then decided to give one big party for all the children at one time. So the Christmas picnic started. Individual parties described in reports are not given by the Association but by the European Helpers or the Service Committees themselves

IKWEZI YOUTH CLUB: Mrs. Mavimbela was responsible for the club receiving a gift of money which had helped to get it properly established. The N.E.A.D. also gives it a small grant. Mrs. Stewart said she thought it would become an excellent activity. All those who run youth clubs will have the same problems as Ikwezi, and Miss McLean will help them to solve them. Mrs. Stewart said she was in complete agreement with the way Ikwezi had handled its difficulties.

DUBE: thanked the Association for the grant for building their extensions.

WATTVILLE: This Service Committee which with Daveyton, is at Benoni, is doing excellent work. A very good report was presented. The Service Committee with its European helpers, run three wonderful projects :- a Day Nursery, assistance with clothing and train fare for deserving school children and a Pension Day food scheme.

MOFOLO VILLAGE reported verbally that their building has been started.

ORLANDO WEST (FORMERLY WHITE CITY): Mrs. Leisa thanked the Association for the help they had given the Service Committee during the year. She reported that they had asked for an extension of their Site.

The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

DATED.....CHAIRMAN.....

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