



The Sierra Leone Grammar School
 Alumni Association of North America – Washington, DC Metro Chapter
 Minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday, December 12, 2009.
 7:45p.m – 9:30p.m.

Members Present: Alexander Williams, Radcliffe Thomas, Eben ‘Solo’ Collier, Desmond Campbell, Prince McCormack, John Davies-Cole, Emile Allen, Bob Thomas, Ralph Taylor-Smith, Billy Jones, Claude Taylor, Alpha Fadika, St. Claire Sillah, Pelu Thomas and Cyril French.

- Opening prayer was said by Mr. Desmond Campbell.
- Minutes of the last meeting (November, 2009) was distributed, read, and accepted.

Matters Arising

- Dr. Eben ‘Solo’ Collier inquired about the commission the professional photographer was supposed to give the association at the dance. In response, the President, Dr. Radcliffe Thomas indicated that it was the responsibility of Dr. Cyrus Macfoy who unfortunately was not present at the meeting.

Annual Fund-Raising Dance Review

- The treasurer’s financial statement for the dance, as of the date of the meeting (December 12, 2009) showed the following:

Gross - \$20,160.00

Expense - \$6,380.68

Profit - \$13, 779.32

- The treasurer, Mr. Alex Williams told members that more payments for the dance tickets are still being made.
- The President congratulated members for the hard work to make the dance such a great success and envy to other Sierra Leonean associations.
- Members made the following comments and suggestions for improvement:
 1. Ticket logs of the treasurer and organizing secretary were not synchronized. It was suggested that in the future:
 - a) Improve on synchronizing ticket logs
 - b) Control by a single person on the final log of ticket sales.
 2. Print supplementary tickets for the gate.
 3. Reassess the caterer/quality of food.
 4. Increase the number of members assisting in different roles at the dance.
 5. Better coordination especially between activities at the entrance and inside the hall.
 6. More commitment by appointed dance committee members.
 7. Cleaning crew should be dressed presentably, preferably in uniform.

8. Make bookings for the hall immediately for the 2010 dance.
9. Retain the same DJ for the next dance.

Other Matters

- The Assistant General Secretary, Mr. Desmond Campbell was authorized to write letters to all the Regentonians who have made pledges to sponsor scholarships reminding them of their commitment and the deadline of March 2010 for the payment.
- A detailed report by Dr. Bob Thomas on his trip to the Kingston College Old Boys Association dance in Jamaica was distributed to members present. Dr. Bob Thomas then gave a brief presentation describing the visit with his wife and said he felt greatly honored to have represented the association at such an august occasion. He suggested that in order to keep the momentum on this twinning program, the President, Dr. Radcliffe Thomas should draft a letter to Bishop Lynch (copied to Mr. Lasite) requesting his immediate communication with the Bishop in Jamaica to start the process of the twinning program.
- Dr. Ralph Taylor-Smith, chair/editor of the Regentonian Magazine Committee presented his suggestions on the contents of the new edition of the Regentonian magazine. It was decided that the magazine will be published annually in November for the dance, starting with the first edition in 2010. The following are some of the contents that members agreed to be included in the magazine's 1st edition:
 - i.* Annual report from the President.
 - ii.* Coverage of the Thanksgiving service and annual fund-raising dance.
 - iii.* Calendar of events
 - iv.* Regentonian of the Year
 - v.* Sierra Leonean of the Year
 - vi.* List of executive members
 - vii.* Recent topical issues.
 - viii.* First Person's accounts of events/issues.
 - ix.* Adverts
- The President requested for the website to be updated. He also suggested for a centralized storage location for all the textbooks that will be shipped to the school and told members that Mr. Lasite has promised to send us a booklist of textbooks needed by the school.
- Dr. Eben 'Solo' Collier promised to provide a catalogue of science equipments to be ordered for the school's science laboratories.
- The President informed members that Rev. Canon Dr. William Lewis has started the preparation for the Thanksgiving service to be held on March 28, 2010.
- Mr. Desmond Campbell presented a check for \$740.00 from his church (Olivet Church in Virginia) to sponsor two students.
- Mr. Claude Taylor appealed for the resumption of the distribution of the Regentonian Christmas cards.
- The financial statement for November, 2009 showed an actual cash balance of \$74,432.28
- Closing prayer was said by Mr. Desmond Campbell.

Faithfully submitted,
Eben 'Solo' Collier