

OGHWOGHWA DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

Minutes General Meeting

Emmanuel Idogho
President

HELD ON: MARCH 2ND 2013
VENUE: 23 BENJOE DRIVE AMITYVILLE NY 11701
HOSTED BY: MR. & MRS. LUCKY ABAMWA
ATTENDANCE

- (1) Mr. Peters Etametite General Secretary
- (2) Mrs. Nora Etametite
- (3) Mr. Lucky Abamwa
- (4) Mr. Michael Abamwa
- (5) Mr. A.P. Etanomare Osio
- (6) Mrs. Grace Abamwa
- (7) Mr. Emmanuel Idogho President
- (8) Mr. Ovigwenraye Emecho
- (9) Mr. Godwin Okifo Vice President
- (10) Miss. Kevwe Abamwa
- (11) Miss. Nefe Abamwa

OPENING PRAYER

The association slogan's "ISIO" was recited and the house responded "ILO" to declare the meeting open while Mr. Etanomare Osio at 1800 hours said the opening prayer. The president Mr. Emmanuel Idogho presided over the meeting.

FINANCE

The following people paid dues:

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| (1) Mr. Michael Abamwa | \$20:00 |
| (2) Mr. A.P. Etanomare | \$60:00 |
| (3) Mr. Lucky Abamwa | \$20:00 |
| (4) Mr. Godwin Okifo | \$60:00 |
| Total | \$160:00 |

READING OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the last general meeting held on January 5th 2013 was read by the general secretary Mr. Peters Etametite to the house. The president Mr. Emmanuel Idogho called for omissions and observations for the minutes to be accepted for adoption. Two major observations were made. First the one thousand dollars (\$1000:00) quoted to be given to Mr. Jude Onakpoma's family was said to be incorrect. Second, it was observed that the vote taken to ratify the monthly due of ten dollars (\$10:00) for a house hold was not recorded in the minutes. The vote was seven to one in favor of the household option. With all corrections and observations taken care of, Mr. Lucky Abamwa then moved for the adoption of the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Michael Abamwa.

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MATTERS ARISING

Monthly Dues Contribution: On what terminology to use for the monthly dues contribution, the house agreed to household which is husband and wife instead of family that comprises both children. However, children who are adults and members would be encouraged to pay half of the monthly dues until they are married and become household themselves.

ODIA Money with Financial Secretary, Mr. Lucky Emadu: This was another matter arising that the house dealt with. Mr. John Akarume, and others who promised to visit the financial secretary Mr. Lucky Emadu on the lingering issue of funds with him were not present to report to the house if they visited him or not. However the general secretary Mr. Peters Etametite told the house that he had a telephone conversation with him where he initially agreed to be in the meeting but called in at the eleventh hour that there is a marriage coming up on same day of which he have a leading role to play and as such he would not be able to come to the meeting again.

Dormant Executive Members Issue: The vice president Mr. Godwin Okifo was in attendance during the meeting to express his readiness from now on to keep up with meeting attendance and his duties as vice president. On the other hand the general secretary Mr. Peters Etametite told the house he was unable to write the letter of reminder to the treasurer Mrs. Gloria Gbeneki while the promise by financial secretary Mr. Lucky Emadu over the phone of which he promised to be in the prevent him from writing him as well.

Report of President Visit to Nigeria: The president who was on private visit to Nigeria used the occasion to execute the association proposed visit to our royal fathers. He told the house he was able to see only two of the kings. The Ovie of Ogor HRM Onajite Adjara, 111 and the Ovie of Ughelli HRM Wilson Ogharisi, 111. According to him he was unable to see that Orogun, and Agbarha kingdoms but established a link to reach the Ovie of Agbarha in the future. The president Mr. Emmanuel Idogho presented to the house the profile, pictures and book of Ogor history he got from the kings. According to him the royal father were very pleased with the ODIA forum, gave us their blessings and encouraged us to work the progress of the oghwoghwa nation. On the decision of the house before now to contact Chief Godwin Emecho to be anchorman to reach the kings, the president told the house he was unavoidably absent due to the death of his wife Chief Mrs. Margaret Emcho who also is the mother of Mr. Ovigweranye Emecho. The president then said Mr. Henry Etametite there accompanied him on his visit to the Ovie of Ogor palace. The house expresses their condolence to Mr. Ovigweranye Emecho and Mr. Peters Etametite for the death of their mother and aunty. It was immediately suggested by the trio of Mr. Etanomare Osio, Lucky Abamwa and Okifo Godwin that we should all see what we can do to support him at this trying moment. To this end a voluntary contribution was carried out and the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars was realized in both cash and pledges. The order of the donation was as follows. Mr. Etanomare Osio \$100:00, Mr. Lucky Abamwa \$100:00, Mr. Godwin Okifo \$100:00, and Mr. Michael Abamwa \$50:00. It was further agreed that the publicity secretary Mr. Julius Anighoro by the mandate of the house reached out to other

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members for the same purpose. Mr. Michael Abamwa at this point moved a motion for the adjournment of the meeting. He was seconded by Mrs. Nora Etametite and Mr. Lucky Abamwa

Closing Remarks: The President Mr. Emmanuel Idogho thanked the host Mr. & Mrs. Lucky Abamwa for their commitment to the success of the association as well as all members whose effort time also makes the meeting a successful one.

Closing Prayer: The closing prayer of the day was said by Mr. Etanomare Osio at 9:30 pm.

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