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MINUTES OF THE COSG MEETING OF 1 AUGUST 1986

PRESENT: Olive, Steve, Neil, Derek, Nan, Simon, Geraldine, Gunter, Rob.

COUNSELLING

1. There were no callers during July for the counselling service.
2. Rent: Olive told Rev Storey we can't afford R40,00 - she suggested R20,00. We have paid for June but not for July. We will pay R40,00 for July, and thereafter R20,00.
3. Why no counselees? Poor advertising, state of emergency.
4. Weekly Mail article: Gavin Evans was enthusiastic, but Joanne Bekker (because of the state of emergency) was not.
5. Neil and Simon to work on a press release for Weekly Mail, Star, Business Day and the Sunday papers.
6. We need pamphlets advertising the service for the Tuesday 5 August 'Right to Know' meeting at the City Hall.
7. Log: no forms in office. Simon to see to this.
8. Counselling workshop report-back: involved mainly the role-playing of counselling situations. Three new people from Wits campus. If ABMC is established on campus, we may need a separate counsellors' meeting - Nan will contact Andrew about this. The Wits people wanted contact with us.
8. The list of counsellors was distributed to the meeting.

GENERAL COSG BUSINESS

1. Gunter's report on his Board hearing: Thorough preparation, of statement, and through a mock-hearing with difficult questions. A person applying to the Board must be absolutely sure of his direction and aim (e.g. does he want publicity? does he want to be accepted by the Board?) The Board is taking a strong stand on 'political' content of statements. Case hearing was taped (by Gunter), and this may be useful for prospective applicants to listen to. It is useful (if applicable) to speak to your co-opted church member beforehand.
2. Charge against Phillip Wilkinson has been 'provisionally withdrawn' (he's in detention).
3. Steve Brislin has been given deferment until 1987 (without having applied).
4. Questionnaire returns: Many are still in the pipeline - keep following up. ECC appears to be doing a similar thing nationally, despite us informing them that this was our contribution to the 'Working for a Just Peace' campaign. Neil will meet with them to sort out.
4. The budget was distributed to the meeting.
5. It was decided to drop the Weekly Mail classifieds advert, and to use the money saved for an occasional larger advert.
6. Suicides: Neil and Geraldine at a bit of a loss as to what to do with the information! Will hold.
7. Geldenhuis Commission: it was noted that in their report they spoke of churches having accepted 'as part of their dogma' the refusal of call-up, and the threatening nature of this: it could render the SADF 'to inefficiency'.

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY 29 AUGUST, 39 CARDIFF RD, PARKWOOD. (Counsellors' meeting starts at 7.30 p.m. sharp, followed by the general COSG meeting at 8.15 p.m.)

CONFERENCE DATES: 12,13,14 SEPTEMBER.