



Kono District Development Association

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MINUTES OF KDDA GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 22ND NOVEMBER 2014

VENUE: Actra Tenant Hall
375 Old Kent Road
London SE1 5JQ

Nearest bus routes: 21, 53, 63, 78, 168, 172, 368, & 453

AGENDA

1. Prayers 5 minutes
2. Introductions 5 minutes
3. Address by the KDDA Chairman 10 minutes
4. KDDA Ebola Emergency Shipment to Kono District 10 minutes
5. KDDA Dinner/Dance on 4th April 2015 20 minutes
6. Language and Cultural Classes 10 minutes
7. A.O.B 15 minutes

PRAYER & INTRODUCTIONS

The opening prayer was delivered by Miss Sia Komba at 18:55 hours. This was followed by self introduction by each person present.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba welcomed the audience to the meeting and informed everyone that a joint press release published on 10th November was necessary for our voice to be heard. He stressed that the cooperation with our sister organisation in the United States is very important and that we hope to undertake projects together in future. He confirmed that the Ebola Emergency Package was now en route to Kono District after few challenges.

The Chairman appealed to members to pay their monthly contributions and to donate books for the Library Project in Kono District. He also reminded members that the cultural classes are ongoing and looking forward to more students.

He wished all a happy Christmas holiday and invited all to a Christmas celebration party at his residence.

In response to his address, Mrs. Sia Evelyn Nyandemo suggested we consider having a storage facility for items. More consultation to be done on this issue.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL CLASSES

The Coordinator of the Language and Cultural Classes Miss Sia Komba stated that she is amazed at the progress and appealed for the moral and financial support from members to advance the project. She affirmed that she is seeking cooperation from all quarters and stated that she is ready to welcome constructive criticisms.

KDDA EBOLA EMERGENCY SHIPMENT TO KONO DISTRICT

The KDDA Social, Event and Publicity Officer Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh stated that the items were on way to Koidu City but due to mechanical breakdown on the terrible Kono

road, there will be some delay. He confirmed that Chief Paul Saquee and Mayor Saa Emerson Lamina were in touch to receive the items in Koidu City. He maintained despite few challenges, he hoped lessons will be learnt from the trip. He reiterated that there will be items for all the chiefdoms in Kono District.

KDDA DINNER AND DANCE

Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh confirmed the date as 4th April 2015. He stated there are plans to invite our sister organisation in USA, the Kono Union. Various venues including Hilton Hotel chain group are to be considered. Mrs. Sia Evelyn Nyandemo offered to contact a venue and details to be forwarded to Mr. Tondoneh. Ticket costs to be determined later.

A.O.B

It was decided to contact the Vice Chairman Pastor Light Kongormanyi, if necessary, to assist with KDDA programs while in Sierra Leone. Mr. Saa Otto Fasuluku informed the audience of a pending Ebola Conference in London on 29th November 2014. Mr. Fasuluku urged KDDA to be represented as the Conference aims to bring all Diaspora associations together in tackling the Ebola virus disease and also addressing human rights issues. Mr. Tondoneh, Pastor Gloria Kongormanyi and Mr. Aiah Sodengbe consented to attend the Conference. Mr. Fasuluku also reminded all t

o participate in the online Kono survey which is very important. Mr. Dingiswayo Nyandemo stated that the Kono Global Conference will definitely go ahead in the near future.

£18.00 was donated by members towards hall hire, £50.00 was collected for monthly contributions and £20.00 collected for membership registration. A total of £88.00 was handed over to the KDDA Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Elizabeth Nganga Tondoneh for safe keeping.

Eighteen (18) people were in attendance.

At 20:21 hours, Mr. Ahmadu Bah moved that the meeting be closed. This was seconded by Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh. The closing prayer was delivered by Pastor Gloria Kongormanyi.

I thank you for your attention.



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