

OGHWOGHWA DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Nov 1st 2009

Venue: Mr. & Mrs. Gold and Julius Anighoro Resident, CT

ATTENDANCE:

1. Julius Anighoro
2. Gold Anighoro
3. Emmanuel Idogho
4. Godwin Okifo
5. Peter Etametite
6. Nora Etametite
7. Lucky Abamwa
8. Ben Mareyo
9. Robert Eyubeh
10. Paul Emadu
11. Alexius Ughwanogho
12. Jude Onakpoma
13. Mrs. Onakpoma

The meeting was opened, by the adoption of last minutes by the honorable VP, Godwin Okifo and seconded by Mr. Anighoro. As the first order of the day, the President thanked everybody, for coming to grace the welcoming party of Anighoro's wife. He implored the house to make the meeting brief so as for the party to start reasonably on time, because of those who will be traveling long distances back home.

First on the agenda was the issue of the constitution, as reported in the minutes of last meeting. Mr Emadu, stated that he could not find the promised copy of the constitution and opined that the last President, Mr. Eyubeh might have a copy. This matter was put to rest when Mr. Eyubeh emphatically declared he has no such document in his possession. In a nut shell, ODIA does not have a constitution at the present time.

On the question of membership- drive- committee, the house adopted the suggestion of having 2 to 3 members in this committee to coordinate and facilitate the agenda of this important issue. To this end, it was agreed that membership will be voluntary and it should start as soon as possible.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Dues:

The President gave a check for \$240, on behalf of himself and his wife for the yearly dues. Mr. and Mrs. Anighoro also gave a check for \$120 for half a year. The Vice-president and wife paid \$20, Mr. and Mrs. Etametite paid \$20, Mareyo \$40, Lucky Abamwa \$10, while Mr. and Mrs. Paul Emadu paid \$20. Total dues collected = \$470; Amount carried over, that was with the VP = \$402; From this amount, a money order of \$200 was given to UNANA on behalf of ODIA. Balance = \$202. Mr. Eyubeh also gave the sum of \$100 to help kick-start our ODIA account. Mareyo also redeemed his pledge of \$100 for the account. Total = \$872, from this, \$100 on behalf of ODIA was used to welcome Mrs. G. Anighoro. Grand Total = \$772, but the sum of \$782 was handed over to the financial sec/ treasurer.

MATTERS ARISING:

It was decided by the house, that ODIA should reach out to the Ivie or their representatives, to seek permission to have their images and profiles, along with the history of Oghwoghwa put on

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the ODIA's web site. This will serve not only as a historical narrative of our people, but also as an educational tool to one and sundry. The fleshing out of this idea, will be worked out by the exco and progress reported to the general house accordingly. Mr. Lucky Abamwa also brought the attention of the house, to the display of members names and addresses on the our web site. He was of the opinion that names and addresses should only be by consent of individual members and not en mass. The house agreed and the president stated he will look into correcting the issue.

Mr. Paul Emadu moved for adjournment and was seconded by the VP. The meeting was brought to a close so that everybody can concentrate on the merriment at hand.

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Benedict Emaryo
General Secretary

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