



ASSOCIATION OF FIRESTONE RESIDENTS IN THE AMERICAS (AFIRA)

P.O. BOX 486

SUN PRAIRIE, WI 53590

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MEETING MINUTES

Name	AFIRA General Meeting		
Date	January 30, 2022	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-Kukuloku</p> <p>Members: Bleh Hare-Warner, Fatima Garwo, Fata Kieh, Kaye Richards, Rufus Quaye, David Karngba, E. Wilmot Jackson, Liz Garwo, Ester Garwo, Maybel Lappia-Massaquoi, Vera Sinue, Patricia Garwo-Yond, Enoch Nah, Bernelia Kumeh-Goll, Angie Garwo, Saibo Williams, Agnes Woods, Marie Kolliego-Tarpeh, Dr. Will Jallah, Loretta Korvah, Augustine Morlue, Mawah Bryant, Dominic Flumo, Lucretia Davis, Bendu Davis, Jerry Yekeh, Fatu Garwo, Rev. Wyston Dixon, Comfort Samuels, Patricia Deoud, Charles Derdeh, Edward Dennis, Nathaniel Akoi Goun, Jenkins Atwin, Winston Cummings, Jartu Passawe, Bintou Suakollie.</p>			
Agenda and Notes, Decisions and Issues			
Topic	Discussion		
Motion to Adopt the agenda	Motion to adopt the agenda was made by James Garwo, seconded by VP Cecelia S Kukor Brown.		
Welcome Remarks	<p>President Samuel Kieh welcomed the membership and expressed his understanding that everyone has very busy schedules and he appreciates the time they set aside for AFIRA. Our last meeting was December 2021, and President Kieh welcomed the membership to the first meeting in 2022. He thanked the membership for their commitment and generosity to AFIRA and the Firestone community at home. His hope for 2022 is to finish the Library project and look at how we can make an impact going forward.</p>		
Reading and approval of previous meeting minutes	<p>The Secretary General Sam Garwo read the previous meeting minutes. Upon completion of the meeting minutes President Kieh opened the transcript for discussion and subsequent adoption.</p> <p>Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Marie Scott, seconded by Augustine Morlue.</p>		



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Matters arising from the last minutes	None.
Project Committee Update	<p>Chairman Daniel Kieh thanked everyone for their generosity. Phase 3 and phase 4 have started. We have completed the framing for the ceiling, electrical wiring, and the rough-in for plumbing. Next, we will start the ceiling work and the plastering. We have several quotes on flooring. Chairman Kieh will be arriving in Liberia shortly and when he gets on the ground, he is hoping to get another flooring quote. The flooring is the highest cost going forward. He will communicate with the project committee once all quotes are received. Chairman Kieh thanked Dr. Sana and Marie Scott for their fundraising efforts and then made a pledge of 50 bags of cement to commence the plastering work on behalf of he and his wife.</p> <p>Rev. Wynston Dixon asked Chairman Kieh about the amount that was approved by the board and how far is the electrical and plumbing and the costs of those?</p> <p>Chairman Kieh informed the group that Phase 3 was \$24,000. To date \$10,000 has been dispatched. The plumbing has been roughed-in and the fixtures are left to be completed. The electrical wiring is complete and the fixtures need to be completed as well.</p> <p>Motion to adopt the Project Committee report was made by Rev. Wynston Dixon, seconded by Liz Garwo.</p>
Monthly Financial Update	<p>Maybeline Sinue, Tresurer</p> <p>Informed the general body:</p> <p>Balance moving forward for the month of November,</p> <p>Checking account: \$18,979.61</p> <p>Library account: \$10,537.00</p> <p>Total Amount: \$29,515.61</p> <p>As of December 1, 2021 - January 29, 2022, we have a total deposit of</p> <p>Dues Payments: \$1265</p> <p>2022 Convention package: \$100.</p>



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	<p>Total deposited of \$1365.</p> <p>Bank balance as of 1/30/2022:</p> <p>Checking account: \$20,344.61</p> <p>Library account deposited,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Sana Christmas gift campaign contribution total \$2155.• Marie Scott Birthday contribution \$449.• Jerry Yekeh birthday contribution \$88.• Monthly givers contribution \$425• 2021 Convention pledges \$1200• Total deposited into the Library account \$4317. <p>Library account: \$14,854.00</p> <p>Withdrawal:</p> <p>December 31st, 2021 - \$5030.00 January 13th, 2022 - \$5030.00</p> <p>Total Withdrawal - \$10,060.00</p> <p>Accounts ending balance as of January 30th 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Checking Account: \$10,284.61- Library Account: \$14,854.00 <p>Total Amount: \$25,138.61</p> <p>Motion to adopt the Financial report was made by Cecelia S Kukor Brown, seconded by Rev. Wynston Dixon.</p>
Region 1 - 2022 Convention Update	<p>President Kieh informed the general membership that based on the survey results the 2022 annual convention will be moved to the weekend of July 29-31, 2022.</p> <p>On behalf of Region I, Daniel Kieh informed the membership that a meeting took place in region 1 and a formal convention committee has been setup. To date we have the hall and the park booked. We have a team</p>



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	<p>working on catering and we will begin working on fundraisers.</p>
Other Matters	<p>President Kieh thanked Dr. Sana for the his Christmas gift creativity to the Library project, Marie Scott and Jerry Yekeh for the birthday donations. Thank you everyone who has made and are thinking of making contributions towards the library project. Thank you to the secret donor who donated \$1,000. 'you know yourself, but on behalf of our association, we would like to thank you for your generosity.' The Christmas season is a time that puts extra demands on our finances, but because of your love for our organization and our Firestone community, you were able to apportion part of your strained financial resources for our Association. For this , we are grateful, the President said.</p> <p>Please pray for those members that are making a trip to Liberia in February to check on the status of our Association's project.</p> <p>Treasurer James Garwo made an appeal to the membership to participate in fundraising efforts. We all have a role in completing this project. Everyone should give something whether it is big or small.</p>
Motion to Adjourn	<p>Motion to Adjourn; Charles Derdeh, moved for the meeting to be adjourned, motion seconded by Cecelia Wilson-Kokuloku.</p> <p>President Samuel Kieh, A motion has been made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor say yea. (47) All opposed, say nea (0).</p>