

Medu Graphic Unit -- Minutes of Meeting, August 7, 1983

Present: Lebogang Letsatle, Seleba Mookodi, Steve Mogotsi, Judy Seidman, Ellen Forrester, Tim Williams ✓

Welcome to Lebogang, Seleba, and Steve!

Members absent: Thami Mnyeli, Gordon Metz

Petra Rohr-Rouendaal to make decision soon whether she is in or out.

As emphasized by the chairman in his executive report, regular meetings and regular attendance at meetings is imperative for efficient functioning and productivity. If a member does not attend regularly and has no satisfactory explanation, it will be understood that she or he has resigned from the unit.

Agenda:

- a.) Medu and Graphics Unit structure
- b.) Name for the unit
- c.) Technical aspects of silkscreening
- d.) Drought poster 1.) for Shakawe performance
2.) for drought theme in general
- e.) Shakawe and Kalahari posters
- f.) Mural
- g.) Textiles Unit
- h.) Other

a.) Medu structure

Copies of the Medu general meeting minutes were handed out. For specific reference to Medu's structure: Note 1.) unit responsibilities; and 2.) unit autonomy. The following is a summary of the Graphic Unit's activities:

1.) conducts training programmes in the community and shall do the same within the unit membership. It was suggested that short workshops on specific areas of graphic work could be held. This would be more appropriate than holding regular classes where regular attendance can be a problem. The unit agreed to begin with a seminar on silkscreening, and poster design in the near future.

2.) designs and produces posters for various organizations, institutions, groups. The posters are community oriented. When a graphic assignment comes up, the members are encouraged to work collectively, meeting to present various design possibilities, to assess costs and service charges, to discuss and make decisions on the final design. The unit agreed that where possible members should be paid for graphic work; the unit may take a percentage.

3.) encourages its members to bring in their personal art work for viewing and comment. Judy and Ellen will have exhibitions at the National Museum -- Judy in Feb., Ellen in March. They will bring their work as it develops, to unit meetings.

4.) does the cover and graphics of the Medu newsletter.

b.) Name for unit

Members are to think about a name for the Graphics Unit for the next meeting.

c.) Technical aspects of silkscreening

Several examples of working drawings, stencils, and screened posters were viewed, covering a range of techniques.

d.) Drought poster

1.) for the drought relief committee: The unit discussed content for some posters dealing with the theme of drought--details of the 1983 Relief programme were presented (report attached to help get ideas going). Rough sketches are due for next meeting. Rough sketches will be taken to the committee for comment. It is possible that the committee would like posters dealing with a particular issue.

2.) For Shakawe benefit concert-drought relief: Shakawe may need a poster in the next few days for this concern. Members are to work on a sketch. The unit will be notified (see end of minutes).

e.) Shakawe and Kalahari in general

Shakawe and Kalahari needs posters regularly for their performances. It was suggested that the unit design posters appropriate for bulk printing, in which the concert details can be filled or screened in separately. It was suggested that poster colours could change for different concerts. Also suggested: a stylized standard lettering for Shakawe and Kalahari. Members are to work on designs.

f.) Mural

The unit has had its eye on the large white wall of the newly constructed building at Univ. of Botswana. Judy informally approached the assistant vice-chancellor about the unit doing a mural. He suggested formally approaching the university authorities to discuss possible themes.

g.) Medu Textiles Unit

The graphics unit is open to working with the textiles unit on textiles designs.

h.) Other

Judy will talk with the editorial board about a Cultural Evening to view the slide tape show "Weaving Our Lives".

The unit will cover costs for supplies for George Nene.

Meeting Adjourned.

Note: As of Monday, August 8, the Shakawe Drought Relief Benefit is cancelled.

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the units

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Graphics

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Creative Writing -

Shakawe and Kalahari

Theatre

Textiles

attached: report on drought

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