

OPASS ALUMNI –NORTH AMERICA –MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 27, 2016

In attendance:

Charles Appiah, Alex Boateng, Johnnie Amenyah, Emma Kumi, Edna Takyi, Maj. (Rtd) Twum Achampong, Sam Quaye, Edith Abbeo, Philomena Osei (new- Class of 2004), Godfried Bugyei, Mary Amenyah, Ben Modey, Gifty Ofori, Doris Awuah, Ben Awuah, Ella Twum, Robert Henking, Dr. Kingsley Lartey, Kpakpo Allotey.

Excused Absences: Evans Twum Danso, Okoampa Agyemang

Meeting started at 9:15pm with a roll call by the President, Johnnie Amenyah. He welcomed two new members who were joining the meeting for the first time –Ella and Philomena.

Agenda and Matters Arising:

Preparation for 2017 Reunion – Updates were provided by members of the Planning Committee present- Charles Appiah and Johnny- Venue is confirmed as George Mason, University Freedom Aquatic Center in Manassas, Virginia has been secured with a deposit of \$400. Venue for Sunday brunch was also confirmed as 6616 Cheney Way, Gainesville, VA (Charles & Dorothy Appiah's residence). Johnnie provided updates on nearby hotels and the closest airport to the venues (Dulles International Airport).

Edna suggested that we look for hotels that would be able to provide rooms with double occupancy capabilities in order to bring costs down for members.

Finances:

It was confirmed by the Financial Secretary, Bugyei that as of 11/26/2016 Association balance was \$12,919.00. He also entreated and provided members with information on how they can start making payments towards their outstanding dues: \$120/year or \$100 if paying one time.

A member inquired as to how dues are accessed in regard to 2016 and the coming year 2017. The President provided explanations on the flexibility regarding dues payment.

There was a discussion on annual dues and the registration fees charged for each reunion. It was explained that the registration fees are normally used to defray the costs involved in hosting the reunions whilst dues are for the running and essential activities of the association.

It was brought up that the need to make attendance at the annual reunion get-together top priority and as such the impact of the registration fee must be carefully weighed.

The President spoke on the balance we try to maintain in bringing Opassians together and ways we can also include our obligations to our alma mater and each other. Further discussions would be needed.

Report from Major:

Major brought greetings from the school administration when he visited the school during the first week of November and had discussions with the administration on the state of affairs at the school.

He indicated that the school was formally inviting all old students and friends to the upcoming 55th Speech and Prize Giving Day scheduled for January 2017.

Miscellaneous:

It was brought up that we should work hard to have an old student become a Headmaster

Sam Quaye took the opportunity to once again thank all those who contributed in diverse ways towards his late mother's funeral and burial in Ghana.

There was general discussions on topics of interest to members.

Major moved that the meeting come to an end in the absence of any further discussion and this was seconded by Sam Quaye.

Meeting ended at 10:35PM