

OGHWOGHWA DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

General Meeting Minutes

HELD ON MARCH 6TH 2011
VENUE 33 WIESTRIA DRIVE NAUGATUCK, CT. 06770
HOSTED BY MR. & MRS. Okifo, GODWIN

ATTENDANCE:

- {1} Etametite, Peters
- {2} Anighoro, Gold
- {3} Anighoro, Julius
- {4} Osio, A.P. Etanomare
- {5} Idogho, Emmanuel
- {6} Okifo, Godwin
- {7} Okifo, Flora
- {8} Emadu, Paul

OPENING

At about 5:20 pm, the president called the house to order to declare the meeting open while Osio, Etanomare said the opening prayer.

FINANCE

The president spoke on the absence of the financial secretary which would not make it possible to give the financial account to the house. He asked members to pay their dues notwithstanding. Paul EMADU, asked to know how much he owned but for some reason of the absence of the financial secretary the amount could not be given to him.

The following members paid dues:

[1] Godwin Okifo,	\$20:00
[2] Julius Anighoro,	\$20:00
[3] Gold Anighoro,	\$20:00
[4] Etanomare Osio,	\$20:00
[5] Peters Etametite,	\$20:00
[6] Nora Etametite,	\$20:00
TOTAL	\$120:00

READING OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

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The president before the reading of the minutes expressed ODIA condolence to all who lost a dear one.

The meeting agenda was read, the word opening which had double pp corrected and then adopted.

Okifo, Flora observed that she is not aware of today's meeting. The president explained to her that the meeting day had been fixed for every first Sunday of every other month. There after the minutes were then adopted by Godwin Okifo, and was supported by Osio, Etanomare.

The minutes of November 7th. 2010 meeting which was not read in the January 2nd, 2011 meeting was read. The president asked for correction if any or be adopted. In the absence of any correction Julius Anighoro, moved for the adoption of the minutes and was supported by Godwin Okifo,

MATTERS ARISING

Banks visit: -The General Secretary Etametite, Peters told the house of the committee visit to different banks and their requirement to open the account.

[1] Bank of America requirements:-

[A] Articles of Incorporation

[b] Registered TIN # or Tax ID #

[C] ID'S of signatories

Sovereign Santander requirements:-

[A] 403C or 501C

[b] EIN #

[3] Filing records

[4]Articles of Incorporation

[5] Signers IDS

Capital One Bank requirements:-

[A]Certificate of Incorporation

[b]Certificate of Authority

[c]Tax ID #

[d]Authorized signers IDS

HSBC requirements:-

[A]Group members SSS# and IDS

[b]Tax ID #, 501C-C3

[C]Business Certificate #

[d]Article of Association or Byelaws

[e]Minutes of meeting listing officers

Citibank requirements:-

[A]Certificate of business incorporation

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[b]Tax IDS

[C]Signers IDS

CHASE requirements:-

[A]Tax ID #

[b]Certificate of Incorporation

[C]Signers IDS

After reading out the requirements of the various banks Anighoro, Julius saw the possibility of opening the account. On his part Paul Emadu, suggest CHASE as first choice as their requirements are direct and clear. There was no objection to this choice. A second suggestion of Citibank was made by Julius Anighoro, but was declined for Bank of America suggested by the president and supported by Flora Okifo.

Free checking account was agreed to be open in any of the two choice banks.

Similarly, 501c preparation was suggested by the president, supported by Paul Emadu, with an advice to checked further for a cheaper rate of preparation.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

To quicken the review of the constitution, Julius Anighoro, suggest we set up a group to review the draft and present it to the house for adoption. Osio, Etanomare suggested same group review but Paul Emadu, and Etametite, Peters sees this as going thru same process as the house will also review the work of the group before adoption instead the review should be done by the general house. Okifo, Godwin spoke of the importance of the earlier call on members to do a review prior to any meeting come with their inputs as a way forward. Curious to know Paul Emadu asked of the origin of the draft. He was told in reply by the president that the house mandated the executives to come out with a draft constitution for association which they did and presented to the house that we are now reviewing. The president blamed all for the delay of the review of the draft constitution and reminded the house that the executives have one meeting more to the end of their tenure and would have been good if the review is completed under the dispensation. Paul Emadu, volunteer to lead the review process so as the work.

On the review work chapter 6 was completed and chapter 7 was taken half way before the secretary general moved for the adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Paul Emadu, and supported by Julius Anighoro.

Members were once again advice to come to the next meeting of May 1st, 2011 with their inputs to quicken the review.

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The closing prayer was said by Julius Anighoro, at about 20:25 hours followed by refreshment presented by the host and family.

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Peters Etametite,
General Secretary.