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## **Meeting Minutes of December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

Meeting called to order at 2110Hours

**HOSTS: The LeShey's**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Foma, Mrs. Elizabeth Foma, Fidelis Simo, Maureen Ngamalue, Patrick Ngamalue, Florence Tcheck, Emmanuel and Shiri Njiki, Deus Nanko, Mr. Talla-Takusi, Mrs. Estelle Talla-Takusi, Clede Nkwain, Laura S. Nana, Sammy Nana, Gaston Moualeu, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Noue, Quine N. Sowunmi, Fred Wambo, Honore Kwame, Roseline Simo, Emmanuel Njikam, Pamela Njikam, Evelyn Motue, Richard Nana, Martin Tatstikou, Mr. Benedict Foma, Emelia Nkwanwo, Emmanuel Njobet, Nicoline Mbua, Lawrence Simo, Gerald Wambo, Celestin Wandji, and Francis Kamgang.

**EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Miranda Kwame, Blaise Yakam, Emmanuel T. Nana, Ruben Tchounbia, Sandrine Yakam and Cynthia Ngonga, Valentin Miafo, Blanche Miafo, Marilyn Simo and Ernest Simo, Odilia Swiri, and Margaret Njobet.

**ABSENT:** Henry Simo, Arline Sadate, and Hermann Dondjio.  
Nana Laura offered a prayer.

★ **Reason for this month's meeting**

This month's meeting was the end of year meeting for 2004 whereby members collected their year-end Savings and also the first annual Lafaba DFW kids Christmas Gift Giving Program.

★ **Reading and Adoption of Minutes**

The meeting started at 2110hours with a prayer by Quine Sowunmi and later by Emmanuel Njiki reading the November minutes, Shiri Njiki moved to adopt the minutes and Mr. Foma seconded the motion and the minutes was unanimously adopted.

★ **Corrections To Last Month's Minutes.**

No corrections were noted and minutes were adopted "as is".

★ **President's Feedback Comments From Previous Minutes.**

The President circulated the press coverage from different print media from his recent trip to Cameroon for the Lafaba Project Back Pack, and encouraged anyone interested to make copies.

The President also suggested that our group, Lafaba DFW needs to do something in recognizing the Lafaba Houston chapter for not only supporting but contributing to the success of the Lafaba Project Back recently accomplished in the Nde Division, Cameroon.

The President stated that the Lafaba DFW web site is drawing interest from our Bamileke Brothers and Sisters throughout the United States and Canada, and in fact stated that someone from Arkansas and Arizona contacted him inquiring about the group and how they could become a member.

The President added that the issue of accepting someone as a member while they were based out of state needed to be further discussed and voted for or against.

★ **Executive Meeting**

The executive meeting still promised to hold if time permits.

★ **Insurance:**

Deus Nanko briefed the group of the current status of the life Insurance policy stating that with some members not keeping up with their monthly dues, the group's account was currently at a \$60.00 deficit.

The President stated there should be a revision of the bylaws with respect to the Life Insurance Policy, whereby if a member elects to enroll in the life insurance policy and does not keep up with their monthly or quarterly dues faces the possibility of being drop from the program.

Quine Sowunmi and Shiri Njiki both suggested that the group handles the life insurance policy just like any corporation deals with its employee with respect to life insurance whereby if a member fails to keep up with his/her monthly dues they risk being penalized or dropped from the program.

★ **Website**

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★ **LAM**

**Summit for Regional Chiefs and Professional Bamileke Sons and Daughters in Cameroon and Abroad Scheduled for April 2-9, 2005 in Bafoussam.**

The President stated that LAM represents a drum based in the Palace or any chieftaincy in the Western Province to call attention to a specific event in the village, and in this case it is coined as a cry or Summit to all the Bamileke Sons and Daughters to bring forward ideas, expertise and financial support to help elevate each other at home and abroad.

The President further stated that he and Mr. Njobet both had a conference call with Mr. Jean Vincent one of the executive member's organizing this event.

Apparently upon Mr. Jean Vincent learning of Lafaba DFW through the project backpack in Cameroon he contacted the President and encouraged the group to be a part of the upcoming Summit in Bafoussam by sending a representative and supporting financially.

The President and Mr. Njobet both stated that we as a group have set a high standard for ourselves after accomplishing the recent Project Back Pack and encouraged the group to take part in this Summit. Mr. Njobet stated that if someone is traveling to Cameroon around April 2-9, 2005, she/he could represent the Lafaba DFW group at the Summit. Mr. Foma asked that time should be given for members to think about it and later discuss if group involvement is what members want to pursue.

★ **Announcements**

**Map of the West Province**

The President brought a copy of the map of the western province and asked that whoever wants to make a photocopy of the map should contact him.

★ **Matters Arising:**

Bamileke Convention:

The President stated that in the 1980's the Bamileke groups throughout the United States got involved with each other through convention, and postponed discussion for the January meeting.

★ **Tentative Hosting List for 2005**

JANUARY	Emmanuel & Shiri Njiki
FEBRUARY	Emmanuel & Laura Nana
MARCH	Mr. & Mrs. Wanji Celestin
APRIL	Sammy/Hedrine Nana
MAY	Emmanuel & Pamela Njikam
JUNE	Lawrence & Roseline Simo
JULY	Honore & Miranda Kwame
AUGUST	Quine Sowunmi
SEPTEMBER	Françoise Fomunong
OCTOBER	Emmanuel & Maggie Njobet
NOVEMBER	Mr. & Mrs. Foma
DECEMBER	Christmas Party, Location unknown

Mr. Lawrence Simo stated he wasn't looking forward to hosting a meeting at his place in 2005 but will join someone in hosting. The reason here being when he hosted the October Meeting Henry Simo who had elected to join him and Roseline Simo in hosting failed to fulfill his responsibility in contributing nor communicated his whereabouts and ask that the group reimbursed him for Henry Simo's share of hosting.

★ **FINANCIALS**

At this month's meeting, there was no personal savings account contribution. Nevertheless, members still had to pay their trouble bank contribution. The president handed each member a spreadsheet. In the latter was a layout of each member's annual financial account information, which included all members' financial obligations to and from the group. Any dues owed to the group were deducted before distributing member's yearly personal savings. Finally, the treasurer distributed each member's yearly personal savings.

Meeting adjourned at 2330hours.

Lafaba Kids Christmas Gift Giving.

Respectfully Submitted By  
Mr. Emmanuel Njiki