

OGHWOGHWA DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

General Meeting Minutes

DATE : SEPTEMBER 5TH 2010

VENUE: 949 E 106TH STREET BROOKLYN NY 11236

ATTENDANCE:

- (1) Mr. Etametite, Peters**
- (2) Mrs. Etametite, Nora**
- (3) Mr. Idogho, Emmanuel**
- (4) Mr. Abamwa, lucky**
- (5) Miss. Abamwa, Ovuokorhaye**
- (6) Miss. Abamwa, Rukevwe**
- (7) Miss. Abamwa, Nefe**
- (8) Master. Abamwa, Tobore**
- (9) Mr. Emecho, Ovigwen**
- (10) Mr. Osio, Etanomare**
- (11) Mrs. Osio, Antoinette**
- (12) Miss. Umujane, Ese**
- (13) Mr. Anighoro, Julius**
- (14) Mrs. Iwuru, Okiator**

The meeting open with an opening prayer said by Mr. Osio, Austin at about 1806 Hours or 606pm. The provisional agenda of the meeting was read and ratified.

FINANCE

Seventy Dollars (\$70:00) was collected as dues from members listed below.

- (1) Mr. Abamwa, Lucky \$20:00**
- (2) Mr. Anighoro, Julius \$20:00**
- (3) Mr. Osio, Etanomare \$20:00**
- (4) Mrs. Osio, Antoinette \$10:00**

READING OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held at Mr. & Mrs. John Akarume on July 11 was read to the house for comments. The president asked the house if the minute as read by the secretary was correct or need amendments. First to speak was Mr. Osio, Austin who observed that the decision of the requesting Mr. Gbeneku, Martin to come forth with documents in his possession was omitted. The president correct this by saying that what is needed from Mr. Gbeneku Martin is a financial statement because he returned the documents in his possession except the ones he needs to prepare the financial statement which are to be presented with the financial handing over statement. Another correction that was made on the minute was the reading that the documents returned by Mr. Ben Emareyo formal secretary brought to the house by Mr. Lucky Emadu was received by the house and not the president as the minutes have it. With these corrections/amendments done, Mr. Lucky Abamwa, moved for the adoption of the minutes and was supported by Mr. Osio, Austin and seconded by Mrs. Etametite Nora.

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Mr. Anighoro, Julius requested to be excused to go home as his guest to the meeting husband will be going to work a few hours from now. Before, granting his request, Mr. Osio, Austin on behalf of the house asked Mr. Anighoro, to introduced, the guest to the house for recognition. He introduced her as Mrs. Ikpasa an Ogwhogwha son also. The president welcome her, granted the request to leave and send a message to Mr. Ikpasa thru wife that he Mr. Ikpasa will be the next to host the next meeting. Mr. Anighoro is to also follow up this request message.

MATTERS ARISING

ODIA ACCOUNT: The president told the house why the July deadline to re-open the account was not feasible. He let the house to know that HSBC from his finding closed the checking account in 2004 at negative balance of \$24:96. The account he said cannot be re-open.

FEDERAL 501(C): The president again told the house that ODIA does not have the federal 501C but the state. This, according to him, makes it impossible to open new account until we have the federal 501(C). The president then said a filing fee of \$400 is needed to get the federal 501(C).

MUTUAL FUND ACCOUNT: On this account the president told the house that the funds can be transfer any time ODIA is ready without going to Manhattan branch of the HSBC. Mr. Lucky Abamwa, suggest we contact Mr. Bobson Marvelle or Mr. Umugane, Henry for the federal 501(C) registration.

END OF YEAR PROGRAM: The president suggest we constitute a committee for the end of the year programs but Mr. Abamwa, Lucky is of the view that the executives should come out with a proposal and then reach out to members with the propose activities.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION REVIEW: The reading of the draft ODIA constitution commenced with review of the preamble. The house generally agree that the introduction should read, 'we children (Emo)'. To quicken the reading/review of the draft constitution members should read it and come up with suggestion and inputs.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION: Motion to adjourn the sitting was moved by Mr. Abamwa, Lucky and seconded by Mrs. Antoinette Osio, and Nora Etametite. The next ODIA meeting comes up on Nov.7th 2010 with no host and venue fixed at this meeting. However, Mr. Osio Austin opted to host July 2011 ODIA meeting.

CLOSING REMARKS: The president thank every one present at the meeting despite the odds against its holding. The closing prayer was said by Mr. Abamwa, Lucky at 2040 hours.

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Etametite, Peters
Gen. Sec.**