

MINUTES SAEP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11th MAY 2013 at Tsoga Centre, Philippi 10.30am

Present: 73 people including staff members, volunteers, learners, donors, community members etc. (see attendance list attached) **Apologies:** 10 people

Welcome: Helena Duk, chairperson of SAEP welcomed all present. Bulelani Futshane translated throughout. Kennedy Shumba opened with prayer.

Minutes of last AGM: Jane Keen, SAEP Director presented the minutes which had been checked, approved and signed by the board of directors. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Introduction of Speaker Dr Stuart Saunders: Norton Tennille introduced Dr Saunders, ex vice chancellor of UCT, focusing on his goals and successes to transform tertiary education for black students at UCT. Dr Saunders then gave a very challenging talk on Education in South Africa, commending SAEP for its role in assisting students at various levels of education. See full text attached.

Presentation of Annual Report: Jane Keen introduced the annual report, thanked Katie Huston and her team who had worked so hard to produce it, and asked everyone to use it to share the good work about SAEP with others. She then introduced staff members from each programme to give a highlight from the past year:

Early Childhood Development Program – Elise Farley, ex Manager of ECD Programme spoke rebuilding of Kiddies and Sakhingomso Educare Centres and the winning of an Impumelelo award.

Arts Programme – A group of students from the drama class presented a moving piece from South Side Story (an adaptation of West Side Story) which they are working on for a performance later in the year. It focussed on gangsterism and how they are trying to challenge it.

Hope Scholars Programme - Bulelani Futshane, Coordinator of the Programme reported on a march against gangs initiated by the HSP team and the midyear holiday programme.

Environmental Education Programme - Andile Nqoko reported on the environmental activities run during 2012 including the hikes organised in partnership with MCSA and UCT M&S Club.

ADT Teach Programme - Luyanda Kota, Manager of the Programme reported on the accreditation of the ADT Teach curriculum.

Bridging Year Programme – Zimkhitha Ndinga, Co-ordinator, reported on the 16 students selected for the programme all of whom completed the year. Eleven of these are now in tertiary. Parents were positively involved.

Tertiary Support Programme – In the absence of Beauty Ndlovu, Manager, Zimkhitha Ndinga also reported on the TSP. There were 6 graduates over the past year and an encouraging trend of students who have dropped out going back to study.

The Centre for Innovative Education and Community Service – Norton Tennille reported on one highlight i.e. Ilitha Leseding, a new organisation doing similar work being mentored by SAEP.

Jane then reported on the STARS award to SAEP and highlighted how people could assist the organisation through becoming an SAEP Angel (through a monthly donation of R50 or more) or through one of the ideas listed on the back of the AGM agenda.

Presentation of Financial Report – Norton Tennille, Treasurer for 2012, presented the audited financial report. A summary is available in the Annual Report and a detailed audited report will be available on the website as well as at the SAEP offices. In spite of severe challenges at the end of 2012 when promised funding did not come in, SAEP managed to end the year in the black.

Questions and Discussion of Annual Report:

The mother of one of the current tertiary students (previously of Philippi High School) thanked SAEP for assisting her daughter through the Bridging Year Programme and beyond. She explained how she had come from a rural area and that her English was poor, but that this had improved so much that she was now able to study in English.

Acceptance of Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement: This was proposed by Graeme Comrie and seconded by Zandile Mahlasela. All agreed.

Appointment of Auditor: It was unanimously agreed that Mike Schreiber of Low and Schreiber would be requested to continue as auditor.

Election the Board of Directors - The following were elected to the new board:

Avuyile Koli
Isabel Essen
Gina Leinberger
Graeme Comrie
Helena Duk
Khanyo Seyisi
Leanne Allison
Murray Hunter
Nomsa Shosha
Shiela Yabo
Zandile Mahlasela

Vote of thanks: Jane Keen, SAEP Director thanked everyone who attended and all those who worked hard to make the AGM such a success, including SAEP staff, volunteers, board members, donors and supporters, parents, students and teachers.

Meeting adjourned for further refreshments at approximately 11.45am.

Signed: Director Date: 4th July 2013