

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING

Time: 31 July 1989 at 3 p.m.

Venue: The Director's office

Present: Cde Mpho Keagile

Marjatta Lahti

Alpheus Manghezi

Andrew Masondo

Babu September

Nonkululeko Woko

Agenda: 1) Opening the meeting

2) Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising from the minutes

3) Librarian's report

4) General

1 § Opening the meeting

Cde Masondo who was elected chairman opened the meeting. He welcomed Cde Alpheus Manghezi, the Director of Schools, to the committee.

2 § Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising from the minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

As a matter arising from the minutes, the meeting was told by Cde Nonkululeko that practical preparations for attending the IFLA meeting had been finalized, but the Library had failed to obtain enough information about SA libraries.

Cde Masondo suggested that Cde Nonkululeko should prepare a paper for the meeting, but at the meeting some other organization should raise the matter of excluding the South Africa_n libraries from the membership.

Cde Marjatta told the meeting that the INSAS had not yet started properly functioning, and, therefore, library services for it had not been started either. However, books according to a list prepared by Cde Rusty Bernstein had been ordered for it.

3 § Librarian's report

- ANC Library Project - report for the period of 1 January - 30 June 1989

It was noted that the above report had been distributed to the members of the committee.

- Librarian's visit to London

The Librarian visited London from 3 May to 7 May. She purchased books and video cassettes for the Library with the help of Cde Babette Brown and Maria De Goede. She also had consultations and purchased books with Elsa-Maria Bergstrom from AARO, which has a project for the junior section of the Library. She visited the

Polytechnic of North London, and made arrangements with the Canon Collins Trust about the administration of scholarships for the library students.

- Librarian's visit to Helsinki

She held talks with the officials of the Library Association and FINNIDA.

It was decided to suggest the following to the Library Committee:

- The Project Secretary and the Editor of the Library Journal (not funded by the Library Project) would visit Mazimbu for two weeks as from 16 September,
- The Consultant would work from mid-October to mid-December at Mazimbu,
- The next consultant would work for two months in the beginning of next year,
- Preparations for a 2-month course for Cde Bongani Buthelezi to learn to handle and maintain AV material were made,
- Cde Steve Bodibe, currently studying for his Master's degree in Finland, will find out from his teachers in September whether it would be advisable for him to do some field work at Dakawa or Mazimbu. He would come in December.

The Committee agreed to the suggestions. Cde Mpho suggested that one or two more candidates be identified for the AV course in Finland. Cde Marjatta agreed to finding out whether it would be possible, provided Cde Mpho would find the candidates for the course.

- The Library Association decided to ask for the evaluation of the Project towards the end of the year. If the project will be continued after 1990, provisions for it have to be made during 1990.

It was resolved to ask for an extension for Cde Marjatta's contract. If a work permit should not be granted by the Tanzanian Government, another Finnish librarian should be recruited, to first act as a Head of the Library Department, and after Cde Nonkululeko's return as the Assistant Head of the Department. The next year's consultant should be recruited bearing in mind the possibility of extending the contract for a longer period.

- Dakawa Library

According to the Project, a volunteer librarian was supposed to start working at Dakawa as from 1 July. His application forms for a work permit were submitted to the ANC in the end of March, but by the end of July it had not been cleared. Cde Arthur, the Library Assistant in charge of the VTC Library, is preparing to go for studies in September, and no other replacement for him has been found. Consequently, except for some book orders, development of library services at Dakawa is at a standstill.

- Scholarships

Presently the following students are studying librarianship:

- Steve Bodibe in Finland for a Master's Degree,
- Maria De Goede in UK for a Bachelor's Degree,
- Thembele Mzamo and Post Mugabe in Tanzania for a Certificate,

The following have been accepted for studies:

- Peggy Deyi for a two-year Diploma Course in Bagamoyo, starting 31 July 1989,
- Felicity Nxumalo and Robert Mthembu for a Bachelor's Degree in Library Science in UK, for three years,
- Nonkululeko Woko and Ike Maamoe for a Master's degree in Archives Management in UK, for one year,
- Mantombi Sakaiki for a Diploma Course in Zimbabwe, starting January -1990, for three years,
- Briggs Phelelo for a Certificate course in Tanzania, starting hopefully in August, for 18 months.

Cde Mpho expressed concern about whether students, after completing their studies, would return to work at Mazimbu and Dakawa. No solution to the problem was presented. Since many students are sent for studies, more workers have to be recruited for the Library. In recruiting them the basic requirements for Library studies should be born in mind (form five or equivalent). Cde Mpho stated that the question of housing should also be considered: if the Library for one reason or other loses a worker, the replacement should be able to occupy the room of the former worker. The committee was not able to give an answer to this question.

- Audio-visual section

The Committee agreed that the Library, together with the Electronics Department, draw up a plan for the required video equipment for Mazimbu. Since the Library is the audio-visual center of Mazimbu, the equipment could be acquired with the project funds. The Committee felt that as long as the video shows didn't coincide with political programmes, arranging them could be encouraged.

The Librarian informed the Committee that although the bulk of AV material had arrived from Italy, due to manpower problems, the music library services had not been started, yet.

4 § General

Cde Nonkululeko enquired by whom the cars acquired by the project are supposed to be used. It was clarified that they are meant to be used by the librarians in charge of Mazimbu and Dakawa libraries respectively, and they are required to use them for the benefit of their libraries. It was felt, however, that additional cars for both libraries are needed.

5 § Closing the meeting

The meeting was closed at 4.40 p.m.

Andrew Masondo
Chairman

Marjatta Lahti
Secretary