

OGHWOGHWA DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

Minutes General Meeting

Emmanuel Idogho
President

DATE: JULY 3RD 2011

HOST: MR. AND MRS. OSIO ETANOMARE AND ANTOINETTE

VENUE: 144-33 233RD ST. SPRINGFIELD GARDEN N.Y 11413.

ATTENDANCE:

- (1) Peters Etametite
- (2) Emmanuel Idogho
- (3) Martins Gbeneki
- (4) Grace Abamwa
- (5) Lucky Abamwa
- (6) Antoinette Osio
- (7) Austin Osio
- (8) Nora Etametite
- (9) Eloho Tobrise - Guest
- (10) Tobore Abamwa
- (11) Rukevwe Abamwa
- (12) Ovuoke Abamwa
- (13) Nefe Abamwa
- (14) Michael Abamwa
- (15) Ufuoma Abamwa
- (16) Tejiri Abamwa

The meeting opening call ISIO ILO was made by Lucky Abamwa at about 4:58 pm. The president then declared the meeting opened while Lucky Abamwa said the opening prayer.

FINANCIAL

The following members paid dues.

(1) Martins Gbeneki	\$40:00
(2) Lucky Abamwa	\$20:00
(3) Antoinette Osio	<u>\$40:00</u>
Total	<u>\$100:00</u>

The president at this point announced to the house that regular checking account of the association had been opened with chase bank. A free checking account could not be opened because we do not have the minimum deposit of \$5000:00 or 501c required the bank. To be able to have the free checking, Mr. Lucky Abamwa suggest we put all ODIA monies both at HSBC and all contributions together if we can raised the minimum deposit.

For convenience purpose to members, the president was of the opinion that the association account number be given to all members so they can deposit their monthly dues and other

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financial contributions directly into the account and forward their receipts to the association financial for recording. Martins Gbeneki saw this as improper but rather members should pay whatever financial obligation they owe on the floor the house during meetings.

READING OF LAST GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the last general meeting held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Abamwa on May 1st 2011 in the Bronx New York was read to the house. The president asked members present if the minutes as read, was correct or there are omission(s) or correction(s) to be effected. Spelling error was pointed out by Austin Osio and Lucky Abamwa. All these observations were corrected and Lucky Abamwa moved the motion for the adoption of the minutes while Grace Abamwa seconded the adoption of the minutes.

MATTERS ARISING

501c CERTIFICATION

The president asked members present that since there are no other suggested CPAs should we then go with Mr. Bobson Marvell or still continued the search for others? In response to the president question, Ufuoma Abamwa suggests we should give the preparation of the 501c to Mr. Bobson for the very reason that he had done it for other Nigerian association in town. She was supported by Austin Osio, Michael Abamwa, and Nora Etametite but the president decided we should put it on hold until the next meeting. Lucky Abamwa saw all these as delaying the time and suggests we take a vote. As a way out Martins Gbeneki signify to help look out for other CPAs and their quotations and would come to the next meeting with his findings. It was therefore, agreed that if by the next meeting no other choice was found we would have no choice but contract the preparation of the 501c to Mr. Bobson.

GENERAL

Under general, Osio, Austin who will usually address as OSE being the elderly person in the family, told the house that he should not be address with appellation or prefix but rather as Mr. He advised all parents to try as much as possible to always bring their children to the family meetings while he task the children present to come up with contest activities and programs and they will be given the full support.

Ufuoma Abamwa in her support of Austin Osio gave an example of teaching the children URHOBOLAN language during such programs. The idea of getting our children engaged and involved in our meetings was strongly supported by the president and Martins Gbeneki. On her part, Nora Etametite suggested we organized a summer program or party. For time constrain this will not be possible as the summer is almost over.

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Another suggestion that came under general by Peters Etametite was for association to look into and get involved in some community services within the tri states. The president quickly respond to this suggestion with an explanation that the association cannot be involved in any community service at moment until will become fully anon profit organization.

Martins Gbeneki request that the house grant him permission to leave due to some other personal matters which he has to attend before late. His request was granted and left at about 7pm.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

The constitutional review exercise was carried out up to article xi before the president moved a motion to suspend the review. The motion was supported by Grace Abamwa and Ufuoma Abamwa respectively.

The next general meeting will be September 4th 2011 and will be hosted by Mr. Mrs. Peters Etametite and Nora at their residence.

At this point Grace Abamwa moved a motion to adjourn the meeting and Michael Abamwa supported the motion.

CLOSING

The meeting was brought to a close with a closing prayer said by the president at about 7:50pm. The hosting family then entertained the members present and it was during the entertainment agreed that money used to entertain members in any of our meetings will hence fort not be added to the association funds but to be shared among those present in such a meeting.

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