

OGHWOUGHWA DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

General Meeting Minutes

DATE: NOVEMBER 7TH 2010.

HOST: MR. AND MRS. ABAMWA, LUCKY

VENUE: 23 BENJEO, DRIVE AMITYVILLE, NY 11701.

ATTENDANCE:

- (1) ETAMETITE, PETERS
- (2) IDOGHO, EMMANUEL
- (3) ETAMETITE, NORA
- (4) ABAMWA, GRACE
- (5) OSIO, A. P. ETANOMARE
- (6) OSIO, ANTOINETTE
- (7) ABAMWA, LUCKY
- (8) ONAKPOMA, JUDE
- (9) ANIGHORO, JULIUS
- (10) OKIFO, GODWIN
- (11) EMADU, PAUL
- (12) EMADU, PAMELA

The President declared the meeting open while Osio, Etanomare said the opening prayer at 1708 hours

FINANCE:

(1) OSIO, ANTOINETTE	\$20:00
(2) OSIO, ETANOMARE	\$20:00
(3) ETAMETITE, PETERS	\$20:00
(4) ETAMETITE, NORA	\$20:00
(5) ONAKPOMA, JUDE	\$20:00
(6) ABAMWA, LUCKY	\$20:00
(7) OKIFO, GODWIN	<u>\$40:00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$160:00</u>

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READING OF **L**AST **M**EETING

The minutes of last meeting held at the home of the ETAMETITES on September 5th 2010 in Brooklyn was read to the house. The President then asked members present if the minute as read was correct or any correction(s) to be effected. ABAMWA, LUCKY point out the omission of the names of the host of the meeting, improper spelling of his first name while OSIO, ETANOMARE noted some spelling errors. All these observations were corrected and ABAMWA, LUCKY moved for the adoption of the minute while ANIGHORO JULIUS seconded the adoption of the minute.

MATTERS **A**RISING

The President inform the house that this is the last meeting for the year 2010 and as such he would want us to be brief so as to have time for the constitution review excise. On the issue of the 501C the president told the house of his findings. He informed the house that UMUJANE, HENRY lived more now in Nigeria and it will not be wise to give him the job while ONAPHIE, PATRICK for his present situation will also not be able to do it. He then said it was BOBSON, MARVELLE who told him what is needed for the 501C and the cost. The following are what is needed:

- (a) Filling Receipts
- (b) Certificate of Incorporation
- (c) Names and Address of Board of Trustees
- (d) By-laws
- (e) Current Activities Records
- (f) State of Revenue and Statement of Revenue, expenses for 2007, 2008 and 2009.
- (g) Current Tax Corp and Tax Return for same year above
- (h) Fees \$2,025. These are \$875 charges to do work by BOBSON, \$400 filling fee and \$750 tax returns \$250 each for same years above.

Give the difficulties involved in the processing of the 501C a new registration was contemplated but the president noted that will not be the best thing to do. At this point ONAKPOMA, JUDE said we can still open the account without the 501C. According to him the 501C is only needed for tax purposes and not for bank accounts. ANIGHORO, JULIUS speaking on this matter advice that family cannot moved forward with one person's idea and as such we should be open to others suggestions and ideals. Speaking in the same line Secretary suggest we tried the contribution of our brother ONAKPOMA, JUDE by appointing a committee to go some other banks to find out the possibility of opening the account without the 501C. To this end the house mandated the president and the secretary to do that on behalf of the house.

In addition ONAKPOMA, JUDE request to know the financial status of the family account as the year ends. For the absence of the treasurer and financial secretary to provide account details, general secretary promised the house to include the account summary with minutes of the meeting.

ABAMWA, LUCKY still under matters arising asked if our brother ANIGHORO, JULIUS was able to follow up the message to IKPASA, ALEX thru his wife to host this meeting. Mr. President answered the question that ANIGHORO, JULIUS did give a feed back of how

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IKPASA, ALEX told him he would be going to Canada during the period but from all indication he never went to Canada.

The president speaking on the materials received from **EMAREYO, BEN** going by the hand over note from **ABAMWA, LUCKY** the items are correct.

CONSTITUTIONAL **R**EVIEW

Before proceeding with the review of the constitution, **ABAMWA, LUCKY** on behalf of all **ODIA** brothers and sisters thank the president and his executive members for providing the house with the draft constitution.

Article 3: Structure of the Organization,

Article 4: Membership of the Organization

Article 5: Officers of the Organization were concluded. While still work on the constitution, **ANIGHORO** was excused to go home.

Article 6: Election of Officers was taken half way when the general secretary moved for adjournment of the sitting at about 2100 hours and was supported by **OSIO, ANTOINETTE**. The president gave a vote of thanks to all members present while **OSIO, ETANOMARE** presented **ODIA** secretariat with a folder bag.

The next meeting was schedule to hold on **JANUARY 2ND 2011**, to be hosted by today's hosts at same venue.

The meeting was brought to closed by prayers said the president at about 2110 hours.

The **ABAMWA** family entertained the house with \$25 and so much merriment.

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General Secretary