

Naledi Writers' Workshop Meeting Friday 25th May 6p.m.

Present

Baleka, Wally, John, Jane

Agenda

- 1) International Children's Day
- 2) Budget Proposal for printing press
- 3) Women's Programme
- 4) Any other business.

I. Children's Day June 1st

- a) To be held on Saturday June 2nd 11.30 a.m. at B.O.C.
- b) Naledi will send two representatives - Neo and Muff on that day, and they will also represent Naledi on the general Medu Sub-committee for the continuing programme through the year.
- c) Neo and Muff to buy suitable children's books to be paid for out of Naledi funds from SALS and the Book Centre this week to read on June 2nd to start children writing.

2. Budget Proposal

Now ready except for 2 additions:

- a) Motivation paper to be written by Wally
- b) Price of stitching machine - P5,500.

Proposal to be typed by Baleka: expected to be ready to give to Willie by June 1st.

3. Women's Programme

a) Pan African Women's Day 31st July

Naledi would like to know more about the organization but in principle is prepared to contribute.

b) South African Women's Day 9th August

Naledi feels this is a very important day and urges the Executive to investigate and give us guidance on how to mark it. Naledi strongly supports a joint Medu effort. Baleka thinks we should find out what is happening in South Africa and try to co-ordinate efforts.

c) Young Women Writers' Magazine for Y.W.C.A. students.

Bachana has asked for help with fund-raising efforts. Y.W.C.A. have offered the use of the hall for fund-raising events. Saturday writers' workshop leaflet to be given to them in the hopes of drawing in these young women writers.

d) Help for Women's Groups

Naledi supports Women's Steering Committee proposal that any Medu units should always be ready to assist any women's groups that ask for help throughout the year.

e) Theatre Unit Problems

- i) Naledi should support Mahube with script-writing where possible, and look out for new actors for them.
- ii) Chairman should forward to Executive the suggestion that another vehicle should be available for the Units. (? Small car for Executive to release combi for units?)

f) Library

Naledi supports suggestion from women's steering committee to start a library, with a section specifically on women. Judy to tape women's programmes from radio.

g) Symposium on Women

Naledi supports women's committees suggestion that Medu as a whole holds a symposium on women. Chairman to forward suggestion to Executive.

4 Any other businessa) Children's Literature

No books suitable for African children available. Naledi urges its writers to write for children.

Chairman and Secretary to find out if Macmillan will sponsor one day conference by Medu on writing for children, and also to contact Botswana Book Centre about publishing.

5 Medu Elections

- i) Naledi supports the election of women to the Executive.
- ii) Notice to be circulated to all Naledi members to attend election discussions on Friday 8th June.

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