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be held at St Barnabas College on Wednesday 42 58W

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AGENDA

1. Minutes / Matters arising from the minutesv//

2. Executive Director's report

3. Bursary programme V//

4. Relationship with NCCR v//

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6. GeneralV/

Minutes of a meeting of the Trustees of the Batlagae Trust held at 51 Plein Street on Tuesday 7 January 1992 at 10:00am.

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private, independent schools should be checked. The matter was referred to the sub-committee which would have to investigate ways of short-circuiting the process. Also on the question of placements, it was decided to liaise with Turret College and clarify all issues. M. Tikly and J. Samuel offered to contact T. Ngegebule in connection with this matter.

With regard to the DNE meeting that had been held on 12 December 1991 N. McGurk stressed that the question of certification had yet to be addressed directly. He stated that although the DNE had accepted the proposed concessions for the returnees, it was vital to find out what criteria existed for the issuing of std. 10 and examination certificates. It was decided that the IEB should pick up on his issue, and that it should also be raised at the proposed meeting with the JMB in early January.

Referring to the acquisition of a reception centre and the difficulties surrounding this issue, the trustees agreed to abandon the search for the present and to review the matter at the end of January.

3. BURSARY PROGRAMME:

The trustees also held discussion on the two categories of applicants that the Executive Director had mentioned; the children of exiles and ex-political prisoners and their children. It was decided that a new category would not be introduced. Rather, these applicants would be read on an individual basis. It was stressed however, that there was a ceiling on funds to be allocated in this way, and it was also agreed that no advertising would take place. B. Watson volunteered to phone specific organizations purporting to deal exclusively with ex-political prisoners. The matter was referred to the sub-committee.

4. STAFFING:

The trustees referred to a written proposal submitted by the Executive Director which dealt with the question of extra staff. The trustees agreed on the appointment of an assistant for Dot Mkhwanazi who would begin work on 8 January 1992. M. Tikly also stressed the need to advertise for an experienced bursary administrator who would act as Head of the Bursary Section. This proposal was approved. It was also decided to employ a full-time book-keeper because of the rapid expansion of work related to financial matters. In addition, it was agreed to retain the monthly services of the part-time accountant.

Much discussion centred around the staffing of the proposed skills training and small business components of the Trust. J. Samuel advised that the Batlagae Trust was only a starting organization, and advised against diversifying too early, a move which would introduce unwanted problems. All the trustees present agreed. It was also noted that there seemed to be considerable overlap between this proposed component of the Batlagae Trust and the Matla Trust. It was decided to re-discuss the issue of taking on the small business and skills training venture.

5. FUNDRAISING:

It was decided that re-applications to donors for funds in 1993 should begin as soon as possible. It was also agreed that funders should be notified that the re-integration process would continue for at least three years. M. Tikly raised the possibility of approaching local sources for funds.

6. GENERAL:

On the question of staff contracts and educational assistance for staff members, it was decided to offer such assistance as a job perk. Such assistance would be funded from a staff benefit fund and not from the Batlagae Trust. Discussion of staff benefits was forwarded

to the next trustee meeting.

The Bursary Council of South Africa had issued an invitation to the Batlagae Trust to attend a meeting on 24 and 25 January 1992 in Cape Town. It was decided that the Trust should be represented and that the invitation should be accepted.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Trustees of the Batlagae Trust will be held on Wednesday 12 February 1992 at St Barnabas College from 10:30am to 12:00 noon. 2