

February 10, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The meeting started with Maggie Njobet leading the group in prayer followed by Emmanuel Njikam reading the January meeting minutes taken by Sammy Nana. Emmanuel Njikam who chaired the meeting due to the president and vice president being out of town explained that due to severe weather storm the day of the meeting turnout was minimum.

Upon calling the meeting to order the president called on members to express their views on how they think the Christmas party turned out, the reaction was overwhelmingly positive with no negative feed back.

Members were informed that the meeting currently has left over drinks from the Christmas party and it is stored in the president's residence. The president asked the meeting to decide on what should be done with the drinks. The following options was put forth for discussion, the questions raised were, should the drinks be sold to any member who wishes to buy, use the drinks at subsequent meetings for consumption or leave it as is, stored in the president's garage?, there was no consensus on the matter.

Hosting Responsibilities:

The meeting was once again reminder of the responsibility we have as members to fulfill our obligation when assigned to host a meeting. It was reported that Evelyn Motue did not participate with her group in hosting the January meeting, thus prompting a discussion to enforce the fine of \$150.00 as stated in our bylaws.

The meeting was also reminder that this was not the first instance Evelyn Motue had neglected her obligation to participate in group hosting, which led to members being advised that it is everyone's responsibility to switch hosting month with anyone in another group provided they agree and also inform members of the executive of the switch.

The president stated that the meeting will collect any outstanding debts from former members before they can register for 2007 for our financial deficits is directly link to delinquent members not fulfilling their obligations.

Elected Members of the Executive:

The president introduced the incoming administration which consist of; Treasurer – Miranda Kwame; Protocol Officer - Shiri Njiki; Publicity Secretary - Quine Sowunmi; Assistant Publicity Secretary – Annie LeShay; Financial Secretary – Alain Pokam; Chairman – Emmanuel Njikam; Vice President – Njiki Emmanuel; and President – Honore Kwame.

Looking at the positions listed above, you will noticed that we are missing the position of General Secretary which we currently have open since the position was fill during our election in October 2006 meeting.

This attempt during the February 2007 meeting was again put to the floor to solicit volunteers for the General Secretary position with no success thus giving the vice

president no choice but to fill in the function of general secretary.

Financial Report:

Richard Nana presented a detailed financial report with a break down of End of year party expenditures which total to \$3,189.00, savings disbursement - \$12,883.00 (see financial report for break expenses), outstanding loans, other miscellaneous cost incurred by the meeting in 2006. Upon outlining the financial report the president expressed words of appreciation for the more than eight years Richard Nana has tirelessly handled the meeting financial as financial secretary.

Goal for 2007

Members were given the opportunity to voice a set of goals they would like see the meeting accomplish in 2007, and the following members, Quine Sowunmi - expressed she would like to see the meeting organize a summer picnic, Miranda Kwame - proposed that the meeting continue with the end of year party, and Estelle Takusi proposed project backpack.

Emmanuel Njiki asked if members have thought of the proposal put forth last year of hosting a Bamileke national convention, and the president stated he had unsuccessfully tried to contact other chapter presidents with a possibility of those he spoke with last year may have been voted out of office.

There was a general consensus that our group Lafaba Dallas is not ready to host a national convention for it requires lengthy planning and financial commitment from other all the chapters as well as time commitment from everyone of us.

Matter Arising

Fred Wambo cautioned that the reason the meeting keeps producing negative balances for the past couple of years is because we do have ghost members who only do not participate by fulfilling their obligation as members but also burden the meeting's finances.

The president announced that Olive Njobet had moved to Oklahoma for studies and wishes to remain a member.

Members were advised to update any change of address and phone numbers by contacting the president or vice president.

Marie-Noel Tafah announced that njangi started during February meeting and whoever interested should contact her.

Introductions:

Richard Nana introduced his mother from Cameroon, Mami Ngonga Josephine Nwankwo and Honore Kwame introduced his niece from Cameroon also, Valerie Odeng

Financial Matters:

Alain Pokam collected meeting dues while Marie-Noel collected njangi dues.

Meeting Adjourned at 2216 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Emmanuel Njiki

