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JOHANNESBURG INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 5 P.M., ON THURSDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1948, IN THE INDIAN CLINIC, 15 BREE STREET, FORDSBURG, JOHANNESBURG.

PRESENT: Mrs. A.W. Hoernle (in the Chair), Miss G. Alexander, Mr. W. Ernest, Mrs. J. Essery, Mrs. I. Kuper, Mr. K.G. Moodley, Mr. S. D. Royeppon, The Rev. B.L.E. Sigamoney, Mr. H.D. Singh, Miss A. Variawa, a visitor, Miss E.M. Hunt (Hon. Secretary).

1. APOLOGIES: Mrs. W. Ernest, Miss E. Katz, Mr. N. Parbhoo, Miss R.L. Shaer.
2. SIGNING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.

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

3. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

(1) Next Meeting.

The Chairman ruled that the Annual Report ought not to be circulated before being adopted by the Association, therefore the notices for the Annual General Meeting would not be accompanied by copies of the Report. The date of the Annual General Meeting would be 25th March 1948.

(ii) Admission of Indians to Theatres.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Meldrum, Secretary to the High Commissioner, to the effect that, apart from the fact that the office of the High Commissioner was not at present authorised to make representations on matters relating to the Indian Community in South Africa, the best procedure for the Association to adopt would be to consult the management, and, if necessary the Directorate of African Theatres to ascertain their policy.

IT WAS AGREED that the Secretary write to the Directorate of African Theatres and Twentieth Century Fox on these lines.

(iii) Indians in Benoni.

Mrs. Kuper said she was willing to visit Benoni at any time if an Indian would accompany her. Mr. Sigamoney promised to do this, and it was arranged that they should go together in a week's time.

4. SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT, FOR JANUARY 1948.

In the absence of Miss Katz, this was presented by Mrs. Essery, and read as follows:-

"Last month I paid 216 visits, made up as follows:-

Fordsburg .....	30.
Vrededorp .....	43
Newlands, Sophiatown, Newclare, Albertsville	85
Waterval Islamic Institute .....	5.
Cleveland, Denver, Jeppe	19
Ophirton, Kliptown ....	11
Doornfontein .....	23.

I went with Mr. Patel to Benoni and district to do some collecting.

CHILD WELFARE:

We dealt with 5 new cases, all of them were widows with children.

POOR RELIEF.

Last month we applied for 9 new cases, 5 of these were waiting for their Maintenance Grants to come through. In one case the husband was imprisoned for 6 years for receiving stolen goods. In another case a man failed to support his wife and 10 children and was sentenced to 4 months hard labour.

CLINIC.

We have had very busy days, on one day in particular we had 37 patients and the Doctor did not leave until nearly six o'clock. Quite a number of our patients come for injections as they are childless and wish to have a family. We have been successful in five cases. We attended to 11 children from the different schools, we vaccinated 15 children against small-pox and injected 5 children for diphtheria. 100 children were immunised against diphtheria from the Indian Girls' School and 78 from the Waterval Islamic Institute. Our Clinic fees this month came to £19/10/-.

GENERAL.

The Coronation Hospital informed us that they had an old man, Nagar Daya, in the hospital who could not be discharged as he had nowhere to go, I advised them to transfer him to the Chronic Sick Home at Rietfontein, as I know of no other place where he could go.

DENTAL CLINIC.

We attended to children from the following schools:-

Indian Girls' School .....	51
Bree Street School .....	84
Indian High School .....	24
Gold Street School .....	33
Waterval Islamic Institute ...	12

We have 5 schools but only 4 dental sessions, so we take the High School and the Islamic Institute on alternate days."

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

(i) Dental Clinic.

There was discussion on the need for more weekly dental sessions and means for meeting the cost of these. Finally,

IT WAS AGREED that:-

- (a) Subject to Dr. Grunthal's consent there should be two extra sessions per week, one extending the time allowed for the Indian Girls' School by one hour, and the other making it possible to hold weekly sessions for both the High School and Islamic Institute.
- (b) The Secretary write to Dr. Grunthal to ask whether it would be possible for him to conduct these extra sessions.
- (c) The extra cost involved should be met by donations from the schools concerned.

(ii) Visits of the Social Worker.

Mr. Ernest said that the poorer areas should be more frequently visited by the Social Workers, and pointed out that Doornfontein had not appeared at all on the list of visits.

Mrs. Hoernle promised to discuss this matter with Miss Katz, but reminded

the meeting that anyone who specially wanted to be visited ought to get in touch with the Social Worker.

Noted.

(iii) Mr. Nagar Daya.

The Secretary was instructed to ascertain where Mr. Daya was and ask Mr. Parbhoo to visit him.

Noted.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for January 1948 was presented by Mrs. Hoernle, and was accepted.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Miss Shaer of the Johannesburg Indian Girls' School said that the Inspector had given her permission to see that the children of her school were immunised against diphtheria. This service was arranged by Sister Katz and done by voluntary doctors, and careful records were kept.

Mrs. Hoernle told the meeting that when she and Miss Katz visited the Schools they emphasized the need for immunization.

Miss Alexander said that if any of her pupils missed the visit of a doctor, they could always go to the clinic for their injections.

8. GENERAL.

Health.

Mrs. Hoernle told the meeting that a member of the National War Memorial Health Foundation had visited the Indian Girls' School, and had been distressed by the lack of medical facilities offered by the Government to Indian Schools. This had been brought to the notice of the Provincial Authorities, but hitherto without any effect.

Kajee Trust.

Mr. Royoppen said that Mr. A.I. Kajee had left a large sum of money in the form of a Trust, and wondered about the possibility of applying for an allocation for the Association from the Trust.

Mrs. Hoernle promised to make enquiries about the Trust.

Noted.

The Meeting ended at 6.20 p.m.

CONFIRMED .....

CHAIRMAN.

DATE .....

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