



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

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday, September 10, 2011.

7:50p.m – 9:26p.m.

**Members Present:** Radcliffe Thomas, Eben ‘Solo’ Collier, Alexander Williams, Prince McCormack, Desmond Campbell, Samuel Olu-Williams, Gerald Cline-Cole, Ralph Taylor-Smith, Rodney Taylor-Smith, George Nicol, Cyril French, Reenold Thompson, Endy Faulkner, and Mohamed Sesay.

- Opening prayer was said by Mr. Desmond Campbell.
- The President, Dr. Radcliffe Thomas welcomed a new member, Mr. Rodney Taylor-Smith to the meeting.
- Minutes of the last meeting (August, 2011) was distributed, read, corrected and accepted.

***Matters Arising***

- Responding to a question from Dr. Ralph Taylor-Smith on the situation about the recommended letter to Bishop Julius Lynch, the President distributed copies of e-mails from the Bishop as follows:

E-mail dated August 26, 2011 – addressed to the President of Kingston College Old Boys Association in Jamaica seeking contact with the Bishop of Jamaica to initiate discussion on the proposed twinning relationship between Kingston College and the Sierra Leone Grammar School.

***Solar Power System Sponsored Walk***

- The printed sponsored walk cards and flyers were distributed to members present.
- Mr. George Nicol was given the assignment for the printing of T-shirts for the sponsored walk.
- Members present reserved T-shirts in advance at a cost of \$10.00 per T-shirt.
- It was decided that other alumni associations with close ties to this association should be given sponsored walk cards for their members to contribute.
- The President suggested an assessment of the sponsored walk cards biweekly.

***November 2011 Fund-raising Dance***

- The President informed members that the hall has also been booked for the 2012 dance.
- A Dance Committee was formed consisting of the Organizing Secretary, Mr. Reenold Thompson as Chair; the Assistant Organizing Secretary, Mr. Gerald Cline-Cole; the Treasurer, Mr. Alex Williams; Mr. Endy Faulkner, Mr. Desmond Campbell and Mr. Emile Duke Allen.
- The committee will meet and deliberate to present an interim report by e-mail in two weeks by September 24, 2011.
- Tickets will cost \$40.00 per person.

- 700 numbered tickets will be printed.
- Mr. George Nicol will be responsible for the printing of the tickets and flyers.
- \$1,400.00 was allocated for food and Mr. Reenold Thompson will contact the food caterer.
- Because of time constraints, it was agreed by members present, that nominations for Regentonian and Sierra Leonean of the Year should be submitted by e-mail with the necessary documentations to the President who will forward them to the Vetting Committee consisting of past presidents. Nomination deadline is September 24, 2011.

***Other Matters***

- The President reminded members who had to submit articles for the Regentonian magazine, to do so immediately as the deadline of August 31 had passed.
- Mr. Gerald Cline-Cole informed members that the first set of donated electronics has been picked up and the next set will be collected next week.
- The President continued his appeal for members to fulfill their ‘Paying Back the Gift’ pledges as the final year ends. He also told members that the 2011/2012 tuition scholarship money will be sent electronically through the bank in the following week, and that due to the increase in tuition at the school, the scholarship money will be increased accordingly next year by the association.
- Closing prayer was said by Mr. Desmond Campbell

Faithfully submitted,  
Dr. Eben ‘Solo’ Collier