



The Sierra Leone Grammar School
 Alumni Association of North America – Washington, DC Metro Chapter
 Minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday, October 3, 2009.
 7:15p.m – 9:30p.m.

Members Present: Radcliffe Thomas, Eben ‘Solo’ Collier, Desmond Campbell, George Nicol, Prince McCormack, Cyrus Macfoy, Cyril French, John Davies-Cole, Herbert Morsha-Taylor, Pelu Thomas, Rev. William Lewis, Mohamed Sesay, Stoker Olu-Williams, Emile Allen and Reenold Thompson.

- Opening prayer was said by Dr. John Oliver Davies-Cole.
- Minutes of the last meeting (September, 2009) was distributed, read, and accepted.

Matters Arising

- Dr. Eben ‘Solo’ Collier informed members that he had withdrawn the nomination of Mr. Emile Faux for the Regentonian of the Year award.
- On a request by Dr. Cyrus Macfoy to clarify the criteria and longevity of scholarships awarded to students by the association, the President, Dr. Radcliffe Thomas promised to ask Mr. Lasite to respond in writing by the next meeting in November, 2009.

Educational Twinning Program

- The President, Dr. Radcliffe Thomas informed members that in response to an e-mail sent to the Jamaican ambassador, Mr. Anthony Johnson, for his presentation, the ambassador has invited members of this association to their association’s annual dance in Kingston, Jamaica on November 21, 2009.
- Members unanimously agreed to send one or two representatives with the association being responsible for part of the air ticket(s).
- Mr. Cyril French requested for the association to send our representative with a gift (preferably something with our school identity) as a token of the new relationship.
- The President also appealed to members to emulate the work of the ambassador to write and publish a book about the history of our alma mater.

Annual Fund-Raising Dance

- The President informed members that Mrs. Fatmata McCormack will replace Mrs. Jacqueline Jones-Dove as the MC for the dance. Mrs. Jones-Dove told the President that she will not be available for the dance.
- Mr. George Nicol indicated that the price of printing the 700 tickets for the dance was \$168.18. He was also appointed to negotiate with a caterer for the food at a price no greater than \$600.
- Members pledged donations subsidizing drinks for the dance.

- Dr. Cyrus Macfoy and Rev. Gloria Cline-Smythe were voted as the recipients of the Regentonian and Sierra Leonean of the Year awards respectively.

Other Matters

- The President launched the 'Group Scholarship Award' in which he encouraged Regentonians to offer yearly scholarships to students in the school - \$385 for Junior Secondary School and \$425 for Senior Secondary School.
- The President asked for a centralized location of the textbooks to be picked up for shipping by the end of the year.
- The President told members that the Alumni Association of the South East Chapter sent three complimentary tickets to our association for their dance on October 31, 2009.
- In the absence of the treasurer, Mr. Desmond Campbell collected membership dues.
- The financial statement for September, 2009 showed an actual cash balance of \$62,238.53
- Closing prayer was said by Rev. Dr. Canon William Lewis.

Faithfully submitted,
Eben 'Solo' Collier