

## **MARCH 11, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 2110 hours.  
Quine led the group in a prayer.

Emmanuel Njiki read the February minutes and Emmanuel Njikam made a point of correction with respect to the \$500.00 given to the Leshey family. He clarified that the money taken from the meeting's trouble bank was not to be replace upon members making a voluntary contribution to assist the Lesheys as stated in the minutes.

After the corrections, Emmanuel Njikam moved to adopt the minutes and Quine seconded the motion.

### **Hospital Visit**

The President asked Emmanuel Njikam to brief the meeting on behalf of the delegation that visited the Lesheys at the hospital. The delegation included Eric Noue, Celestin, and Marie. Emmanuel Njikam stated they took flowers, a greeting card and presented the family with \$500.00 from Lafaba. The child's situation has improved tremendously to the point that the baby has been moved to a regular hospital room from the intensive care unit. The Leshey family expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Lafaba family for the support and prayers.

The President thanked the delegation for representing the group and for taking the trip despite the bad weather. He asked members to continue with the contribution to assist the Lesheys through Quine.

### **Hosting**

The President thanked the Mouleus for hosting and also for requesting to host at a time where we needed someone to step up.

He went on to outline the list of members who had picked out the month that they would like to host. In the process of finalizing the hosting list, the president voiced his concerns associated with adopting a hosting roster.

Quine proposed that we should adopt a hosting roster through casting a ballot and members selected to host on a specific month bear the responsibility of choosing a venue and also for switching with another group if they have conflicted schedule.

The proposal was unanimously agreed upon and Emmanuel Njikam suggested that we hold on and conduct casting the ballot in the April meeting since a few individuals were still considering registering.

Miranda Kwame concurred with Emmanuel Njikam and proposed that November should be established as the month to vote and complete the next calendar hosting roster.

### **Project Backpack**

The President stated he had been approached through emails by interested donors out of state about operation project backpack and suggested that we continue with the project and not kill it since the funding will be base on voluntary contribution.

Emmanuel Njikam concurred with not killing the project but suggested it takes place every two years.

Jean Louis Tante also acknowledged the project should not be killed and reminded the meeting of his proposal which calls for members starting projects in Cameroon not necessarily in the Western Province and requesting financial assistance from the meeting to complete the project.

Miranda Kwame asked under what title or banner this projects initiated by members will represent as the sponsor and Jean Louis answered the project can have Lafaba or whatever is agreed in the meeting. Deus Nanko stated he sees no problem with members initiating projects as far as the funding is based on voluntary contribution.

Francis Kamgang pointed out that the primary goal of this meeting should be based on our social needs and not project backpack.

Nana Richard proposed forming a committee to brain storm some key issues and report back to the meeting at a later date. The following members - Francis Kamgang, Jean Louis Tante, Emmanuel Njikam, Celestine, and Eric Noue volunteered to be part of this committee that will consider the following three key issues:

1. Kill or stop completely carrying out project backpack
2. Put the project on hold for a specific time before carrying it out.
3. Carry out the project every year or every two years base only on voluntary contribution.

The committee will present a report in the April or May meeting if more time is needed.

### **Insurance**

Deus Nanko stated he could not give a comprehensive report with respect to each member's current status because a lot of members remain delinquent with their monthly dues. He suggested that the meeting should consider killing or stopping the group insurance completely since some members have a problem paying their dues.

### **Matters Arising**

Emmanuel Njiki requested that members tone down the language and methods (email) used to request financial statements and other meeting documents in the context of accountability. Jean Louis Tante cautioned members not to take his email personally and then when onto say that he demanded the financial report or statements because during the Njikam administration monthly financial report was the norm.

Nana Richard took issue with his statement and countered by saying each administration is different and have different governing styles and made it clear that as it stands financial statements are currently made available quarterly and the books have always been open for inspection for whoever is interested.

Francis Kamgang concurred that the meeting's financial affairs have always been open and transparent and to suggest otherwise through email is simply a disservice to the members of this administration.

Emmanuel Njikam clarified that during his administration the sort of report he made available were merely the meeting's checking account statement and not the comprehensive financial report that we now get from this administration. He went on to caution members to refrain from making such demands through email and only bring it to the meeting floor.

**Announcements**

Alain Pokam introduced his aunt and her husband Febian and Marie Ndouagni who moved to Arlington from Washington D.C.

**Financial**

Richard Nana and Marie Noel collected meeting funds and njangi dues respectively.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Emmanuel Njiki