

January Minutes 2008

The meeting started at 9.00pm with a word of prayer from Miranda Kwame. The minutes were then read and moved as correct by Tala Maurice and Eugenie Moualeu.

The meeting actually began with a series of apologies rendered by the president for:

1. Postponing the January meeting due to the absence of several executive members as well as the chairman.

2. Wearing jeans on the day of the party instead of a suite as was noticed by Talla Maurice, and

3. For the Christmas party which did not turn out the way we expected despite all the preparations. He asked for suggestions on how to make the next one a great party.

-The one and the main suggestion came from Talla Maurice who wanted the meeting to send out invitations so others can share and celebrate with us. Not a bad idea but the president insisted invitations should be done by members and by word of mouth.

-Tala Maurice thanked the DJ for a good job even though it was his very first experience.

-Marie-Noel was also congratulated and thanked for the well decorated hall and everyone who came was thanked by the president for being there. He said next year will be more fun than this year provided we carry out our various assignments with all passion. If you cannot meet with your responsibility of carrying out the task assigned to you, just have the courtesy to inform whoever the leader of your team was. This shows some sign of responsibility and respect.

Other suggestions made regarding the party were:

1. We should assist in cleaning after the party which is one of the main reasons the president had for wearing his jeans. He is left by himself and cannot be in suite to start doing the manual labor without help from members. If we all join to help, the work will be lighter for him and in that case he will have all the reasons to have his suite on.
2. Cooking was just a mess. Some women who promised to bring food did not show up and did not send the food, or came without food, and those who brought food thought they were cooking just for a family to eat. This goes back to the act of being responsible. When you volunteer to do a job and cannot, call at least to inform the leader and always remember the catastrophe we will face if we don't have food or have enough food. This nevertheless cannot go without punishment. Those who did not bring food have a fine of \$50 as per the constitution.

The president gave a run down of the left over drinks which were as follows:

7 Heineken

3 Wine cooler

1 Johnny walker 1.7L

1 Irish cream 1.7L

1 case sprit

2 bottles of Rose

1 case juice-40

Left over from 2006 was taken to Mrs. Nchoundjia as such the \$250 meant for that was not used.

FINANCES:

Pokam was helping out with the Wandji birthday party, as such was absent. But the president gave a run down of 2007 finances which read as follows.

2007 disbursement = 4.100.00

Personal savings =19.415.00

2007 contributions _____ =27.625.00

2007 disbursement from contributions =25.636.00 left us with a balance of

= _____ 1.789.00 +

2006 savings - 8.854.00

= _____ 10.643.00+

Non profit _____ =3.000.00 giving us a general total of

= _____ 13.643.00 left

in the coffers.

-Financial secretary Miranda Kwame explained the situation with our savings account which yielded just \$12 interest through out the year due to some bank regulatory changes. After proper discussion with the bank, she decided it was better to open an account with 3 % interest rate which she did. Some members were not very clear and satisfied with this explanation and Moaleu suggested instead of keeping the money in the bank with no interest, it was better we put it in the stock market.

-Talla Maurice also suggested in order to clarify members when it comes to monetary aspects, it is better, copies are made and shared to members so they can better understand and be able to ask constructive questions.

-The president was pist off when Talla said people are angry about financial matters and ask Talla to tell those people to bring their issues to the house rather that sending him all the time.

-Tima thanked the financial sec for keeping our money and requested a financial statement be presented quarterly to avoid any misgivings and pleaded it will be appropriate for her to inform the meeting next time before transferring money from one account to the other.

-Nana's question of whether positive balance this year will be transferred into savings was in the affirmative.

-Registration begins today and old members have up till March to register.

Accomplishments and objectives:

What we did not accomplish in 2007:

1. trip to Houston
2. Convention because some other leaders were not interested.

What are the objectives for 2008?

1. Picnic
2. Children's reward ceremony based on scholastic excellence
3. Christmas party
4. Project bag pack (not everyone is involved)
5. Visit to a museum or any touristic site

- 6. Convention with or without the other leaders.
- 7. Houston trip

Suggestions:

- About the hall for the Xmas party, because members wanted it to be something grand and some even suggested it should be a fundraising party, Nana and Tala promised to look for a bigger hall.
- kids should eat while we are deliberating
- think more on how we can integrate new members; by Tala
- Francis Fankam wants us to have special guest speakers to give talks that should be beneficial to us
- The agenda of each meeting should be sent out so we can add or subtract before each meeting
- Mrs. Simo: there should be a moderator to host the aspect of the agenda “matters arising”, in order to take away the too much attention from the president so that certain issues should not be considered personal and at the same time, it might be exposing a talent we need in this meeting. The president was not very sound with this idea because according to him, he is good in separating Honore the person from Honore the president.
- Moaleu: It will be a good idea if the meeting can refer new members to Doctors, lawyers, where to get general information that can be useful to them.

Matters Arising:

Tchoumbia was angry with Nana Richard for not calling him to perform his responsibility as a member of the drinks committee. This led to a heated debate which ended up well but letting Tchoumbia to understand that when one is in a committee, nobody is responsible to call you. You are supposed to find out from your members and know what is going on and how you can come in if you think you are responsible.

Announcement:

- Marie-Noel Tafah relieved the vice president with the duty of the secretary.
- Miranda Kwame announced you can get water fufu on pioneer pkwy; \$1 per packet and that there is a wholesale market were you can get fresh vegetables and pepper really cheap. If you are interested, contact her for more details.
- Njangi was collected by Tafah and finances by the president.

Hosting List 2008

Jan: Nana Richard, Mr. & Mrs. Njike, Emilia Kwanko
Feb: Mr. & Mrs. Tchoumbia, Mrs. Eugenie Moaleu and Mrs. Odette Poujoue.
Mar: Njikam Emma
April:
May
June

July
Aug: Marie-Noel Tafah, Talla Takusi, Simo Henry, Mr. & Mrs. Talla Maurice
Sept
Oct: Simo Laurence, Mr. & Mrs. Ngameleu, Nicoline Boa, Quin sowonyi
Nov
Dec

If you have not indicated when you are hosting, please do so or a date will be imposed on you. Thanks.

The meeting rose at 1100pm. We ate drank and dispersed.