



ASSOCIATION OF FIRESTONE RESIDENTS IN THE AMERICAS (AFIRA)

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MEETING MINUTES

Name	AFIRA General Meeting		
Date	August 29, 2021	Time	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Minutes Prepared By	Sam Garwo	Location	Teleconference
Meeting Objective			
Provide updates discuss Association Matters			
Attendees			
<p>EC Members: President Samuel S.S Kieh, Vice-President Cecelia S Kukor Brown, Treasurer Mr. James M. Garwo, Financial Secretary Maybeline Sinue, Chaplain Mother Sally Lappia, Secretary General Sam N. Garwo</p> <p>Advisory Board: Board Chairman Rev. George Warner, Mrs. Diana Sinue-Flemister, Marie Scott, Emmanuel Ujay Porte, Cecelia Wilson-Kokuloku</p> <p>Members: President Emeritus Arthur B. Welwean, Bleh Hare-Warner, Fatima Garwo, Lombek Wilson, Fata Kieh, Kaye Richards, Rufus Quaye, Daniel Kieh, Jenkins Atuanya, David Karngba, E. Wilmot Jackson, Liz Garwo, Eva Welwean, Ester Garwo, James Davis, Maybel Lappia-Massaquoi, Vera Sinue, Patricia Garwo-Yond, Enoch Nah, Bernelia Kumeh-Goll, Charles Derdeh, Angie Garwo, Saibo Williams, Agnes Woods, Emmanuel Nyahn, Dr. Will Jallah, Loretta Korvah, Augustine Morlue, Mawah Bryant</p>			
Agenda and Notes, Decisions and Issues			
Topic	Discussion		
Welcome Remarks	<p>President Samuel Kieh praised the general membership for the success of the association to date and assured members their trust in the new leadership will be justified as we continue to move forward.</p>		
Status Update on Committees	<p>Mr. Kieh spoke of reconstituting the 3 standing committees which are required in the constitution. Those committees are: Membership and Mobilization Committee Project Committee Social& Planning Committee</p> <p>We have faced some challenges this year in filling committees. We have either had members in good standing who are not available or willing to fill committee seats as well as members who are willing but unfortunately have not met the constitutional requirements. Those requirements are:</p> <p>Members must attend at least 50% of meetings in one year and/or Member must be in good financial standing</p> <p>It is important to attend meetings and just as important to take an active role in pushing forward our agenda by participating in these committees. The</p>		



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	<p>President asked members in good standing to please consider volunteering for a committee.</p> <p>Ester Garwo volunteered to serve on the Membership and Mobilization Committee and was appointed Chairlady by the President</p> <p>Charles Derdeh volunteered to serve as a Member on the Membership and Mobilization Committee.</p> <p>We thank them and appreciate their service but we are still short 3 members. The President encouraged Charles and Ester to encourage other members to join the committee.</p> <p>E. Wilmot Jackson asked President Kieh for clarification if he was a member in good standing at which time President Kieh confirmed he was; Mr. Jackson then volunteered for the Planning Committee.</p> <p>Jenkins, asked President Kieh is there any timeframe in the constitution to constitute all standing committee. President Kieh responded the timeframe should have been about a month ago.</p>
Update Financial Team	<p>James Garwo & Maybeline Sinue, The financial secretary Ms. Sinue stated that out of the 60 packages available from the convention, 52 were sold at \$100/package. At \$50 a package we sold 2. At \$25 we sold 6. The total was \$5,450. At the night program we were able to raise \$3,500; We received \$2,000 in cash and have \$1,500 in pledges outstanding. Total raised for 2021 convention was \$8,950.</p> <p>As of 08/26 we have a balance in our checking account of \$25,097.61</p> <p>The library project balance is \$10,067.</p> <p>Questions/answers on the Financial Reports:</p> <p>Liz Garwo: Have the new administration members names been added to the account?</p>



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	<p>Answer: To Maybeline's knowledge all new members have been added to the account. James Garwo made the correction that he had yet to receive the documentation from the former President, Arthur Welwean to add the new members.</p> <p>Lombek Wilson, suggested the financial report be emailed to the general membership before the meeting so there is full disclosure, and it gives everyone an opportunity to review.</p> <p>Action Items: President Emeritus Arthur Welwean needs to complete the paperwork so that the process of transferring the names of the new administration officials can be completed before the next general meeting.</p> <p>Due to a misunderstanding over Agenda item #5 'Update Finance Team,' the President proposed that agenda item be tabled. The original intent was to provide a financial update of the 2021 Minnesota Convention. However, the description was not clear enough leading to some confusion as to what should have been included in that update. Mr. Arthur Welwean observed that the report did not match what the agenda description conveyed and Mr. Enoch Nah agreed with Mr. Welwean and contended that the report was a partial one and therefore should not be accepted as such. As a result, the decision was made that the Financial Team will complete a new financial report to be inclusive of the balance brought forward from the previous administration (+ escrow- Liberia) and email the report to the general membership prior to the next general meeting.</p>
Update from the Project Committee	<p>Chairman Mr. Daniel Kieh, Phase 2: is nearing completion, the rafters are nearly completed, and next phase will be installing the zinc. Phase 3 includes: Installing doors/windows and the electrical will start shortly.</p> <p>The newly constituted project committee will be meeting shortly to make a procurement request for phase 3.</p> <p>Mr. Emmanuel Porte raised some concerns about the security of the building and its contents. The PC Chair assured him that as far as he is aware, our building and contents are safe; there is a security guard at the high school. As far as fixtures go,</p>



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	<p>safety doors and window bars will be installed before we begin the installation of any fixtures - electrical or plumbing.</p>
Other Matters	<p>President Samuel Kieh informed the general membership that the executive got the approval from the advisory board that as of August 1, 2021, anyone who expresses interest in being part of the Association will pay a one-time membership/registration form fee of \$10. All members who have been part of the Association before August 1, 2021 will be automatically grandfathered in and are encouraged to go to the website and fill up a membership form.</p> <p>The President congratulated Mr. & Mrs. Arthur B. Welwean on the wedding of their daughter Prayer Welwean to Dane Mosher. He commended the Welweans for raising a solid, constructive young woman and wished their union well.</p> <p>Mr. Daniel Kieh, informed the general membership that region 1 had agreed to host the 2022 convention in Philadelphia.</p>
Motion to Adjourn	<p>Motion to Adjourn; Vice-President Cecelia S Kukor Brown, moved for the meeting to be adjourned, motion seconded by Mr. Enoch Nah.</p> <p>President Samuel Kieh, A motion has been made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor say yes. (40) All opposed, say no (0).</p>