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THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 20 December 1991 10 o'clock
Venue: The board room
Present: Isaac Makopo
Ray Marutle
Sisa Lusu
Petri Liukkonen
Sinikka Sipilä
Absent: Judas, VTC

1. OPENING THE MEETING

The Chairman Cde Marutle opened the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting (8 July) were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

The airconditioner of the videoroom is repaired by a Tanzanian mechanic. Also the airconditioner of the music room is repaired by the same man.

Nonkululeko Woko is still in London and is no more coming to Mazimbu.

New incentives to the library staff have been paid backdated from April.

3. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Ike Maamoe attended in August in Botswana a conference for archivists.

Peggy Deyi attended in August in Moscow an IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) conference.

Peggy Deyi passed the diploma course in Bagamoyo and had the graduation ceremony in November.

Six students finished and passed their National Library Certificate Course at Tanzania Library Services in October. They returned to Mazimbu and Dakawa to work in the libraries here until they will be repatriated.

These six students performed very well in their studies. All of them were among the top ten of the course. They have applied for the studies in the library science at the University of the Western Cape. They have not yet got any information from the University if they are approved or not. Only one of them qualifies due to his age and certificate. A letter has been sent to the University of the Western Cape to indicate the contents of the course and the entry requirements.

Six new students started their studies at Tanzania Library Services in October on the National Library Assistants Course. The budget of the project has been reorganized to fund the studies of these six students. In the project plan there were originally money only for four students.

Post Mugabe has started to study the O-levels.

VTC in Dakawa has got new facilities for its library in the new Communal House.

John Pampallis has collected archive material to be transferred to the ANC Archives at the University of Fort Hare, Alice, Ciskei. Finnida pays the costs of the transfer.

Efforts have been made by the library to get back overdue material. Unfortunately many people have already left who have not returned library books.

The audiovisual equipments of the library have been collected from other departments to the library to keep them in a safe place.

Students have been able to look at videos at the multipurpose hall daily and also during the weekends.

The in-service-training course for library assistants was held in Mazimbu and in Dakawa from July to September.

Ms. Raili Lahnalampi who is dealing with ANC projects at the Finnish Embassy visited Mazimbu and Dakawa on the 2nd and 3rd of December.

It was agreed that as people are repatriating their suitcases should be checked to find library books or other items which should not be transferred from Mazimbu. Cde Sisa hands the issue of checking books in the suitcases to the Repatriation Committee.

The annual reports of Mazimbu and Dakawa libraries were accepted. The Director suggested that the final reports of the libraries in 1991

should be out in March.

4. FUTURE OF MAZIMBU AND DAKAWA LIBRARIES

The Director Cde Makopo told about the future plans of Mazimbu and Dakawa and said they are not yet clear. The libraries assist the schools and there is no need of libraries when the schools are closed. Forms 4 and 5 are still here, but it is not sure if the current form 4 will be there because there are only 45 students there. The repatriation should be over by the end of January including students.

The students of Somafo and VTC asked the Task Force to continue the schools. If the members of the community leave, Somafo and VTC shall not survive. The infrastructure needs maintenance and its costs are very high. The requests of the students have been sent to the leadership.

There are no definite plans for the libraries after closing. Educational books will be selected by John Pampallis and they will be taken to South Africa.

5. GENERAL

Videoshow for the community will be arranged as before on Mondays in the multipurpose hall.

All departments are closed for Christmas. The Christmas holidays begin on the 21st of December and finish on the 4th of January.

6. CLOSING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Cde Marutle closed the meeting at 12 o'clock.