



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

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday, February 12, 2011.

7:50p.m – 9:20p.m.

**Members Present:** Radcliffe Thomas, Eben ‘Solo’ Collier, Desmond Campbell, Alexander Williams, Emile Duke Allen, Bob Thomas, Rev. William Lewis, Cyril French, St. Claire Sillah, and Gerald Cline-Cole.

- Opening prayer was said by Rev. Canon Dr. William Lewis.
- Minutes of the last meeting (January, 2011) was distributed, read, and accepted.
- Excerpts of the minutes to be posted on the website were selected on agreement by members present.

***Matters Arising***

- Members discussed the implications of enforcing the ceremonial uniform rule of participating Regentonians at formal functions. It was agreed that the recent decision should be the norm.
- The President, Dr. Radcliffe Thomas informed members that he had sent an e-mail to Mr. Alim Macauley and Mr. Jeff Snow, the Principal of Hun Middle School of Princeton, New Jersey about the possibility of establishing a relationship with the Sierra Leone Grammar School in Freetown but has not yet received any response. He suggested inviting both of them to one of our general monthly meetings.
- The President also informed members that he spoke with Mr. Lasite about the partnership with Kings College of Jamaica and was told that the Rt. Rev. Bishop Julius Lynch will send a letter to the proprietors of Kings College.

***Annual Thanksgiving Service***

- Rev. Canon Dr. William Lewis will prepare the program for review and approval by members at the next general meeting in March.
- Mr. George Nicol will be responsible for the printing of 500 numbered envelopes. These envelopes will be distributed to members as soon as they have been printed.
- Mr. St. Claire Sillah will be responsible to contact the caterer, Ms. Hannah Cole. \$1,200.00 was allocated for the catering of food.
- Members made cash donations towards the purchasing of drinks.
- Mr. Desmond Campbell suggested inviting the Chaplain of his church, the Olivet Church in Virginia to participate in the service.
- The President appealed to all to double our efforts in inviting as many guests as possible.

***Other Matters***

- Rev. Canon Dr. William Lewis indicated that it was overdue for the annual membership dues to be increased from \$60.00. Since this would involve an amendment to the constitution, it was decided that the constitutional process be followed to make the changes.
- The Assistant Secretary was authorized to make follow-up calls to members on their dues and 'Paying Back the Gift' pledges.
- The President informed members that he will send letters to donors of the 'Group Scholarship' informing them of the March 27, 2011 deadline for payments of the money for school year 2011/2012.
- The association's webmaster, Mr. Gerald Cline-Cole informed members of the newly updated website, requesting members' input for further improvement.
- Members decided that the following should be additionally posted on the website:
  - a) The 'Thank you' letters sent by Mr. Lasite from the scholarship recipients.
  - b) Current school projects in progress, such as the six-classroom blocks currently being built.
- The President promised to e-mail Dr. Ralph Taylor-Smith about setting up a meeting for the Regentonian Magazine Planning Committee. It was agreed that the remaining 2010 Regentonian magazines should be distributed at our next Thanksgiving service on March 27, 2011 for a small monetary donation. The entire contents of the magazine will also be posted on the website after the necessary corrections have been made to the original copy.
- Dr. Bob Thomas suggested that Mr. Saidu Bah, Esq., a prominent Sierra Leonean lawyer and a regular patron of our association, who recently passed away, should be mentioned in the memoriam at our Thanksgiving service.
- Mr. Desmond Campbell asked Mr. Alex Williams to e-mail members the link to the late Mr. Michael Billy Jones' memorial website for members to contribute their memories.
- Closing prayer was said by Mr. Desmond Campbell.

Faithfully submitted,  
Dr. Eben 'Solo' Collier