

## LAFABA MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2005

Meeting was called to order at 2035 hours.

Quine led the group in a prayer.

Emmanuel Njobet read the last month's minutes.

Madame Kwame moved to adopt minutes as is and Mr. Kamgang seconded the motion.

The President's plate carried the followings items for discussion:

- Party for the kids
- January 2006 hosting
- Member of the year
- Discussion of the Amendments.

- The President's contacts for the hall did not yield any genuine promises. The hall was already taken for that date but the owner said Friday was open. As it stood for now the group could not change the meeting day to Friday. The President asked the question again if we really wanted to host a kid's party? Everybody agreed that they needed a gift giving ceremony for the kids. All children less than 18 years of age at \$15.00 per child expenditure. The budget was set around \$600.00.
- January hosting is usually crucial since there is no hosting roster created as of yet. No body wanted to step up to the plate. Quine asked that those who did not host within 2005 take the lead for 2006. Dr. Jean-Louis Tante offered to host and that really helped appease the rising tensions about the January 2006 hosting.
- The member of the year were nominated as follows:  
Dr. Jean-Louis nominated Honore  
Emman Nana nominated Maureen  
Honore nominated Quine  
Emman Fassi nominated Emman Njobet  
Miranda provided ballots for each member to secretly write down the member that he/she chooses and that name will be made public at our end of year meeting.
- Discussion of the amendments started with the amount of the compulsory savings, which at the moment is perked at \$20.00. This amount if contributed all through the year would normally be given back to the members. This amount also at the end of the year is substantial to cover all dues that each member owes to the group, thereby serving as a safeguard for the very existence of the group as Emmanuel Njobet pointed out. Quine also supported in saying that the savings serve as a collateral for funds owed to the group. Mr. Fassi asked why not reduce the amount to \$10.00. Mr. Nana Richard, our Financial Guru defended the present practice in saying that \$10.00 could not cut it. Mr. Njikam requested that we put it to a vote and that was agreed. After the vote, \$20.00 was maintained as our personal savings amount in the new bylaws with 14 votes to 3 votes for \$10.00.

The next item in the bylaws for discussion was how many "pickin" plantains in a year and what kind of financial support was expected from members. Emmanuel Nana suggested quarterly meetings of all new births. Dr. Jean-Louis proposed twice a year. Marilyn and Mr. Fassi suggested once a year so that a party could also be organized on their behalf. The amount expected from each member was proposed as follows: \$50.00, \$40.00, \$30.00, \$25.00 and \$20.00. Emman. Nana complained that \$40.00 within a month in addition to all other dues would be cumbersome for members. Mr. Takussi also complained that the President influenced the calling or proposition of the amounts, which the President objected to such influence. These amounts were put to a vote and the results were: \$50.00-1 vote, \$40.00-5 votes, \$30.00-3 votes, \$25.00-4 votes and \$20.00-8 votes with \$20.00 coming ahead with a clear majority.

Here are the voting's going on for various activities during the by-laws articles discussion:

Section VIII (c)            Increase fine to \$50.00

- For                    12 votes
- Against                0 votes

Section XI                    Chairman's Responsibilities

Mr. Njikam proposed that we list the responsibilities of the Chairman and provide a separate section in the bylaws to that effect. He continued that the topic of Chairman should not be included under the heading of the administrative body of the group. It was agreed that, henceforth, a member of the group would nominate the Chairman. The vote was as follows: President –0 votes, Executive committee-2 votes, a member of the group-8 votes. Deus proposed that a Chairman should only be voted when problems arise or as needed. It was agreed that the Chairman would also be voted into office as the executive and on a term basis. The term limits were put to vote and the results were as follows: 1 year – 5 votes, Unlimited years like our African Heads of States –1 vote, As needed-1 vote and 2 years-9 votes. Mrs. Shiri Njike requested volunteers for gift rapping and Marilyn, Maureen and Marie Noel offered to help.

➤ FINANCIALS

Mr. Richard Nana collected the meeting dues.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Emmanuel Njobet.