

JOHANNESBURG INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of a meeting of the Johannesburg Indian Social Welfare Association, held in the Indian Clinic, 15 Bree Street, Fordsburg, Johannesburg, on Thursday 30th January at 5 p.m.

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PRESENT: Mrs. A.W. Hoernle (Chairman), Miss G. Alexander, Miss W. Ernest, Miss I.H. Granger, Miss E. Holmes, Miss E. Katz, Miss L. Rochman, Rev. B.L.E. Sigamoney, Miss E. Serebro.

APOLOGIES: Mrs. W. Ernest, Mr. Royappen, Mrs. M. Whyte.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:Maternity Hospital.

The Chairman read a letter received from the Superintendent of the Johannesburg Hospital, informing the Committee that no progress has been made in the planning of the Hospital, as the board has not up to the present been able to acquire a suitable site for this purpose. The Town Clerk, Johannesburg City Council, has been approached and a reply is still awaited. The Town Clerk had also been approached with regard to the ground in Vrededorp Park for the proposed Hospital.

Reverend Sigamoney suggested that we enquire into the possibility of obtaining a site on the football ground near the Coronation Hospital.

- IT WAS AGREED 1. to write to Mr. Barnes of the Hospital Board, enquiring whether this site could be made available for the hospital;
2. that Mrs. Whyte should express the urgency about the position.

The Chairman stated that if nothing had been done by the time she returns she would contact General Smuts direct.

IT WAS AGREED that further enquiries be made in regard to the Vrededorp Park.

Miss Katz informed the Committee that Mr. Mia is not prepared to renew his previous offer of a site for the proposed hospital.

Proposed Nursery School.

Miss Katz informed the Committee that she had
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contacted Dr. Mundell who referred her to Dr. Ashton. Dr. Ashton promised to let her know about the matter.

Dental Clinic.

As the Waterval School send the children irregularly, Miss Katz approached Rev. Sigamoney to send about eight children every Monday morning. Dr. Groental will be asked to have a dental examination of the children at the Gold Street Government School. Mr. Muller of the Bree Street Primary School would also like to come into the scheme. Miss Katz promised to contact him in this matter.

Cripple Care Association.

IT WAS AGREED that the Secretary enquire about the number of Indian cases treated at the Cripple Care Clinic.

Filing Cabinet.

Sister Katz informed the Committee that a filing cabinet had been purchased through Dr. Aitchul.

Motor Car.

The Chairman read a letter received from Messrs. William Hunt & Co., informing the Association that they would contact us immediately sufficient cars come forward.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on October 31st, 1946, having been circulated were taken as read and were confirmed.

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT:

"OCTOBER - DECEMBER

HEALTH:

On the whole the health conditions were good, except for a few cases of diphtheria and meningitis. The mothers are willingly bringing their children to the Clinic for immunization against diphtheria and small-pox. The homes are becoming even more overcrowded as people keep moving to town from the reef on account of employment. They are unable to find accommodation and have to stay with relations or friends. It is quite usual to have 8 to 10 people living in one room.

GROCERIES:

We still sell groceries on Fridays to 200 - 400 people. Lately we have been able to sell oil, rice, sugar, soap, condensed milk and jam. The people are very grateful

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and give us very little trouble. Mrs. Vandeyar always helps me as it is too much for one person.

CHILD WELFARE:

We applied for Maintenance Grants for 3 new cases. In all 3 cases the fathers died and left their families penniless. One child, a girl of 13, was committed to the Waterval Institute. The parents are separated. She stayed with her mother, a coloured woman who drinks heavily. In another case the mother was arrested for selling liquor, and the children are committed to the Indian Welfare Association. In one case, a mother who receives a Maintenance Grant for 2 children gets drunk the moment she received the money, therefore we are administering the money for her.

POOR RELIEF:

Lately we have had no more trouble with the parcels for families who receive Maintenance Grants. They are being sent the amount of rations we apply for. Instead of beans and mealie meal they are receiving rice again. In the near future tea will be included in the parcels in place of coffee.

CLINIC:

We attended to 215 patients during the last three months. Besides children for vaccination and diphtheria injections, the patients were mainly women with internal trouble. Five mothers who are pregnant are receiving injections twice weekly on account of blood diseases.

DENTAL CLINIC:

Indian High School	16	extractions	28	fillings	6	dressings
Waterval Hostel	5	"	1	"	1	"
Indian Girls' School	69	"	12	"	1	"

I PAID THE FOLLOWING VISITS Oct - Dec.

Fordsburg	156
Vrededorp	172
Doornfontein, Bertrams	192
Newclare, Newlands, Albertsville, Sophiatown	237
Jeppe, Denver, Wollhuter, Cleveland	63
Newtown, Ferreirastown	162
Kensington, Langlaagte, Opairton	15
Waterval Hostel, Alexandra Township	11
Kliptown	19
Court, Pension Office, Immigration Office	18

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MATTERS ARISING OUT OF SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT:

IT WAS AGREED to write a letter of thanks to Mrs. Vandeyar for her help.

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OTHER BUSINESS:Approved Agency.

The Chairman read a letter received from Miss McKenzie, the Organising Secretary of the S.A. National Council for Child Welfare, stating that the renewal of certification as an approved agency had been recommended.

Care of Foster Children.

Miss Alexander enquired whether this Association clothes foster children, as the two Naidoo children at the Indian Girl's School were very poorly dressed. Miss Katz said she would look into the matter.

Miss Katz informed the Committee that the Association has only one child committed to it, but the other children are under its supervision - the children are committed to the foster parents. Miss Alexander and Reverend Sigamoney promised to let us know about the neglected children at their schools.

Jerseys.

The Chairman suggested that Jerseys now be placed on order for winter.

National War Memorial Health Foundation.

The Chairman read a letter from the National War Memorial Health Foundation inviting this Association to become a member and to take an active part in the work of the Witwatersrand Regional Council. The membership is £1.1.0. per annum.

IT WAS AGREED to write to the National War Memorial Health Foundation accepting membership.

Miss Granger informed the Committee that she had attended a lecture held by the Memorial Foundation at Escom House, where they are held regularly.

IT WAS AGREED that Reverend Sigamoney represent this Association on their Committee.

National Council of Women.

The Chairman read a letter informing this Association that our subscription is due.

IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Rosston, of the Indo-European Women's Association, should write to the National Council informing them that the membership subscription will not be renewed as the Indo-European Women's Association has been in abeyance since the beginning of the war.

Annual Meeting.

IT WAS DECIDED that the next Annual Meeting be held in March, 1947.

FINANCE:

The Financial Statements for the months of October, November and December, 1946, were scrutinised. These were adopted and were confirmed.

SALARY SUBSIDY - MISS KATZ:

Miss Holmes informed the Committee that the Association is receiving the maximum subsidy on Miss Katz's salary.

TELEPHONE RENT:

IT WAS AGREED that a letter be sent to the Health Department requesting them to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ the telephone rent for this year.

DONATIONS:

IT WAS AGREED that letters of request be sent to European firms for 1947.

AUDIT:

Miss Holmes informed the Committee that Stakesby Lewis and Lewis will audit the Association's books seeing that Mr. Collins is no longer able to do so.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.30 p.m.

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