

# **Minutes From the LAFABA-DFW Monthly Meeting Held on Saturday July 09, 2005**

## **Host:**

Mr. Fidelis Simo, Mrs. Marilyn Simo, Mr. Lawrence Simo, Mrs. Rosalind Simo, Mrs. Nicoline Mbua, Mr. Jude Simo and Ms. Evelyn Motue.

## **Attendance:**

Someone else's responsibility.

## **Call to Order:**

The meeting convened at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Fidelis Simo. The President, Mr. Honore Kwame, called the meeting to order at 9:15 PM. Mrs. Laura Nana led the group in prayer.

## **Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

At the time the meeting was called to order, the Secretary was not present. The president nominated Mr. Emma Nana to read the minutes from the June meeting and record the minutes of the July deliberations.

Following the reading of the minutes, Mr. Emmanuel Fassi moved a motion for the June 2005 minutes to be adopted. Mrs. Laura Nana seconded the motion.

## **Deliberation and Resolutions:**

The group discussed the following issues:

- **Cultural Day:**
  - Was scheduled on June 18, 2005.
  - LAFABA came in second place during the traditional dances competition. This was good, but there is plenty of room for improvements in the future.
    - Too many members on the dance floor and very little control over the group during dancing. In the future, we should do a better job in organizing the members on the dance floor or reduce the number of dancers to a manageable number.
    - Incorporation of cultural lessons in the meeting agenda. Since this is a cultural group, we should think about setting aside about 15 minutes during every meeting to focus on cultural/traditional lessons or activities.
  - The meeting watched the video of the LAFABA Presentation section of the Cultural Day. The entire Cultural Day video will be released to the public and available for purchase at a cost of \$10.00 per DVD, before the LAFABA July meeting.

- **Uniform:**
  - Mr. Emmanuel Nana updated the group on the sales of materials for the LAFABA uniform. A comprehensive list for these transactions is appended to these minutes.
  
- **LAFABA Annual Picnic:**
  - Was scheduled on July 2, 2005.
  - Overall was a success, but there is room for improvements:
    - Late start
    - Individuals should not take leftovers away. The President noted that the meeting has to decide what we should do with leftovers during occasions like this. He also noted that the same applies for money, which is contributed to the group during dancing. The money is not given on an individual basis, but it is presented to the entire group.
  - A special “thank you” was extended to Mrs. Dela Sowunmi, who assisted with the park reservation, cleaning after the picnic, etc., etc. Mrs. Sowunmi previous assistances to the Family were also noted. Also, a “thank you” card signed by the LAFABA members was presented to Mrs. Sowunmi.
  - A grand total of \$844.68 from the LAFABA funds was spent for the picnic.
  
- **Project Back-Pack:**
  - On July 1, 2005, the group had a check presentation at Sam’s Club on HWY-190 (5150 North Garland Ave.) in the sum of \$500.00. Also, a Gift Card, in the amount of \$50.00 was donated to the group. The members agreed that the gift card should be raffled, using the remaining raffle tickets from the picnic.
  - Additional donotaion for the project was received from the following:
    - Mr. Denis Mufosi donated \$100.00.
    - Mr. Terence Ndofor pledged \$50.00.
    - Mr. Fon Tenya will pledge before the August meeting.
  - There was a lengthy discussion about members paying \$100.00 for the raffle tickets that were received from the group and to be sold for the Project Back-Pack. Mr. Emmanuel Njikam agued that ours is a charitable organization and the group cannot levy any amount that members should contribute to the organization. In the end, the final resolution was that a decision had been agreed upon during the February 2005 meeting and all decisions taken during monthly meetings are binding.
  - Mrs. Quine Sowunmi will make calls to members to remind them of their pledges and dateline to meet this commitment.

**Matters Arising and Announcements:**

- It was noted that some of the ladies are slacking in meeting their responsibilities during Bereavement Visits and “Pekin Planti” celebrations. Mrs. Quine Sowunmi will pick up the coordination amongst the ladies. The ladies were called upon to indicate, specifically, what they will prepare and bring during such group events. Absentees and those who don’t bring any dish will pay a fine of \$20.00.
- Dr. Jean-Louise Tante had a baby boy by name Sir Luc Tante Tante.
- The following new members and visitors were introduced to the group:
  - Mr. Alan Pokam introduced her cousin, Virginie Maque, from New York and another cousin, Alexis, who is visiting from Washington, DC.

**Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 PM. The next meeting shall be held on August 13, 2005, at 8:00 PM. The hosts will be Mrs. Quine Sowunmi. This will also be the “Pekin Planti” for Brianna Opeoluwa Nchukem Sowunmi.

	Name	Number of Pieces	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Amount Owed	D
1	Fassi, Emmanuel	1	\$22.00	7/2/2005	\$0.00	
2	Fomunung, Mala	1	\$22.00	3/12/2005	\$0.00	
3	Happi, Jean-Noel	1	\$20.00	3/12/2005	\$2.00	
4	Kamga, Francis	2	\$44.00	3/12/2005	\$0.00	
5	Kwame, Honore/Miranda	3	\$66.00	2/12/2005	\$0.00	
6	Mancho, Doris	2	\$44.00	3/12/2005	\$0.00	
7	Mboning, Francis	1	\$22.00	6/11/2005	\$0.00	
8	Mbou, Nicoline	1	\$22.00	2/26/2005	\$0.00	
9	Motue, Evelyn	3	\$22.00	4/19/2005	\$44.00	
10	Nana, Emmanuel/Laura	3	\$66.00	2/12/2005	\$0.00	
11	Nana, Sammy/Hedrine	2	\$44.00	3/12/2005	\$0.00	
12	Ngamalue, Paddy/Maureen	4	\$22.00	6/18/2005	\$66.00	
13	Njikam, Emmanuel/Pamela	2	\$44.00	1/8/2005	\$0.00	
14	Njiki, Emmanuel/Shiri	2	\$44.00	1/8/2005	\$0.00	
15	Njobet, Emmanuel/Maggie	2	\$22.00	3/12/2005	\$22.00	
16	Njobet, Olive	1	\$22.00	3/12/2005	\$0.00	
17	Nkwanwo, Emilia	1	\$22.00	1/8/2005	\$0.00	
18	Noue, Eric	1	\$22.00	3/12/2005	\$0.00	
19	Pokam, Alan/Judith	2	\$44.00	2/12/2005	\$0.00	
20	Simo, Fidelis/Marilyn	2	\$0.00	7/9/2005	\$44.00	
21	Simo, Lawrence/Roselind	3	\$0.00	7/9/2005	\$66.00	
22	Sonwa, Florence	1	\$22.00	6/11/2005	\$0.00	
23	Swiri, Odilia	1	\$22.00	6/11/2005	\$0.00	
24	Tante, Jean-Louis	2	\$44.00	1/8/2005	\$0.00	x
25	Tatsiakou, Martin	1	\$22.00	3/12/2005	\$0.00	
26	Tcheck, Florence	2	\$44.00	3/12/2005	\$0.00	
27	Wandji, Celestine	2	\$44.00	3/12/2005	\$0.00	
28	Yimnanko, Deus	1	\$0.00	3/12/2005	\$22.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>\$834.00</b>		<b>\$266.00</b>	