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Minutes of Meeting No. 8
National Committee on Child Abuse Issues
St Mary's Provincialate, Balmain

20th June, 1996

Present: Brian Brandon (Chairperson), Tony Shanahan, Julian McDonald, Ian Hunter, Des O'Grady, Michael Godfrey, Dan Stewart, Tom Kruger, Howard Harrison, Mitch McKenzie, Gerard Phillips.

Apology: Peter Dowling

1. Prayer led by Brian Brandon.
2. Document Summary of Plaintiffs Proceedings. Gerard provided an explanation of figures in the document.
3. **Structure and philosophy of settlement**
Tony questioned whether we need to rethink the settlement terms. A wide ranging discussion ensued. The current proposal was endorsed, recognising our need to be open to other possibilities of support into the future.
4. **Settlement Issues**
The meeting agreed:-
 - (a) to retain a phrase that "the Christian Brothers do not admit liability" in the legal documents.
 - (b) on the 1/3 cash and 2/3 services division of the \$3.5 million.
 - (c) to permit Slater and Gordon the payment of cash to the 30 most serious cases via the Trust.
 - (d) to the payment of \$2,000 to each claimant from the goods and services of the fund.

5. **Donations - public subscriptions**
After detailed discussion it was resolved to follow up via teleconference.
6. **Timing**
The week commencing Monday 15th July was seen as the most likely week for final settlement.
7. **Insurance**
CCI's proposal was rejected. The meeting gave authority to the lawyers to continue negotiation with CCI and to start with a figure of \$4m.
8. **Media**
A joint media statement is to be prepared and to be disseminated through Catholic Communication Networks to Bishops in advance of any national media conference.

Tony and Julian to be present at National Media Conference in Sydney, likely to be in the week 15-19 July.
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9. Michael to write a letter to REDACTED and ask him to put in writing what he is seeking. Before sending the letter, Michael to check with CCI through Mitch Mckenzie.
10. **Barry Coldrey**
Lawyers to determine what are the appropriate steps.
11. Minutes of last meeting (3rd May) were accepted as an accurate record.
12. Financial matters relating to WA settlement. Provinces will need to find \$1m (SPA/HS/SM) and \$0.5m (SPX) in the near future. Brian requested Province costs to 30th June be presented at the next meeting.
13. Agenda for next meeting. Research Memorandum.
14. Teleconference (Julian, REDACTED Tony, Mitch, Howard, Brian) on Thursday 27th June 11.00am E.S.T. REDACTED
15. Next meeting will be Tuesday 30th July, 9.00 a.m. at Balmain.
16. Thanks were extended to Julian for the hospitality of the Balmain community and to Michael for the minute-taking.

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