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## Meeting Minutes of April 9th 2005 Called to order at 2125 hours

**HOSTS:** Sammy Nana

**ATTENDANCE:** See attendance log with Mrs. Njike Shiri.

**Excused:** Mr. and Mrs. Nana Emmanuel, Francis Kamgang.

Mrs. Takussi offered a prayer asking God to bless us and the new born baby.  
Marie Noel Tafah read the last month's minutes.

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

Emelia not Nana Richard collected the Njangi. After the correction, Miranda Kwame moved with motion to adopt the minutes and Mr. Njiki seconded the motion.

### **★ President's Feedback Comments.**

The President apologized for the late start even though we all should have been early since it was a born house and meeting day as well. The raffle ticket's final decision will be reached before the next meeting and hopefully the tickets will be available. The president got an email from Cameroon that indicated that Bafoussam had four Bilingual Primary Schools. He asked what do we should do with this new development. He continued that choosing the school was not the problem but how to finance them was the immediate concern. He proposed that we shoot for \$10000 instead of \$6000 and see how we can accommodate all the schools.

### **★ Hosting Issues**

The hosting list was reassigned with every member assigned to a group.

### **★ OTHER MATTERS**

#### **• Uniforms**

He reminded members of the availability of uniforms so those who do yet have one to contact him for members on the west side of town or Emmanuel Nana for those on the east side of town.

#### **• Insurance**

Nanko is hoping to collect more money today to make up for the amount needed for the insurance. He continued that members can only leave the insurance program by indicating in writing.

#### **• Party Hall**

The president said Gannis was available for a price tag of \$1300.00 dollars, with a \$100.00 dollars refundable. He continued that as for music we could provide ours. From a second quote, there was the question of holding the party on a Friday or Sunday, which might reduce the expenses. The president said we should stick to the budget irrespective of any other arrangements.

- Cultural Day Celebrations

It was agreed that we want to be the best cultural group as we demonstrated in the last showing but to achieve that again the group needed to express those exceptional qualities that would qualify them as the best. In June the exact date will be announced. With the date drawing so close Nanko proposed that we start practicing some dance skills at the next meeting. The president proposed that a handful of selected exceptional dancers in our midst should be chosen to represent us and not all the group. The president also proposed that Mrs. Takussi should take the lead coming up with some songs that we could use at specific occasions and those songs distributed to members so that they can become familiar with them.

- Born House

Samantha Maxine Nana was introduced by the mother, who welcomed and thanked us for coming to celebrate their daughter's birth. As our tradition, Mr. Njikam made the baby taste the plantain before we could eat it. Songs were sung and the festivities began.

**★ MATTERS ARISING**

Letter of thanks and appreciation from Annie and Felix Leshey for all that the group did for them at their wedding. Mrs. Njike came up with a fines list, which included lateness and chitchatting during sessions that she distributed by email. Those culprits would have to pay up or have part of their saving withheld at the end of the year. Mrs. Takussi insisted that we implement discipline in every aspect of the meeting and uniform should be taken seriously whether old or new. The president insisted that by the cultural day, every registered member should have their uniform and if not penalized they will be penalized.

**★ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Leshey still here with us thanked us sincerely was grateful for all we contributed towards the wedding of her children. And that she was pleased with the idea of having a Bamileke meeting to promote our culture. She has good news to take back home and to pray to the almighty to bless and protect us and keep us in this union with love for each other. Lafaba T-shirt was offered to Mrs. Leshey to take back home as a souvenir from us.

**★ INTRODUCTION**

Sylvie was glad to be with us. Etienne and brother clement from Mbouda have been here for 2 years and were glad to finally discover their brethren. Douala Sonkwe wishes to know us better.

**★ FINANCIALS**

Richard Nana collected the trouble bank, savings and registration fees. Emelia Nkwanko collected the Njangi funds. Meeting adjourned at 2330 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Noel Tafah

And

Emmanuel Njobet.