

September 10th 2005 Meeting Minutes.

Called to order at 2145 hours

Prayer from Mr. Talla-Takussi

Emmanuel Njobet read the last month's minutes.

Mrs. Takussi moved to adopt as is and Marla seconded the motion.

❖ Matters Arising.

Emman Nana explained that he spoke to the President and that he confirmed that all the schools to be visited with scholarships have been lined up. Quine demanded that how much funds had been disbursed for this purpose to the President? Laura gave a rundown of the funds disbursed to the President. Laura continued that there was an amount of \$2500.00 that still needed to be collected from members. That response prompted another input from Quine who reiterated that it is not acceptable to forcefully tap into people's savings for an action that was initially deemed to be voluntary. Mr. Emman. Njike took the floor to point out that it was an action universally agreed and voted on by all members, which definitely calls for some sought of collection of those funds from somewhere or from somebody because as it stands now those funds have already been used or sent with the President to Cameroon.

Jean Louis Tante also intervened by suggesting that the group needed to, henceforth, reevaluate its funding methods and priorities. He continued that he had the followings suggestions:

- 1.) For starters, our support should not be limited only to the Western Province, even though, that is our province of origin.
- 2.) That any agglomeration of Bamileke within any area of Cameroon with a purpose of undertaking a project of common good and if they ask for our help should they should be a target for our funding.
- 3.) That our group should act in a completing role of already started projects so as to reduce cost of funding dollars.
- 4.) That our funding should target projects that would eventually benefit a large population instead of simply singling out individual children and just for one year and not to hear from us again ever.

Those ideas actually echoed with some of the members and the Vice President proposed that those ideas would be discussed in the next executive meeting. Mr. Takussi strongly questioned that proposition and asked the Vice President that when was the last time an executive meeting held? He added that if any meeting was ever held why was he not notified, and meanwhile, he was an executive member? Emman. Nana responded that he would be notified when next an executive meeting will be held and apologized that it might have been an oversight on their part for not informing him. Emman Nana asked to move the discussion on how to fund our future projects to the next meeting and all members agreed that.

❖ Issues for discussion

- Lateness

Many members, including: Marla, Quine, Laura etc. said that lateness was becoming monotonous and that something needed to be done immediately. Mr. Njikam said that lateness fees should seriously be collected on every meeting day with no exceptions. His idea was acceptable to all members. Maureen took on the responsibility in contacting every member who came late to pay up his or her dues.

- Cooking

Mrs. Takussi requested that a discussion about cooking should be raised at the next meeting.

- Deus requested that he would like all insurance information to be inputted in the Laptop and that the laptop should be brought to the meeting each time the meeting is held. He continued that this would facilitate the recovery of records in case of his absence.
- Emman. Njobet asked what was the time frame for the adoption of amendments for the previous year. He continued that if after the discussion the amendments do not go into effect then that is wrong and must be reconsidered immediately because we are already in the ninth month in the New Year. He continued that all the more reason why we tried to amend most of them in January of the year. Mr. Emman. Njike cautioned that the treatment of members should be uniform from the beginning of the year to the present, without which, serious breakdown in the meeting can occur.

❖ **Announcement**

Simo Valentine's wedding is taking place in Laredo, Texas and everybody is invited. But please note that there are some visa restrictions when returning back to the United States.

Paddy Ngamalue's uncle, the chief of Bambouatou who visited with us here sometime at the beginning of the year passed away in the village.

❖ **Introduction**

Emmanuel Nana introduced his Grandmother and nephew, Emmanuel Siwe visiting from Houston.

❖ **Occasion of the day (Born House)**

Mrs. Takussi Estelle was given the honor to welcome baby Clarissa to the Bamileke family of Dallas/Fort Worth. The Family of Mr. And Mrs. Fomunung presented Baby Clarissa to the Bamileke Family and Mrs. Takussi conducted all the activities of the day (singing, presentation of gifts and more singing).

Respectfully Submitted,
Emmanuel Njobet