



The Sierra Leone Grammar School
 Alumni Association of North America – Washington, DC Metro Chapter
 Minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday, March 13, 2010.
 7:10p.m – 9:35p.m.

Members Present: Alexander Williams, Radcliffe Thomas, Eben ‘Solo’ Collier, Emile Duke Allen, St. Claire Sillah, Cyrus Macfoy, Gerald Cline-Cole, Reenold Thompson, Robert Metzger, Samuel Stoker-Williams, Rev. William Lewis, Cyril French, Bob Thomas, Desmond Campbell, John Davies-Cole, Chrispin O’conner, George Nicol, Ralph Taylor-Smith, Naurice Leigh, and Devlin Leigh.

- Opening prayer was said by Mr. Desmond Campbell.
- Minutes of the last two meetings (January and February 2010) were distributed, read, and accepted.

Matters Arising

- The President, Dr. Radcliffe Thomas indicated that Dr. Cyrus Macfoy will be reminded to contact the professional photographer at the last dance to pay his \$50 commission as was decided by members.
- The President updated members of the following matters:
 - i.* Some laboratory equipments purchased for the school were shipped together with the textbooks collected, on February 15, 2010 by Mammy Yoko Shipping Agency. The cost of the laboratory equipments was \$3384.50 and the cost of shipping was \$744.50. Any remaining textbooks can be shipped by the end of the year 2010.
 - ii.* The hall for the dance in November, 2010 has been booked for an additional fee of \$100 to pay the worker who will be on duty on that night. It was also agreed by members to book the hall immediately for the next year 2011.
- The presence of Mr. Devlin Leigh, a young Regentonian and organist, from Sierra Leone was recognized at his first meeting with members.

Thanksgiving Service

- The President told members that the Grand Chief Patron and Chief Patron have been informed of their duties to read the first and second lessons respectively. He also informed members that the Jamaican and Sierra Leonean ambassadors to the United States of America have been formally invited to the Thanksgiving service.
- It was decided that 8 cases of water and 10 cases of soft drinks should be made available for refreshment following the Thanksgiving service. Members made donations to subsidize drinks.
- \$1200 was voted by members for food.
- The following members volunteered to assist in the preparation of the Thanksgiving service in these capacities:

- Printing of the Thanksgiving service program – Mr. George Nicol
- Contact with the food caterer – Mr. St. Claire Sillah
- Purchasing of drinks and other amenities for food serving – Mr. Alex Williams and Dr. Eben ‘Solo’ Collier
- Church hall preparation – Mr. Emile Duke Allen, Mr. Alex Williams and Dr. Eben ‘Solo’ Collier
- Photography – Mr. Reenold Thompson
- The President appealed to all members to assist in the cleaning of the church hall at the end of the event.
- Rev. Canon Dr. William Lewis presented a draft copy of the Thanksgiving service program for members to review.
- It was agreed that a number count of the congregation should be taken during the service.
- Mr. Desmond Campbell suggested that a Thanksgiving service committee should be formed.
- Members were informed that reminiscence night and election of the next president will take place at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Metzger on the eve of the Thanksgiving service starting at 8:30p.m.
- A subcommittee to plan for the reminiscence night was appointed by the President, which included Dr. Robert Metzger, Mr. George Nicol and Mr. Desmond Campbell.

Regentonian Magazine Committee Report

- The President told members that a 40-page magazine (with no advert due to insufficient time) had been printed. It will be sold at the Thanksgiving service for \$10.00
- The cost of printing 200 booklets was about \$2,000
- Members of the magazine committee were thanked for the tremendous time and effort they invested in preparing the magazine.
- It was agreed that the magazine will be published yearly but more time will be accorded to review the draft copy before publication.
- It was also noted that the cost of printing should be minimized.

Other Matters

- The financial statement for February, 2010 showed an actual cash balance of \$75,849.08
- Closing prayer was said by Rev. Canon Dr. William Lewis.

Faithfully submitted,
Eben ‘Solo’ Collier