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Meeting Minutes of January 08th, 2005

Meeting called to order at 2105Hours

HOSTS: The LeShey's

ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Shiri Njiki now keeps the updated attendance log.

Miranda Kwame offered a prayer.

★ **Reading and Adoption of Minutes**

The meeting started at 2105 hours with a prayer from Madam Kwame Miranda. Shiri Njiki moved to adopt the minutes and Mrs. Fomunong Françoise 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 sent a package containing pictures, a "Thank You" letter and copies of newspaper articles that covered the LAFABA Backpack project in Bangangte to the Houston Chapter. The President also received documents regarding the LAM festival due to hold in Bafoussam this spring.

★ **Discussions Regarding Amendment To The Bylaws**

Sections 3 A, C and D were amended and the new articles received the following votes from members with voting rights, 10 for and 2 against. For section 4, Emmanuel Nana complained that article D in section IV was not enforceable. After debating the reality of his complaint, it was agreed that the changes would be eliminated and the article will stay without any changes.

Section V was unanimously accepted but Section VIII was not as peaceful a debate as the previous section. Emmanuel Nana started the discussions with a caution that the importance of birth should not be diminished. Marla interjected with a statement that she would want members to visit even if no gifts were given to the newborn baby. Fred angrily lashed out that the meager gift of \$150 could not nurture a child. He said members should still visit and he would bear the financial burden for them.

Sammy Nana said we should go through each amendment and ask members concerns after all the articles are read, without which we would never get through all the articles with this trend of continuous bickering that predominates at the present time. Emmanuel Nana proposed that the article should be left as is but he advised that the financial burden of \$20.00 should be reduced to \$10.00.

Also all the ladies outrageously frowned at the grouping and moving of all births in the year to the month of December. There was a sweeping victory of 13 votes for and 8 votes against to leave that clause in the article as it is. Emmanuel Njobet asked what happens to the excess funds from the drinks. The president replied that the funds are put in the meeting account. By the same token, Fred suggested that the excess funds from the birth

contributions should go to the newborn child's parents. Quine also asked what happened to the \$20.00 dollars that women contribute when they do not cook. The President responded that the money is put in the meeting account. For Article IX, Laura added a 4th proposal and the amendments had 11 votes for.

★ **Insurance:**

Deus Nanko briefed the group of the current status of the Group Life Insurance. Deus requested that the group should dedicate a meeting day for the insurance.

★ **Uniforms**

The President presented new uniforms that he and Emmanuel Nana arranged to be bought in Cameroon. Emmanuel Nana presented the new uniform and cost of transportation. It was agreed that the final cost to each member willing to get a piece would be \$22.00 including transportation. He also advised the group of the importance of having "Juju" attire for the group. He said he had taken the initiative to get one if the group agreed but if not that he was going to keep what he had brought.

★ **Introduction**

Mr. Williamson Charles introduced himself and thanked us for opening up to him and as he puts it that he considers us now as part of his family. Brother in-law of Mr. Miafo introduced himself.

★ **Member of the year**

The president recognized Mrs. Njiki and Family for their enormous contribution in the past year in the smooth running of the group. The president said the decision of the member of the year was fierce and after a careful consideration, it was agreed that Mr. Emmanuel Nana would be the best candidate at this time. The group praised his efforts and contribution. The group praised his improvisation during the cultural day celebrations that led to the group winning the overall competition. Emmanuel Nana thanked all the members for their thoughtful kindness and promised to continue giving all his strength to the success of the group.

★ **Announcements**

Mr. Emmanuel nana announced the Leshey family's wedding, invitations to follow. Deus announced that a Bamileke in Minnesota lost her mother back home.

★ **Matters Arising:**

The president read the names of members who haven't paid their last year dues.

★ **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

★ FINANCIALS

Registration fees are due today. The beginning of a new trouble bank and saving year starts today as well. Richard Nana will collect the registration and trouble bank, while Emelia collected the Njangi funds.

Meeting adjourned at 2345hours.

Respectfully Submitted By
Mr. Emmanuel Njobet