

# LAFABA- DFW NEWSLETTER



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## Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2006 Called to order at 2100 hours

The meeting commenced at 2100 hours with an opening prayer by Mrs. Miranda Kwame and Emmanuel Njiki read the August minutes.

### **Correction to August Minutes**

The August minutes should have reflected that Deus Nanko pleaded with the meeting for time to pay the \$150.00 fine and not excused from paying the fine. After the correction Mrs. Marie-Noel Tafah move to adopt the minutes and Mrs. Shiri Njiki seconded the motion.

### **Issues Discussed**

The President opened the meeting by thanking the Takusi's for a tremendous job in hosting the August meeting with very little notice of the meeting having a reception for our guest His Royal Highness, Chief Momo, Jean Claude. The President informed the meeting that he had contacted some heads of Bamileke groups in the United States with the idea of a National Bamileke Convention and reported that all those he spoke with expressed interest with the idea. He further elaborated that nothing concrete with respect to the theme of the convention has neither been established nor discussed and pointed out that he plans to convince the Leaders of the Groups out of State to consider Dallas as host due to our proximity to both the East and West Coast. Members were reminded that such an event is a huge task if we are chosen to host the convention for it will take a lot of hard work from every member to plan and execute such a project.

The proposal made by the President in the August meeting to eliminate the clause (Section 9F Part 2) in the bylaws which is stopping Lafaba from making any payment to a bereaved non Lafaba family in the DFW Cameroonian Community was revisited. This issue was discussed at length and a vote conducted with a unanimous number of members voting to eliminate section 9F part 2 from the bylaws.

The President reminded members that his administration had served its two years term and stated that the October meeting will be used to vote in a new administration and encouraged everyone interested in running for a position to launch their campaign.

### **Lafaba Children Christmas Presents Giving**

The traditional Lafaba children Christmas presents giving event was also discussed at length and members unanimously agreed that this year parents will be responsible in purchasing presents for

their children and Lafaba will reimburse \$15.00 for each child. Basically if a parent chooses to purchase a present costing more than \$15.00 for their child that parent is only entitled to \$15.00 from Lafaba. Parents will also be responsible in bringing the presents to the Christmas party were all the presents will be handed out to the children. For those of us who may forget to bring the presents to the Christmas party or not want the children to see what has been bought for them contact Mrs. Annie Leshay who's coordinating the event with the names and ages of your child and arrange to drop off the presents before the party.

### **"Pickin Planti"**

Mrs. Maureen Ngamaleu is coordinating the "pickin planti" gift buying event for families with Babies born this year, 2006 so if you parents have any preference of what you think is best for your child contact her but it has to be within budget.

### **Christmas Party**

The President reported that a hall for the Christmas party have been reserved and it is located in Arlington but stated that a DJ has not been hired because the person he wanted to hire might be traveling in December.

The following members volunteered to be part of the Christmas Party organizing committee;

Mrs. Miranda Kwame

Mr. Jacque Timma

Mrs. Shiri Njiki

Mrs. Maureen Ngamaleu

Mr. Deus Nanko

### **Matters Arising**

Mrs. Shiri Njiki proposed to the President to make available the meeting's agenda before the meeting so members can prepare for any topic of discussion.

The President emphasized the need for members to attend meetings regularly, first because it's our duty and secondly to know one another, because he stated he keeps on getting questions if one of us is a member whenever we post a bereavement announcement.

Mr. Valery Ngamegni thanked the meeting for the support and everyone who attended the wake keeping for his mother, Mama Lydia Kamegni who passed away in Cameroon on September 10, 2006.

### **Introductions**

Mr. Jacque Timma introduced his wife Mrs. Lilian Timma

Mr. Fred Wambo also introduced his wife Mrs. Melvise Wambo

Mr. Jean Claude Nzali introduced himself and promised to join the meeting with his wife.

Mr. Joel Sikam a student residing in Dallas introduced his visitors from Washington D.C, Joel George Ngassa and Kistelle Denjoue.

The President introduced a family friend from Cameroon now residing

in Dallas, Nobosse Guillaume

Financial Matters

Mr. Richard Nana and Mrs. Marie-Noel Tafah both collected the meeting and njangi dues respectively.

Meeting adjourned at 2230 hours.

Respectfully Submitted  
Emmanuel Njiki