

OGHWOGHWA DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

Minutes General Meeting

Emmanuel Idogho
President

DATE: SEPTEMBER 1ST.2012

VENUE: 144-33, 223rd STREET SPRING FIELD GARDEN QUEENS NY 11413.

ATTENDANCE:

- (1) Mr. Etanomare Osio
- (2) Mr. Peters Etametite
- (3) Mrs. Antoinette Osio
- (4) Miss. Tejiri Abamwa
- (5) Mr. Lucky Abamwa
- (6) Mr. Emmanuel Idogho
- (7) Mr. Michael Abamwa
- (8) Mr. Ovigwen Emecho

The meeting started with the association slogan "ISIO" and the response "ILO". The president then called on Mr. Lucky Abamwa for the opening prayer at 5: 35pm.

FINANCE

(1) Mr. Austin A.P. Osio	\$20:00
(2) Mr. Lucky Abamwa	\$20:00
(3) Mr. Michael Abamwa	\$20:00
(4) Mr. Peters Etametite	\$20:00
(5) Mrs. Nora Etametite	\$20:00
(6) Mrs. Antoinette Osio	<u>\$20:00</u>
Total	<u>\$140:00</u>

READING OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of last meeting held on July 1st 2012 was read by the general secretary to hearing of attendees after which the president asked members for any observation from the minutes. Mr. Etanomare Osio observed that the pattern of writing members names during meeting is not uniform. He therefore suggests we write the names with the first letters of the first name and last names in upper case and others in lower case.

MATTERS ARISING

The house dealt with the following matters that arose from the previous meeting:

(i) Individual monthly due issue.

Mr. Lucky Abamwa in his observation remark drew the attention of the house to the issue of individual contribution instead of the family. The general secretary responded to this observation by saying that this matter had been discussed in previous meeting and consensus reached. Mr. Michael Abamwa supported the general secretary answer. Also speaking on the issue of the contribution was the president. He appeals to all to be patient until the matter is resolved in the constitution. Lucky Abamwa still not satisfied opined that it is pertinent to resolve this matter in the draft constitution before it is promulgated. The general secretary suggests we deferred deliberation on the matter to November general meeting. In addition a memo would be sent to members with reference to the general meeting where the decision of individual contribution was decided by vote and new dues put forward for individual or family for venting. Mrs. Antoinette Osio asked what the practice with other associations is. Responding to her question Mr. Lucky Abamwa said the association monthly dues had been per family until lately when it was changed to individual. In a way to answer her question the general secretary said that the practice in all meetings, associations or clubs it is individual in respective of couple's membership to such organization.

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The president cautioned that finance issue should not militate against the good work of the association. Mr. Etanomare Osio also spoke on the individual contribution and support the option to come to next meeting with various categories of fees or questioner of amount to be contributed as individual or family.

(ii) Mr. Lucky Emadu Issue.

On this matter the president told the house that he met Mr. Alex Ughwanogho at Mr. Marvell Bobson's place as promised. According him, Mr. Alex Ughwanogho told him that Mr. Lucky Emadu said he open an account with the money for the association. There n after. President said he met with Mr. Lucky Emadu himself at same venue on that same day. He told the house that when he asked him about the money, his answer was in parable "that fight did not just start from you slap me". President then said he went back to Mr. Alex Ughwanogho to tell him the parable of Mr. Lucky Emadu. In his reply Mr. Alex Ughwanogho questioned the rationale behind the parable and then suggests the association should send people to him. Similarly, the president also report to the house the effort made by Mr. Lucky Abamwa by reaching out to his elder brother Mr. Paul Emadu to talk to his younger brother about the money. As a follow up Mr. Lucky Abamwa told the house that about a week ago he called on Mr. Paul Emadu to get feedback from him but that he told him he was driving that when he got home he was going to called him. According to Mr. Lucky Abamwa, Mr. Paul Emadu never returns his call or that of Mr. Julius Anighoro who also called him for the same reason.

The US postal services return slip indicate that he personally signed for the letter the association wrote to him about the money. It is obvious that everything had fallen into deaf ears as we can see from all the efforts with no result. Mr. Ovigweranye Emecho then asked how long this issue of the money had been going on and president answered by saying over two years now.

Mr. Lucky Abamwa then suggests we take a legal action since all peaceful and brotherly opportunity is not appreciated by him. He therefore urges the house to mandate the president to consult a lawyer for a legal advice and action. The president on the other hand said Mr. Lucky Abamwa should once more try to reach out to Mr. Paul Emadu. The president view did not go down well with the house so the issue was put to vote to determine what option of action to take. The house voted in favor of legal action by 5 votes to 1 and 1 abstainer. By this result, the president was authorized to consult a lawyer for a legal action

(iii) Writing of letter to the kings.

This was another matter that arose for deliberation during the meeting. On this matter the general secretary reported to the house the outcome of his discussion with Chief Godwin Emecho, who advised we must have all our needs clearly written out to make the message precise and unambiguous. To this end, the president mentioned some the items that should be included in the memo to be traditional festivals, marriages, occupations among others.

(iv) Opening of ODIA Account with TD Bank.

The president told the house that the account had not been open due to lack of chance on his part and that of the general secretary. He promised the house that the account would be open by September 2nd 2012 by the grace of God.

(v) Hosting of Next General Meeting

On who would host the November 3rd 2012 general meeting, the family of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Abamwa signified their interest to host it.

(vi) Closing

At this point Mr. Lucky Abamwa moved for the adjournment of the meeting and he was seconded by Mr. Ovigweranye Emecho. The president thanked the host and all members that were present and encouraged everyone to continue in the same spirit and to reach to all our backsliding members to return the fold.

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The closing prayer of the day was said by the general secretary at about 7:58 pm.

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