

## ODIA MEETING;

Date: Feb. 22, 2009

Venue: 538 Calhoun Ave. Bronx, NY (Mr & Mrs L. Emadu's residence)

### **Attendance:**

- 1) Robert Eyubeh
- 2) Lucky Abamwa
- 3) Jude Onakpoma
- 4) Paul Emadu
- 5) Pamela Emadu
- 6) Lucky Emadu
- 7) Ote Emadu
- 8) Michael Abamwa
- 9) Ben Emareyo
- 10) Emmanuel Idogho
- 11) Patrick Onaphie
- 12) Godwin Okifo
- 13) Elder Osio P. A.

### **AGENDA:**

**1) Opening Prayer:** said by Elder Osio. P. A

#### **2) Presentation by Jude Onakpoma**

A welcome address was given by Jude Onakpoma. He expressed gratitude to members for the overwhelming support in attendance to the 1st re-union family get-together held in Ct where he hosted. He encouraged the need to continue with the momentum, the need for togetherness and members bury old hatchets.

#### **3) Remark by the President:**

The President-Mr. Eyubeh was very happy that ODIA came together after a very long non-activity. He specially expressed gratitude to the "**Connecticut TRIO**" - Godwin Okifo, Jude Onakpoma and Paul Emadu, for the initiative to energize the ODIA base again. He urged members to be more expressive on their personal grievances and emphasized that such grievances should not be allowed to affect the smooth operation of the association in general. He emphasized the need to get ODIA children to participate and to plan programs/events to reflect children's participation.

#### **4) General Discussion:**

Mr. Okifo: handed over \$140.00 to the President-Mr Eyubeh. The money was collected in 2006 at Mr. Edukuye's house in one of ODIA's meeting. The general consensus among members was to remain enthusiastic about the re-union and to move forward with ODIA's agenda. Members were encouraged to pursue membership drive and forward prospective new members information to the caretaker committee.

**5) Motion to Dissolve old executive:**

The motion to dissolve old executive was moved by Lucky Abamwa and seconded by the president- Robert Eyubeh. There was no counter motion. Motion was unanimously adopted by members, as such old executive was dissolved at 7:20pm on 02/22/09.

**6) Formation of caretaker committee:**

A motion for a caretaker committee was moved by Paul Emadu and seconded by Jude Onakpoma. There was no counter motion. The house unanimously agreed to a 5 member caretaker committee to run the affairs of the organizations until such time an election will be held. The elected members were 1) Lucky Abamwa 2) Paul Emadu 3) Godwin Okifo 4) Jude Onakpoma 5) Ben Emareyo.

Caretaker committee member were charged to organize ODIA election not later than the month of April 2009. Mr. Eyubeh handed over the \$140 back to the caretaker committee- Mr. Okifo

**7) Closing remark by committee members:**

Mr. Paul Emadu praised the effort of the past executive for its leadership and hope the upcoming executive will improve and move ODIA to its next higher level. He expressed gratitude to the only two Female members for their support and the host for their hospitality in such a short notice. He promised that the caretaker committee will deliver as expected by the general members.

**8) Adjournment of meeting/closing prayer:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Godwin okifo and seconded by jude Onakpoma. No Counter motion. Meeting was adjourn at 8:11pm. Closing prayers was said by elder Osio. P.A.