



The Sierra Leone Grammar School
 Alumni Association of North America – Washington, DC Metro Chapter
 Minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday, January 9, 2010.
 7:50p.m – 9:25p.m.

Members Present: Alexander Williams, Radcliffe Thomas, Eben ‘Solo’ Collier, Emile Allen, St. Claire Sillah, Cyrus Macfoy, Gerald Cline-Cole, Reenold Thompson, Robert Metzger, Samuel Olu-Williams and Rev. William Lewis.

- Opening prayer was said by Dr. Robert Metzger.
- Minutes of the last meeting (December, 2009) was distributed, read, and accepted.

Matters Arising

- At the request of Dr. Cyrus Macfoy, who indicated that the photographer at the dance did not capture enough customers, it was decided that the photographer pay the association a commission of \$50 instead of the initial \$100.
- The President, Dr. Radcliffe Thomas requested for the textbooks to be shipped by March. Both he and Mr. Reenold Thompson will check for the cost of shipping the books. The President promised to e-mail members, who have textbooks to be shipped, on the date for all the textbooks to be deposited at his home.
- The President informed members that the money for the scholarships for students was sent to Mr. Lasite by Mr. George Nicol, who visited Freetown in December, 2009.
- Mr. Reenold Thompson and Mr. Desmond Campbell were appointed to oversee the scholarship pledge made by Regentonians at the last dance in November, 2009. The President promised to send letters to these Regentonians reminding them of their pledges.
- Members decided that the Regentonian magazine/newsletter should be published on the date of our next Thanksgiving service.

Thanksgiving Service

- Members were informed that our next annual Thanksgiving service will take place on March 28, 2010 at The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, 1700 Powder Mill Road in Silver Spring, Maryland.
- Mr. Clement Pelu Thomas was unanimously voted as the Grand Chief Patron.
- Rev. Canon Dr. William Lewis was given the mandate to make the final selection of the preacher.
- Rev. Canon Dr. William Lewis told members that the cost of renting the church building for the Thanksgiving service was \$500.
- Dr. Cyrus Macfoy suggested having reminiscence immediately after each Thanksgiving service during refreshment time.

Other Matters

- The President, Dr. Radcliffe Thomas told members that the management of the hall for our annual dance informed him that the hall will not be available to rent during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in November as there will be no staff member during that period to oversee the activity in the hall. The following options were suggested in order of priority:
 - I. Negotiate with the management, promising to pay the staff member to work on the date requested for the dance.
 - II. Search for another hall for the Saturday of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in November.
 - III. Select another date using the same hall for the dance.
- The President suggested having the website updated by the date of the Thanksgiving service.
- Mr. Reenold Thompson told members that a Regentonian suggested to him that students who receive scholarships from the association should embark on some form of self-help projects that will improve the physical condition of the school.
- The financial statement for December, 2009 showed an actual cash balance of \$76,559.00
- Closing prayer was said by Rev. Canon Dr. William Lewis.

Faithfully submitted,
Eben 'Solo' Collier