



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

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday, October 1, 2011.  
7:35p.m – 10:15p.m.

**Members Present:** Radcliffe Thomas, Eben ‘Solo’ Collier, Alexander Williams, Prince McCormack, Desmond Campbell, Stoker Olu-Williams, George Nicol, Cyril French, Reenold Thompson, Mohamed Sesay, John Davies-Cole, Marcus Pratt, Frederick Ayo Coker, Cyrus Macfoy, Duke Emile Allen, Bob Thomas, St. Claire Sillah, and Rev. William Lewis,

- Opening prayer was said by Mr. Desmond Campbell.
- The President, Dr. Radcliffe Thomas welcomed Mr. Marcus Pratt to his first meeting.
- Minutes of the last meeting (September, 2011) was distributed, read and accepted.
- Excerpt of the minutes to be posted on the website was also approved.

**Matters Arising**

- Dr. John Davies-Cole suggested that in order to prevent the delay in communication to implement the twinning program, Mr. Lasite should directly contact the Principal of Kingston College in Jamaica. Dr. Bob Thomas however suggested that since a letter has been sent by Bishop Julius Lynch, a few more months should be given for the Bishop to act on his promise to pursue this matter.

**Solar Power System Sponsored Walk**

- Sponsored walk cards were distributed to members present.
- Mr. George Nicol presented the printed T-shirts for the sponsored walk and also informed members that a permit was not required in Prince George’s County for the type of sponsored walk the association will embark on.
- Mr. Cyril French briefed members about the exact route of the walk from the starting point to the end point and promised to check whether a permit was needed in Montgomery County.
- The President appealed for everyone’s participation.

**November 2011 Fund-raising Dance**

- Mr. Reenold Thompson and Mr. Desmond Campbell informed members about recommendations made by the Dance Committee which included the following:
  - 700 numbered tickets to be printed by Mr. George Nicol for distribution to members on Saturday, October 15, 2011.
  - Mr. Reenold Thompson, Mr. Emile Allen and Mr. Endy Faulkner will be responsible for the purchase of drinks based on last year’s list.

- Members will be requested to donate drinks for the dance.
- Each raffle ticket will cost \$5.00 with prizes donated by members as well as non-members.
- The Organizing Secretary, Mr. Reenold Thompson will be responsible to acquire the liquor license for the dance as well as contacting the caterer for the food.
- Members will volunteer for various assistances at the dance.
- Mr. Bumike Smythe was unanimously voted as MC for the dance.
- Mr. Mohamed Sesay was voted as the Regentonian of the Year and Dr. Rosaline Fraser as Sierra Leonean of the Year.
- The Vetting Committee was given the mandate in the future to reject nominations with inadequate or inaccurate information or ask for more detailed information.
- Rev. Canon Dr. William Lewis suggested that nomination papers should be submitted at least one month before the voting.

### ***The Regentonian Magazine***

- Dr. Bob Thomas, the Chair of the committee and editor of the magazine, briefly described the content of the magazine and assured committee members that a draft copy will be available for review within a week. He told members that the magazine will be “as good as if not better than last years”. He also appealed for advertisements in the magazine.
- Dr. Cyrus Macfoy cautioned members to investigate the cost-benefit of printing and sales of the magazines so that we can accrue some profit.

### ***Other Matters***

- The President informed members that Mr. Desmond Campbell and Mr. Gerald Cline-Cole have picked up the second batch of donated computers and electronic accessories for the school from the Department of Defense in Washington, DC.
- Mr. Desmond Campbell appealed for volunteers to assist Mr. Gerald Cline-Cole in updating the desktop computers/laptops before shipment to the school.
- Closing prayer was said by Mr. Desmond Campbell

Faithfully submitted,  
Dr. Eben ‘Solo’ Collier