

July 08th 2006 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 2110 hours.

Margaret Njobet offered a prayer

Emmanuel Njobet read the last month's minutes.

Corrections to last month's minutes.

Under the topic of hosting issues from members, line two should have read Mrs. Takussi and not Mr. Takussi. On line four of same paragraph it should have read, " the President acknowledged Deus' negligence and Deus offered an apology and not the he (the President).

After the corrections, Emmanuel Njiki moved to adopt minutes and Nicoline seconded the motion.

The President remarked that members should try to attend meetings and other functions organized by the meeting. The reason for the latter statement being the bereavement of Odilia Swiri following her sister's death, which was for the most part extremely poorly attended because most members did not even know who she was. The reason being that she really did not attend any meetings for the most part of this year. The president continued that there is actually a catch 22 here. Members don't have to attend a function because they know the member. That would seem to create a bias within the group because we would be attending only functions of members that we know or recognize. He continued that even if people worked weekends they could always make an effort to attend at least one meeting in a three-month period. Quine asked that if one joins the meeting and loses somebody within a 3-month period what happens. Does that mean they still get all the benefits of a long-term member? The president said, definitely, they get the same benefits as any other member. He continued that the bylaws does not differentiate those minor details at the moment and would require an amendment to reflect those changes for the future.

The President's next remark was regarding pledges that have to be honored for the Julienne's funeral. Mr. Njikam pointed out that pledges could be reduced later to a lesser amount and the President said that would not be tolerated because the initial pledged amounts were already disbursed and would create a deficit in our accounts. Mr. Njobet supported the President that pledges must be respected.

The President also acknowledged that contribution to a Bamileke member from within the community is seriously lacking, meanwhile, we always make it a duty to contribute \$250 to the death of any non Bamileke within the community and thereby getting nothing in return when it is our turn for contribution. The President requests that we look at that line item in our bylaws and decide if we want to continue that practice or discontinue as we move forward.

- Picnic

Quine relayed that the 29th of July is the picnic day. Considering member participation, member funding of the picnic, there did not seem to be enough support for the picnic. After all the deliberations on the picnic issue it was agreed by general consensus that the picnic would be put off for this year. Mr. Talla advised that we as a group should always try to participate in events like this. He continued that such lack of the will to get involved prevents progress. Mr. Nkamgang also expressed that the group would be missing the socialistic contribution of the picnic to our lives as members. He continued that the picnic could be considered an obligatory event for the meeting, which would be considered at the beginning of the year. The President concurred but said the practicality of implementation is our main problem and not the willingness. He continued that goals are set and all those involved in the execution are basically

voluntary. Emman. Njiki proposed that Mr. Nkamgang should present his proposal at the next selection of the hosting schedule to determine the feasibility and implementation. Mrs. Takussi also supported Mr. Nkamgang's ideas and insisted that non-executive members should be part of that team.

- Cultural Day

Emman. Njiki thanked Mrs. Takussi for her ingenious ideas in leading us to the great success in the cultural day celebrations. The President advised that the bar is now set very high and much involvement from members would be strongly advisable.

- Matters Arising

The President read the bylaws clause regarding Deus' punishment for not hosting, which included an apology to the group, a \$150.00 fine and would still host at a later date. The president continued that as it stands now, Deus has apologized but still needs to pay the \$150.00 fine and still host.

Emmanuel Njiki reiterated the importance of contact with member's so as to know each other. There was talk of the provision of helpful and useful information to members. That idea was strongly supported by Eric Noue as well.

- Announcement

Shiri Njiki announced the Saker Baptist College Ex-student's convention annual meeting holding here in town on August 5th 2006.

- Introduction

Mr. Jean-Marie Tchuete (the head of an engineering firm) has been in town for about 6 months. Mrs. Eyada Marie-Claire is here from Connecticut. Mr. Bertrand Kameni has been in town for a while and is now joining the group. Mr. Kemayou, Elvis, a renowned Cameroon musician is in town. He introduced himself and gave us some words of wisdom and also recognized our efforts as well.

- Financial

The president expressed that the statement of our account would be presented every quarter. Mr. Richard Nana collected trouble bank and other dues while Mrs. Takussi collected the Njangi funds.

Meeting adjourned at 2300 hours.

Respectfully Submitted
Emmanuel Njobet.