

Seattle Labor Committee Against Apartheid

512 33rd Avenue South

Seattle, Washington 98144

Minutes 9/26 meeting

Attended by: Shirley, Linda, Craig, Mike & both Bills

Treasury: Mike reported \$61 on hand, all bills current.

Education: Program focus on Mayekiso accepted.

Mike reported on his connection & knowledge of Committee to Free Moses Mayekiso (CFMM)-- the Bay Area organization which has supplied much of our material. Mike's personal acquaintance is involved with a radical group but Mike is certain that CFMM is not dominated by any particular organization. CFMM has executive board members of several locals & has been endorsed by other unions. CFMM strives to affiliate with Friends of Moses Mayekiso (FMM) in the UK and invites support but not membership from groups such as ours. In short we're more likely to be red-baited for our own personal associations than for SLCAA's association with CFMM.

Conference: Mike would like the education program to tie into a labor conference on apartheid to be held prospectively in May '89. He sees the conference featuring a major speaker, a resolution session, a movie presentation, a cultural component & a rump session/party.

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Conference (cont):

CFMM is currently trying to line up a speaker from NUMSA to tour the West Coast next spring. Mike hopes to have such a speaker for our conference.

Mike suggests we try to line up Longston Hughes through (transit operator) Ron Bodde.

To have a successful conference (250-300 attendance) Mike suggests setting a firm date by December.

We should ask other local anti-apartheid groups for logistical support. It was generally agreed that this would be a labor conference & such groups would be free to staff literature tables but should not be on the agenda.

Bill Corr pointed out that we will get better support from mainstream labor if we seek out a labor figure such as Marvin Williams or Dan Bickford to speak. We agreed that massaging the power structure will have to be pursued along with a grassroots recruitment.

Ticket Sales strategies:

Pre registration: to be pursued directly among our friends & associates

Education Program: to ask locals to buy blocks of tickets to conference (ala Phyllis Hutchinson)

Anti-apartheid community: via mailing lists, etc

Bill Corr said he can't support this conference if the ANC objects to any of the speakers. We can check with ANC UN rep. Solly Similaine on October 9 following his 7pm address to Seattle First Baptist Church (Seneca & Harvard).

Oct Mtgs @ Shirleys: 10/20 Ed
10/24 Ben