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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (SA)
DAKAWA DEVELOPMENT CENTRE.
ADULT EDUCATION.

MEETING OF O' & A' LEVELS CORRESPONDENCE LEARNERS HELD 19th JUNE, '87.

Venue: 75th Anniversary Hall

Time: 17:00 Hrs.

Present: Milner Pitso (Chairperson), Terence Qwabe (Secretary) Rose Ngwedzeni, Aubrey Mthembu, Cecil Ndzanga, Tosh Williams, Prudence Sechaba, Thobile Vakalisa, Herbert Tsotetsi, Ronnie Batyi, Zolile Xulu, Never Khalema, Rick James, Vusi Khumalo, Kentridge Nyanga, Patricia Masha, Robert Khuzwayo.

Absent/Apologies: Mandla Maseko, Albie Saloojee, Mzolisi Hermanus, Four Bob, Richard Manzi, Muntu Zulu, Mlungisi Mahlobo.

Agenda: i) Feedback of last meeting.

ii) Points from circular for the present meeting:

- Role of Coordinator, Tutor, what's expected of students.
- Targets, semester, lessons and time table.
- Venue.
- Researches, Laboratory work, practicals.

The meeting opened by briefly revising what were subjects for discussion in the last meeting. For the feedback, it was noted that comrades Tshepo and Troy are to reinforce as tutors in helping correspondence students. That amounts to Seven tutors, something which should well facilitate the students' efforts. Still, the meeting is urged that Adult Education should not lose sight of the vital dynamics of 'Each one teach one' for, to a large extent, the students' own acumen is deepened with every effort to help the other. There are at least FOUR Mathematics textbooks and TWO (O' & A' level) textbooks that we shall be using. That should ease the problem of shortage of text material.

The meeting is constantly urged to share whatever little study material there is for students. There is one comrade who tries to find relevant study material in the resources. Since the last meeting, some ground has been covered indeed.

The meeting is informed that the role of coordinator will, include monitoring of progress, and together with the tutors to formulate the time-tables and semester. Also, to coordinate with the DDC Admin and to keep Mazimbu informed about developments.

For their part, tutors are expected to teach and encourage the students to learn by all available means. Such persuasion entails actually helping students to do their work. The students should never hesitate to rely on these tutors in times of difficulties with their studies. Also they are advised to utilise some study facilities available at comrade Milner Pitso's place of residence.

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The students again are encouraged to, and expected to do their best.

Proper venue for the holding of classes has always been a need. So far the VTC is the best place and a proposal has been accepted by the house to approach the Administration for the venue.

We are hoping that transport will also be available to take the students to and from the place of study.

Our education coordinator is to see to this realisation.

Days for attendance will be Mondays and Thursdays from 20:00hrs to 22:00hrs.

Mondays will later be changed to Tuesdays as soon as the Youth meetings for the forthcoming conference are finished.

It has been noted that for someone involved in other activities, the courses are demanding. For that reason, lessons should be so arranged such that chapters on the same theme are treated together or even 'trimmed' where deemed fit.

This has also to do with: i) the division of the June '87 to June '88 Year into Semester and Quarters. ii) With regards to syllabus and, iii) bearing in mind the targets for our studies.

Although the students may work on any part of the lectures at any time, a time-table and collective setting of targets will be used as correct measures for ensuring progress.

Tutors will work on the same time-table and have it ready in due course.

Information on assignments and exercises carried out will consolidate the monitoring of the progress of students.

Students must cultivate the habit of researching on subject matters, to present findings to other students and avoid being too familiar with a straight-jacketed single text-book.

The Library, the meeting is reminded, though not yet fully furnished, is there to serve such purpose. Also, arrangements will be made with Mazimbu and possibly Sokoine (the nearest Univ) may be consulted for practicals and Lab. facilities. Lectures are still in short supply but a small number will be added to what we already have, thus easing another chronic problem.

Of the final arrangements concerning the VTC and the study groups, students will be informed about it next week (the meeting has again failed to resolve and work out concrete study groups).

Meanwhile, students are advised to keep lectures circulating.

Meeting declared closed at 18:40hrs.

Compiled by.....

Terence Qwabe (Secretary)

19th June, '87.