



Sierra Leone Grammar School Alumni Association of North America  
Washington, DC Metro Area Chapter

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday, August 13, 2011.

7:50p.m – 9:20p.m.

**Members Present:** Radcliffe Thomas, Eben ‘Solo’ Collier, Alexander Williams, Warren Max-Browne, Emile Duke Allen, John Davies-Cole, Prince McCormack, Desmond Campbell, Samuel Olu-Williams, Robert Metzger and Gerald Cline-Cole.

- Opening prayer was said by Mr. Desmond Campbell.
- Minutes of the last meeting (July, 2011) was distributed, read, corrected and accepted.
- Excerpts of the minutes to be posted on the website were selected on agreement by members present.

***Matters Arising***

- Mr. Desmond Campbell will liaise with Rev Canon. Dr. William Lewis to prepare a letter that will be sent to the executive preceding a motion to amend the constitution for the inclusion of the executive positions of Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain, and their duties.
- Mr. Desmond Campbell promised to have the draft of the ‘call letter’, to be used to remind members of their financial obligations/pledges, e-mailed by the weekend of August 20, 2011.

***Solar Power System Sponsored Walk***

- The secretary distributed copies of minutes of the teleconferences held by the fund-raising committee prior to this general meeting.
- The President, Dr. Radcliffe Thomas briefed members about the following recommendations during the teleconferences:
  - a) Laptop rather than desktop computers should be preferably used in the building with the solar system.
  - b) The available quotes for the cost of the solar system was very reasonable compared to other cost enquiries made.
  - c) Suggested date for the sponsored walk is Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 9:00am. Alternate date if it rains will be Saturday, October 22, 2011.
  - d) Suggested points for the walk will be from Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at 7410 New Hampshire Ave, Takoma Park in Maryland to Episcopal Church of Our Saviour at 1700 Powder Mill Road, Silver Spring in Maryland. Carpooling between the two points.
  - e) Printed T-shirts will be worn for the walk.
  - f) A draft letter for the sponsored walk prepared by the President was distributed for approval. The President also promised to e-mail active members who were not present for their perusal and suggested modifications.

- g) 250 sponsored walk cards will be printed under the supervision of the Vice President, Mr. Cyril French. These cards should be ready for distribution at the next general meeting in September, 2011.
- h) Publicity in the form of the flyers, letters and cards will be made in/at Facebook, churches, social gatherings, job sites, families and friends, mass e-mail and alumni associations.
- Printing of flyers and T-shirts will be the responsibility of Mr. George Nicol. 500 flyers and 50 T-shirts will be printed.
- Dr. Eben 'Solo' Collier will send an e-mail reminder for the next meeting of the Solar System Committee schedule for August 17, 2011

***Other Matters***

- The President informed members that he will book the hall for the November, 2012 dance.
- Mr. Alex Williams suggested that we start selling raffle tickets for our November, 2011 dance at least a month before the dance date.
- Mr. Gerald Cline-Cole was acclaimed for soliciting and acquiring the following electronic materials for the school:
  - i. Approximately 30 laptops, 20 desktops and 4 network printers from the Department of Defense in Washington, DC
  - ii. Approximately 18 laptops, 20 desktops, 5 network printers and 1 projector from African Centre for Strategic Studies in Washington, DC.
- Closing prayer was said by Mr. Desmond Campbell

Faithfully submitted,  
Dr. Eben 'Solo' Collier