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Meeting Minutes of June 10th 2006 Called to order at 2115 hours

HOSTS: Emmanuel Njikam, Solange and Deus

ATTENDANCE: The Njiki Family, Deus, Emmanuel Njikam, Solange, Sammy Nana, Richard Nana, Mrs. Talla-Takusi, Emmanuel and Margaret Njobet, Honore Kwame, Paddy and Maureen Ngamalue, Miranda Kwame, Marie Noel, Eric Noue, Noline Mbua, Celestin Macfongim, and Quine Sowunmi.

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Francis Kamgang, Odilia Swiri, Celestin Wandji, Françoise Wambo, and Florence Tcheck

ABSENT: Every other registered member.

Quine offered a prayer.

Emmanuel Njobet read the last month's minutes. After Emmanuel read the minutes, Emmanuel Njikam moved to adopt the minutes and Maggi Njobet seconded the motion.

Corrections To Last Month's Minutes.

No corrections were noted from previous month's minutes.

President's Feedback From The Previous Month Minutes.

➤ **Picnic**

The president requested that we should revisit the picnic schedule. He complained that Dalfcam's Picnic was scheduled on the same day. Quine suggested that she will propose to Della to see if she could call and request the following weekend but that there wasn't any guaranty. that the requested weekend was open. The president also complained that members would have to sponsor the picnic due to a financial deficit of meeting funds. Emmanuel Njiki confirmed that if financing the picnic was a problem then the group needed to revisit the picnic planning altogether.

➤ **Uniforms**

Some members still owe some funds for their uniforms and would need to pay up those funds real soon.

➤ **Vacancy On The Executive Committee**

The president also noted that with the departure of Emmanuel and Laura Nana, there are two vacancies on the executive that needed to be filled. The president proposed Emmanuel Njiki for the Vice president position and Mrs. Shiri Njiki for the treasurer position. These two candidates were tabled for a vote. Both candidates won their respective positions by universal acclamation of 100%. So Mr. Njiki Emmanuel would serve as the Vice President for the remaining term of this executive office while Mrs. Shiri Njiki would also serve as the new treasurer.

➤ **Questions Regarding The Meeting Account.**

The president pointed out that there were concerns from some member's regarding our accounts being in member's holding. Laura Nana expressed this concern before her departure when she was requesting that someone else keep the funds. Mr. Njikam pointed that we should put the funds in a separate Lafaba account or put two person's names on the account. The President said problems could still arise even with two names on the account. Emmanuel Njobet pointed out that the non-profit account prevents the group from opening another account because there could not be any type of distribution of funds only to our members at the end of the year as is presently the practice with our savings account. He continued that we could open an account but every member would have to be a trustee on the account and that was practically impossible. There were also concerns that the statement of account was not regularly presented at the meeting. It was explained that one of the reason being that the member's privacy of accounts was a cause for concern. Mr. Njikam still insisted that providing a statement at the least every quarter would help prevent problems before they occur. Mr. Njiki also supported that we should always make available a statement every quarter, thus all members agreed and that was going to be the norm form here forward.

➤ **Insurance**

The president concurred that the program was badly managed. As of this month only nine (9) members were still active participants of the insurance program. Initially, the group was misled members into thinking that members could not pay directly to the insurance company. The names of those who were delinquent were made known to the group and they were all advised to catch up with their payments or else they will be dropped from the insurance.

➤ **Cultural Day**

The event starts at 5 PM. Members are encouraged to bring a dish for the ladies and men should bring drinks. This request is due to the fact that Dalfcam is impoverished and could not sustain the funding of the cultural day event on it's own. Also members with Cameroonian artworks should bring them to the event for display. Celestin Macfongim and Mrs. Takussi would help to coordinate the dancing team for the group. Mrs. Takussi encouraged kid's involvement. Maureen would join Mrs. Takussi to coordinate the kids dancing team. All dancers must have their uniform and the dance group would be limited to 10 expert dancers only.

➤ **OTHER MATTERS**

1. Hosting Issues From Members

Mr. Njikam complained that Deus was a host but he never showed up nor did he even call for any kind of arrangements. Mr. Takussi explained that if one of the attached host does not call or show up, then the others should call to remind and reassure them that they are supposed to be hosting. The president acknowledged Deus' negligence and he offered an apology. The president continued that the group will have to go over Deus' punishment according to the bylaws at a later date.

➤ **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The president announced an invitation to our group from NDE-USA, New York to a fund raising ceremony. The Financial secretary announced that there were two new members who just recently joined the group. Paddy Ngamalue thanked everybody for the support of his event. Fred sent a thank you message to members for the great performance and showing at his wedding ceremony.

➤ **INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no introductions for this day.

➤ **FINANCIALS**

The funds to be transferred to the new treasurer are as follows:

Total funds in accounts	=	\$16233.69 --\$250 (Dalfcam) = \$15983.69
Regular Checking	=	\$7420.00
Regular Saving	=	\$7789.69
Uniform Account	=	\$1024.00

Richard Nana collected the trouble bank, savings and registration fees. Marie-Noel collected the Njangi funds.
Meeting adjourned at 2315 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emmanuel Njobet.