

OPASS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 13th SEPTEMBER, 2015

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AGENDA:

1. Review of Executive meeting minutes.
2. Sick bay report
3. Finances
4. Next year reunion
5. New project
6. A.O.B

In attendance:

1. Johnny Amenyah-----Virginia
2. Charles Appiah-----Virginia
3. Evans Twum-Danso-----South Carolina
4. Ben Modey ----- Connecticut
5. Robert Henking-----Texas
6. Samuel Quaye-----Maryland
7. Alex Boateng-----Texas
8. Okoampa Danso-----New York
9. Major (Rtd) Twum-Acheampong-----New Jersey
10. Positive Sowani-----Virginia

11. Robersta Abeka-----Maryland
12. Gifty Ofori----- New York
13. Janet Bredu.....Kansas
14. Janet Ampadu-----Connecticut
15. Edith Abbeo----- New York

Excused Absence:

1. Edina Takyi ----- Texas
2. Godfried Abugyei-----California

The meeting started at 9:25pm EST

The President welcomed everyone with a big thank you to all for being able to attend the meeting.

He then mentioned the agenda for the general meeting was going t

o follow the previously submitted minutes from the executive meeting. After the minutes was accepted by acclamation,

The President on behalf of the entire membership thanked Major Twum-Acheampong and Edith Abbeo for the excellent way they represented the association during the inauguration and commissioning of the S.K. Ampofo Sick Bay at OPASS.

A reviews of the agenda for the meeting was carried out and it was agreed that the Sick Bay project was finally completed and all members should feel proud of our accomplishment. The association would be responsible for all routine maintenance of the facility.

Next was the idea that the executives would discuss and come up with a new project to be undertaken by the association.

SICK BAY:

Edith and Major were given the opportunity to share with the members how the sick bay inauguration went. Major and Edith indicated what was captured in the previous minutes covered their observations if she has more to share than what he presented to the executive in the executive meeting. And she said by reading the minutes, he did say everything.

Executive asked for any copies of the speeches made during the inauguration. Major indicated the former headmaster's speech was not recorded.

Ben Awuah will send the link of the photos of the inauguration to members when they become available.

Major said after the inauguration he spoke to the headmaster and he found out that the student population is now 2,400 and they still using the same toilet facilities when the school was established.

It was also indicated that a TV set in the consulting room of the sick bay would be appreciated.

Major said he has the master copy of the video of the inauguration, he will mail copy to the president.

FINANCES

The President indicated the financial secretary was unavailable for the meeting but that there had been no changes in our finances as of our last meeting in August.

NEW PROJECT;

An open discussion, on how to help the school next was held. Suggested ideas include:

1. Improve sanitation, both Boys and girls dorm entries

2. Kitchen needs improvement
3. Call the school to check what their plans are;
4. Improve the Assemble hall
5. Establish Scholarship fund to honor outstanding students each year

It was suggested that, we should contact the school to know their priorities

The President said that we contacted the school and they are interested in having the toilet facilities and lockers improved.

The sanitation situation in the school requires a comprehensive review and a needed solution found including helping out as we can.

Members started discussing about the KVIP project for the girls dormitory.

It was suggested that we should ask the school if they have started that project and if they need help.

Major also suggested that we should buy one for them, because the school doesn't need only one.

Mr. President suggested that we should do some voluntary contribution to top our finances, so that we can afford to buy the KVIP.

REUNION

Mr. President said, Maryland was great but we are planning to go to Texas, coming May, 2016 for our next reunion. He then said some members think when we should concentrate on holding our reunion meeting along the east coast corridor in order to maintain active and more member participation. For now Houston, Texas is the tentative venue and we would hold further discussions and make the final decision in due course.

Robert Henking, indicated what Edna had previously expressed concern about, that hosting it in Houston was not a problem, just that the attendance might not be satisfactory.

It was suggested that we should also take into consideration the weather in Houston around that time of the year. Also most members live in the north east coast. So we should think about the North east.

Upon a suggestion a quick tentative vote of all present was undertaken to see who would want to have the 2016 reunion in Houston. It came out that the majority wanted us to go to Houston for the 2016 reunion but the vote was non-binding.

OTHER BUSINESS

Membership drive

The President, asked for suggestions about how to clean the membership data base to get the best way to correspond to members.

It was suggested that the best way to share our record was by- Name, address, phone numbers and what else? At the moment he had a record of 121 active members but their information needed to be updated.

It was suggested that e-mail can also be a good communication tool, since everyone's information is now open book through the website.

The President concluded that we should try and bring all mpanyinfo in U.S. to join the group Janet Ampadu, moved the meeting to adjourned, and Samuel Quaye seconded.

The president adjourned the meeting and schedule the next general meeting on the 18th October 2015