

OGHWOGHWA DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

Minutes General Meeting

Emmanuel Idogho
President

DATE: SEPTEMBER 18TH2011

HOST: Mr. and Mrs. EMECHO Ovigueranye

VENUE: 231 STEUBEN STREET APT. 1J STATEN ISLAND, NY 10304.

ATTENDANCE:

- {1} Peters Etametite
- {2} Emmanuel Idogho
- {3} Lucky Abamwa
- {4} Ovokerhaye Abamwa
- {5} Nefe Abamwa
- {6} Tobore Abamwa
- {7} Rukevwe Abamwa
- {8} Michael Abamwa
- {9} EMECHO Ovigueranye

The opening call ISIO ILO to opened the meeting was said the president who also called on Lucky Abamwa to give the opening prayer at about 5:50pm.

FINANCIAL

The following members paid dues.

{1} Lucky Abamwa	\$20:00
{2} Michael Abamwa	\$20:00
{3} Ovigueranye Emecho	\$20:00
Total	<u>\$60:00</u>

READING OF LAST GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Austin & Antoinette Osio on July3rd 2011 in Springfield Gardens New York was read to the house. The president on behalf the association's secretariat apologize to the house for the inability of the secretariat to produced copies of the last meeting minutes to members. He however asked members present if minute as read was correct or we have corrections to be effected. Lucky Abamwa moved the motion to accept the minutes while Michael Abamwa support the motion to accept the minutes.

MATTERS ARISING

501c CERTIFICATION

The issue of the 501c preparation was raised by Mr. Lucky Abamwa who tried to know if the executives were able to find any other CPA beside Marvel Bobson. The president responded that the house contact another CPA by name Mr. Richard Williams who told him that he need to

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contact IRS before anything can be done. Meanwhile, his fee would be \$800:00, one year tax returns. According to president initial activation steps had been taken and list of preliminary requirements were already met. The president hands out the list of requirements made by Richard Williams which was read to the house for their perusal. Given the level the president has gone, the house unanimously agreed that Mr. Richard Williams be contacted in order to continue with the preparation of the 501c with an advance payment of \$200:00. The house also requested the president to get further clarification from the accounting consultant who the one year tax returns would be paid to between the state and the federal governments.

Another matter arising was how to get our children involved in our meeting beside party or special programs for them. Speaking on behalf the children when asked on what they would like to do, Ovoke Abamwa told the house the need to learn the urhobo language, names objects in urhobo, urhobo cultural dance among others. To achieve these noble objectives of our children, we the parents must therefore, be very committed to course of the association.

Another matter arising was the briefing of the house by the president of our response to the invitation of a fund raising given to the association by Urhobo Progressive Union In America on September 4th 2011 in New Jersey. The president told the house that the association was represented by himself and the general secretary and a \$200:00 donation was made on behalf the body.

CONDOLENCE ISSUE

The house was informed by the president that Mrs. Gold Anighoro's mother passed. She is the mother in-law of our brother Mr. Julius Anighoro. The house, requested Mr. Michael Abamwa to contact Mr. Anighoro's family and express the association's condolence message to them regarding the losses.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

Constitutional review was not taken. Lucky Abamwa moved a motion for the suspension of the review. The motion was supported by ABAMWA Michael. Consequently, Lucky Abamwa moved a motion for the adjournment of the meeting. The motion was supported EMECHO Ovigueranye.

CLOSING

The next general meeting comes up on November 6th 2011. In the event ONAPHIE Patrick who volunteered to host the edition decline when contacted, the ETAMETITE family would host the meeting with special entertainment for the children. The closing prayer was then said at about 8:30pm by the president. Thereafter, the hosts treat every one present to a special wine and dine dinner.

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