

**OPASS Old Students Association of North America
Executive Meeting, held Sunday October 5, 2014**

In Attendance:

- Robert Ampaw Henking
- Edna Takyi
- Johnnie Amenyah
- Charles Appiah
- Major Twum
- Edith Abbew
- Ben Awuah
- Doris Awuah
- Jane Ampadu
- Danso Okoampah
- Sam Quaye
- Elsie Abu
- Gina Abu
- Okoampah Danso
- Janet Bredu
- Derrick Amakye
- Gifty Ofori
- Positive Sowarnii

Agenda

1. opening prayer
2. previous minutes
3. mail / correspondence
4. account balance / updates
5. sick bay update
6. administrative changes at Opass
7. 2015 reunion
8. 2015 elections
9. sports equipment update
10. open forum / ideas / comments

Apologies:

Vida Somuah called to say she is on night duty this evening and sends apologies

Meeting started at 9:15 with a prayer by Mr. President

Mail/Correspondence

No mail received.

Account Balance

Current account balance is \$5,495.62. The treasurer is not online yet and we will get updates from him later.

Sick Bay Updates

Castro returned from Ghana yesterday. Doors and Windows have been completed. Next is the fixtures and electricity connection and we will get more details later

2015 Reunion

Next Year will be our 10th Anniversary. Memorial Day weekend, May23/24th 2015
Memorial Day is May 25th

Proposed Location: Maryland. We are waiting for updates. Sam Quaye updated the group that one location is secured as shared by Vida the last time. The location is Takoma Park

It will also be our 10th Anniversary as an association here in North America

Election of Officers: President and Vice President positions will be up for new elections. President and Vice cannot run again. Other Executive positions will be eligible to re-election

President updated that we would love to hold the election before the Reunion, at which we will the install the new leaders. Additional information will be passed on later

All are encouraged to sensitize members to come to the reunion. Members are encouraged to attend.

OPASS Updates

A new headmaster has assumed post.

A concern has been raised about what came up at the meeting that was held recently in Accra to reactivate the Old Students Association in Ghana. It was announced at the said meeting that the sick bay is being constructed by the 1979 group. President updated on previous efforts to clear the air on who is actually sponsoring the construction of the Sick Bay.

A member suggested that we send a formal letter from the North America Alumni Association is the sponsoring body.

A member thought we should not make this a big deal and that when we complete the project, the plaque we will install at the sick bay will set the record straight.

Another member suggested that we work with Nana Agyeman, our project manager who is overseeing the work and is also a member of the 1979 group to jointly communicate to the Headmaster and other parties to correct the error and set the records straight.

Donation of sports equipment

An update was provided effort to donate sports equipment to OPASS in response to a request that had come from the Sports Master in OPASS. An update was made on the progress to date on the effort. As per updates shared through e-mails, the supplies from EPIC sports were not of acceptable quality, and even though the soccer cleats and Goalie gloves have been returned, at a UPS charge of 41.10. Some more items will also need to be returned. Mostly wrong sizes and poor quality. There might be some more charges due for the restocking charges on the returned goods. To date the items purchased cost us \$1620.09 and there was a shipping charge of \$84.11, bringing it to a total of \$1704.20

Plus shipping will be \$2184.20

We have exceeded our budget by 184.20 which Major has promised to take care of.

A.O.B

A member asked for clarifications of the term of office and elections in the association. It was clarified that officers can serve a maximum of two terms of two year durations in the same position. This makes for a total of 4 years in the same executive position after which the member is eligible for election into other positions but not the same position.

Nominations should be put forward before the meeting.

The Registration of the association as a Non-Profit was raised again and members agreed that we should reactivate the effort after we complete the Sick Bay Project.

A general meeting will be held on Sunday 26 October, 2014.

Janet Bredu moved for closure of the meeting and was seconded by Sam Quaye.

The meeting ended at 10:35