



The Sierra Leone Grammar School  
 Alumni Association of North America – Washington, DC Metro Chapter  
 Minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday, November 14, 2009.  
 7:10p.m – 9:30p.m.

**Members Present:** Radcliffe Thomas, Eben ‘Solo’ Collier, Desmond Campbell, Prince McCormack, Cyrus Macfoy, John Davies-Cole, Rev. William Lewis, Emile Allen, Wynford Dunn, Bob Thomas, Ralph Taylor-Smith, Billy Jones, Claude Taylor, Chrispin O’conner, Alpha Fadika, St. Claire Sillah, and Robert Metzger.

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

***Matters Arising***

- The President, Dr. Radcliffe Thomas informed members that he has sent an official letter to Mr. Lasite through the bishop, Rt. Rev. Julius Lynch, requesting for the criteria used to award the fifteen scholarships sponsored by the association.
- Members were also informed by the President that the Jamaican ambassador to the U.S.A will be sent an invitation letter with two complimentary tickets for our annual fund-raising dance. Dr. Bob Thomas indicated that he will also extend the invitation to alumni of the Kingston College when he attends their annual dance as our representative in Jamaica.
- Dr. Ralph Taylor-Smith expressed his interest in joining Dr. Bob Thomas as another representative to the Kingston College Alumni dance in Jamaica.

***Annual Fund-Raising Dance***

- Mr. Chrispin O’conner told members that the association’s name printed on the ticket as ‘of U.S.A’ should be ‘of North America’. He appealed for this continued error to be rectified in the future.
- The following decisions were made:
  - i.* Only one ticket log should be used.
  - ii.* All paid tickets must be called in to the treasurer, Mr. Alex Williams before the dance starts.
  - iii.* All unsold tickets in the possession of members should be returned at the dance.
  - iv.* Mr. George Nicol should negotiate with the food caterer for \$900
  - v.* The secretary, Dr. Eben ‘Solo’ Collier was assigned the responsibility to remind members who pledged to donate drinks for the dance.
  - vi.* A request by a professional photographer to take pictures in the hallway was granted with a provision for the association to receive a commission.
  - vii.* Dr. Ralph Taylor-Smith was selected to give the welcome address and introduce the MC at the dance.

**viii.** There will be 3 raffle prizes donated by members including the grand prize.

- Drinks will be sold as follows:

Liquor - \$5.00

Stout - \$4.00

Wine/Beer - \$3.00

Soft Drinks/Soda - \$2.00

Water - \$1.00

- The following were the volunteered assignments of members:

*Hall Decoration:* Mr. Emile Duke Allen, Mr. Claude Taylor, Mr. Wynford Dunn, Dr. Robert Metzger, Dr. Radcliffe Thomas and Dr. Eben 'Solo' Collier.

*Hall Entrance:* 9:00p.m.-11:00p.m. Mr. Alex Williams and Dr. John Oliver Davies-Cole

11:00p.m.-1:00a.m. Mr. Alex Williams, Mr. St. Claire, and Mr. Prince McCormack

1:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Mr. Alex Williams, Mr. Desmond Campbell, and Mr. Cyril French

*Selling of coupons:* Dr. Mohamed Sesay, Dr. Robert Metzger and Mr. Alpha Fadika,

*Photography:* Mr. Reenold Thompson

- Dr. Bob Thomas offered to provide two bartenders and two cleaners.

#### ***Other Matters***

- The President, Dr. Radcliffe Thomas appealed to members for their individual support of the 'Group Scholarship', suggesting a goal of 20 scholarships for this school year.
- Dr. Bob Thomas suggested that the President solicit Regentonians at the dance to sponsor the 'Group Scholarship'.
- The financial statement for October, 2009 showed an actual cash balance of \$63,095.29
- Closing prayer was said by Mr. Desmond Campbell.

Faithfully submitted,

Eben 'Solo' Collier