



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	October 31, 2021	Time	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Minutes Prepared By	Sam Garwo	Location	Teleconference
Meeting Objective			
Provide updates and 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: Bleh Hare-Warner, Fatima Garwo, Fata Kieh, Kaye Richards, Rufus Quaye, David Karngba, E. Wilmot Jackson, Liz Garwo, Ester Garwo, James Davis, 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 Flomo, Lucretia Davis, Bendu Davis, Jerry Yekeh, Fatu Garwo, Nat Sumo, Koular Garwo, Rev. Wyston Dixon, Comfort Samuel, Patricia Deoud, Charles Derdeh, Edward Dennis, D. Maxwell Harmon</p>			
Agenda and Notes, Decisions and Issues			
Topic	Discussion		
Motion to Adopt the agenda	Motion to adopt the agenda was made by David Karngba, seconded by Lucretia Davis.		
Welcome Remarks	<p>President Samuel Kieh welcomed the membership and remarked on how these meetings are to discuss monthly issues but also an opportunity to fellowship. In addition he expressed satisfaction in the high number of people who had attended the 2 previous meetings and appealed to them not to only make their memberships official, but also to play active roles in the Association through committee membership and other functions. We still need two more members to volunteer for the membership and mobilization committee and three more people to volunteer for the planning and social committee.</p>		
Reading and approval of previous meeting minutes	<p>Secretary Sam Garwo, read the previous meeting minutes. Upon completion of the meeting minutes President Kieh opened the transcript for discussion and subsequent adoption.</p>		



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<p>Matters arising from the last minutes</p>	<p>Motion to adopt the minute was made by Cecelia Wilson-Kokuloku, seconded by Board Chairman Rev. George Warner.</p> <p>The executive committee met with the advisory board on October 3rd, they discussed the resolution from the 2021 convention, in which we made a motion and agreed to relax the clause in the constitution (article 4 section 4) and allow two officials from the Arthur Welwean administration (James Garwo and Mother Sally Lappia) to continue in their respective roles as Treasurer and Chaplain, respectively.</p> <p>Dr. Will Jallah made a motion for the two officials from Arthur Welwean Administration to remain in their respective roles until the next election. Motion seconded by Rev. Wyston Dixon.</p> <p>President Kieh tested the motion of Dr. Will Jallah; restated by Lucretia Davis, and seconded by Nat Sumo. Yea: 43 Nay: 0 N/A: 2 Abstained: 1</p>
<p>Project Committee Update</p>	<p>Chairman Daniel Kieh informed the general body that as of Friday October 29 the roof had been completed.</p> <p>Next phase is installation of the metal door and the burglar bars on 36 windows. After that is completed will come the electrical work, the plumbing, tiling and lastly the ceiling.</p> <p>Enoch Nah requested a total cost for the first few phases of the project.</p> <p>Motion to adopt the project committee report was made by Rev. Wyston Dixon, seconded by Cecelia Wilson-Kokuloku.</p>
<p>Monthly Financial Update</p>	<p>Maybeline Sinue, Tresurer</p> <p>Informed the general body: In the combined account we had a total of \$30,459.61 as of September 30, 2021.</p> <p>For October we received \$295 in monthly pledges and due payments of \$870 for a total of \$1165.</p>



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	<p>Total withdrawal of \$3115.00 was tranfered to Liberia for the Library project with a \$15 transfer fee.</p> <p>Bank balance As of 10/28/2021:</p> <p>Checking account: \$18,297.61</p> <p>Library account: \$10,187.00</p> <p>Total Amount: \$28,484.61</p> <p>Motion to adopt the monthly financial report was made by Vice-President Cecelia S Kukor Brown, seconded by Cecelia Wilson-Kukuloku.</p>
Update From Region 1	<p>Daniel Kieh provided an update on the plan for Region I to host the 2022 AFIRA convention on the East Coast.</p> <p>We have secured a hall in Philadelphia for the business session and the ball that will cost \$1250. They have another hall in Maryland that is available on July 29 and 30, 2022 and will cost \$1500 (\$750/day). Unfortunately this weekend won't work beause the constitution requires the convention to be held on the second weekend in July.</p> <p>President Kieh suggested taking this offline for discussion between the executive committee, the advisory board and region 1.</p>
Other Matters	<p>President Kieh thanked the membership & mobilization committee and everyone who has so far participated in the 1 bring 1 challenge from the 2021 Minnesota Convention.</p> <p>In President Kieh's inaugural address he stated he would raise membership by 25% in the first 90 days and the 1 bring 1 program helped achieve that goal. Based on the baseline membership of approximately 31 members before the initiation of this recruitment effort, AFIRA would have needed to add about 7 members to meet the promise in the 4 point Plan of Action (4POA) of the new administration. We are delighted to announce that we have recruited 11 new members so far - meeting and exceeding our commitment.</p>



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	<p>James Garwo expressed his thanks and appreciation to our 4 monthly givers for donating to the Library Project on a monthly basis: Elizabeth Garwo, Daniel Kieh, Diana Sinue-Flemister and Vice-President Cecelia S Kukor Brown.</p>
Motion to Adjourn	<p>Motion to Adjourn; Charles Derdeh, moved for the meeting to be adjourned, motion seconded by Cecelia Wilson-Kukuloku.</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>