

Meeting Minutes April 22nd 2006

Meeting was called to order at 2050 hours

Miranda led the group in a word of prayer.

Emmanuel read the last month's minutes.

Three corrections were pointed out.

- 1.) Mr. Njikam said they did not get flowers but simply stopped to get one and instead got a greeting card.
- 2.) Regarding the project backpack, he suggested that it should be on hold but did not give any specific time frame.
- 3.) Mr Njikam clarified that his administration made savings account statement report available and not checking account statement as noted in the previous minutes.

After these corrections were made Emman. Njikam moved with a motion to adopt the minutes and Margaret Njobet seconded the motion

➤ **PROJECT BACKPACK**

The president requested the status of the project backpack committee and Mr. Emman. Njikam who led the committee explained that he had difficulties assembling the members. He appealed to any members who would want to give some feedback regarding the project to write down their ideas for future discussion. The President said he disagreed with the idea because it defeats the sole reason for creating a committee to discuss the issue.

➤ **HOSTING**

The tentative schedule for the remaining months of 2006 hosting is as depicted in this table. Remember it is not yet carved in stone, so some adjustments could still be made.

MONTH	YEAR	HOSTS
MAY	2006	The Kwame family, Clede, Olivier, Evelyn Motue and Olive Njobet
June	2006	Emman. Njikam, Deus, Appoline, Solange and Odilia Swiri
July	2006	Fidelis Simo and family, Francis and Lore Nkamgang
August	2006	The Takussi family, Marie Noel, and the Tchounbia's
September	2006	Francoise Fomunung, Fred Wambo, Lawrence Simo, Salome and Maurice
October	2006	The Ngamalue's, Noline Mbua, and Quine Sowunmi
November	2006	Sammy Nana, Celestin Macfongim, Lore Ngambeu and Florence Tcheck
December	2006	END OF YEAR PARTY.

➤ **PICNIC**

Quine confirmed the picnic day (sorry I did not get the exact day). It was agreed that details of the picnic would be ironed out at the next meeting.

➤ **END OF YEAR PARTY**

The President reassured that the hall was reserved for December 9th 2006 for the end of year party. He continued that there was a \$100.00 dollars payment for the clean up after that party. Actually, he was asking if members would want to clean after all the enjoyment. Everybody

suggested that we pay for the clean up with the exception of exception of Celestin Macfongim who wanted the group to pocket the funds and do the cleaning. Emman. Nana suggested that he should stay and clean and collect the cash for himself if he wants. Mr Njikam was of the opinion that we pay for the clean up as well.

➤ **MEETING LATENESS**

The president urged members to get to meetings on time. He emphasized that early starts would mean early stops of the meeting. He said if this continued there might come a point where we would simply dedicate 2 hours to the meeting whether the agenda is completed or not and the meeting would stop. Emmanuel Njobet also touched on that. He pointed out that since we have to start eating only after the meeting discussions it would make sense if we finish early so that members will not be eating late. He finalized that eating late was also very detrimental to our waistline and health.

➤ **UNIFORMS**

The president said there were still uniforms available and the cost was only \$22.00. Mr. Njikam asked Emman. Nana if a member could still arrange for his uniform to be picked up and sewn in Cameroon?

➤ **INSURANCE**

Deus said he was frustrated with member's delinquencies. The President explained to the group the actual problem regarding the insurance. Mrs. Shiri Njike, Emman Nana all suggested that a full disclosure documentation regarding the minute intricacies regarding the insurance program should be provided for members to review. Mr Nana Richard also requested that Deus should provide a summary of the payment status so everyone should know exactly where he/she stands in the delinquencies.

➤ **MATTERS ARISING**

Paddy Ngamalue suggested we bring in an immigration lawyer to talk to the group regarding immigration issues. He continued to insist that one of our member's presently needs our help. The president responded that the member's family has not brought the situation to the group so we cannot simply budge in their private affairs. He continued that immigration matters are usually very personal. Emmanuel Njobet added that everybody's immigration situation is very different and unique. Other members concurred. Mr. Njikam stressed that if the family does not present the problem to the group, then the group should stay out or cannot attack the problem.

Mr. Njike Emmanuel also stressed that if the member did not request the issue exposed, then the issue was probably personal and that might be the way he wanted it. Mrs. Takussi and Laura Nana both concurred that if the member does not request the information released, then the concerned member should ask from those involved if they want the information discussed in the group.

➤ **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Fred is getting his traditional wedding (knock door) on the way in June.
The cultural day celebration moved to the third weekend in June.

➤ **ISSUES**

Sammy Nana had issues with members coming late and pushing their agendas into the meeting's agenda thereby lengthening the already existing agenda of the day.

➤ **FINANCIALS**

Mrs. Laura Nana gave the financial statement of the group. She said the savings account still read as was given in the previous month. She said the checking account had a sum of \$3790.00. Laura Nana was dissatisfied with the surprise questioning and accusation of the account being in her name. She continued that this was an issue addressed and accepted by the group before she accepted to harbor the funds and she did not see why it was a problem now. She concluded that, the group should look for someone else to keep the funds. Richard Nana collected the trouble bank and Marie Noel collected the Njangi funds.

Meeting adjourned at 2330 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Emmanuel Njobet.