

OGHWOGHWA DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

Minutes General Meeting

Emmanuel Idogho
President

MINUTES OF ODIA GENERAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 1ST 2012, HOSTED BY MR. & MRS LUCKY ABAMWA FAMILY.

ATTENDANCE:

Those who attended the meeting were

- (1) Etametite, Peters A
- (2) Idogho, Emmanuel
- (3) Osio, Etanomare A. P.
- (4) Mrs. Osio, Antoinette
- (5) Abamwa Lucky
- (6) Mrs. Abamwa Grace
- (7) Miss. Abamwa Ovokeraye
- (8) Miss. Abamwa Rukevwe
- (9) Miss. Abamwa Nafe
- (10) Abamwa Tobore
- (11) Emecho Ovigwenranye
- (12) Miss. Elohor Emecho
- (13) Mrs. Etametite Nora
- (14) Abamwa Michael
- (15) Miss. Abamwa Kevwe
- (16) Miss. Abamwa Tejiri
- (17) Akarume, John
- (18) Miss Akarume, Dorcas
- (19) Miss. Akarume, Tovo.

OPENING CALL: After the opening call Abamwa, Lucky, the president called on Osio Etanomare to say the opening prayers at 4:30 pm. This was followed by the president New Year speech which was more of thanks giving to God for his love, mercies towards us and protection of our lives for the year 2011.

FINANCE: Monthly dues (\$210:00) were collected as follows:

(i)	Osio, Etanomare -	\$70.00
(ii)	Emecho, Ovigwenranye -	\$20.00
(iii)	Abamwa, Lucky -	\$20.00
(iv)	Mrs. Osio, Antoinette -	\$20.00
(v)	Mrs. Etametite, Nora -	\$20.00
(vi)	Abamwa, Michael -	\$20.00
(vii)	Etametite, Peters -	\$20.00
(vii)	Akarume, John -	\$20.00
	Total Amount	<u>\$210.00</u>

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At the end of the monthly due collection, the president said he had sent out to all members his or her financial contribution from the inception to date to avail every one the opportunity to know how much he or she had paid, what he or she is owning or to come forward with any omission of any contribution.

READING OF NOVEMBER 6TH 2011 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES HELD BY THE ETAMETITE FAMILY:

Following the reading of the minutes of the last general meeting held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Etametite, Peters, the president thank Osio, Etanomare for proof reading the minutes and then called for member observation and comments regarding omission from the minute. Correction consequently, effected was the inclusion of Miss. Anighoro, Tejiri's name to the attendance list splint of \$40 dues between Mr. & Mrs. Anighoro, Julius and the correction of Gbeneki, Martin's name. Abamwa, Lucky then moved a motion for the adoption of the minutes and he was supported by Mrs. Etametite, Nora and Mrs. Osio, Antoinette, the house adopted the minutes as amended.

MATTERS ARISING: *During the meeting the following matters/issues were dealt with;*

- (a) The president, seek the house approval of \$300 501C application fee to be paid on January 2nd2012. Abamwa, Lucky moved approval motion for the money and he was overwhelmed supported by Osio, Etanomare; Abamwa, Michael; Mrs. Abamwa, Grace, and Mrs. Etametite, Nora.*
- (b) Similarly, the president requested for an additional \$300 advance payment to CPA Richard Williams. Though Abamwa, Lucky objected to further advancing the CPA to prevent delaying the job after receiving so much money, the request was approved the house following approval motion by Abamwa, Michael supported by Emecho, Ovigwenranye.*
- (c) Mr. & Mrs. Anighoro, Julius individual contribution was another matter that arose. Abamwa, Lucky raised the issue of the collection and the mode of presentation of the money collected to the family. The president told the house that all monies collected would be paid into ODIA's account and a check would be issued to them for the amount collected. The sum of \$750 was raised as follows:*

<i>(1)</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Osio, Etanomare A. P</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>(2)</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Abamwa, Lucky</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>(3)</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Abamwa, Michael</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>(4)</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Etametite, Peters</i>	<i><u>\$200.00</u></i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i><u>\$500.00</u></i>

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- (d) Prompted by June 28th 2009 campaign promised by the president to put ODIA in the internet fulfilled, Abamwa, Lucky together with Osio, Etanomare thank the president for not only setting up the web site but his continuous maintenance as well as other executives for their efforts to keep the association going.
- (e) In a related development the president praised Miss. Abamwa, Ovokeraye for her ability to name various house items in urhobo. **The president promised her that the association would support her if she decided to study urhobo language and encouraged other children to follow footsteps.**
- (f) Lastly, the president explained the process of login into ODIA web site to view all activities posted in the domain.

CLOSING REMARKS: In his closing remarked the president thanked all members for making out time for today's meeting been the first day of the year. He also thanked Mr. & Mrs. Abamwa, Lucky for hosting the meeting and general support for the association. There was constitutional review, no host volunteer during the meeting. Abamwa, Michael then moved adjourned motion and he was supported by Akarume, John. The closing prayer was said by the president at 8:30 pm while the next general meeting would be on March 4th 2012.

Peters Etametite
General Secretary

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