



Kono District Development Association UK

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MINUTES OF KDDA GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 30/01/2016

The meeting started with an opening Prayer by Pastor Juliet Samura at 18:48 hours. The agenda was amended to include introduction which followed after the opening prayer. The minutes of the General Meeting held on 12th December 2015 was circulated and read by the Secretary Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe. In the absence of any matters arising from the minutes, Mr. Dingiswayo Nyandemo moved that the minutes be accepted. This motion was seconded by Mr. Samuel Foryoh

The KDDA Chairman welcomed all at the meeting and informed members about the death of a KDDA elder Mr. Nuru Deen. He expressed sympathy to his family and reminded all about the vital role he played to the lives of many Sierra Leoneans as a Teacher for many years. He informed the audience that the organisation has decided to organise a memorial service in memory of the late Hon. A.B. Torto, who did so much for KDDA. The Chairman also confirmed that Mr. Dingiswayo Nyandemo has been appointed as Chairman for the Kono Conference Committee in United Kingdom. He appealed to members to pay up their monthly dues as money was needed to fund our pending projects. These include the Library and Mortuary projects in Kono District, Sierra Leone. He urged "all members to put Kono first on their agenda and work hard towards our goals no matter who is heading the organisation".

The Chairman of the Kono Conference Committee, Mr. Dingiswayo Nyandemo, gave a brief background on what has been done previously and the urgent need for it. He emphasised that planning the future of Kono district was paramount. He stated that earlier arrangements were suspended due to the Ebola virus disease outbreak in Sierra Leone. Mr. Nyandemo confirmed that various committees will be formed to accommodate all those willing to assist. The temporary date of the conference was stated as 17th & 18th June 2016.

Concerns were expressed about the dates coinciding with the Muslim month of Ramadan, and various options were to be reviewed. The budgeting and venue details to be researched.

The KDDA Secretary informed the meeting that the association has already provided an initial opening budget of £150.00 towards the Hon. A.B. Torto memorial service and urged members to support the Committee who have already started preparation for a successful venture. Miss Mary Sumana, a

member of the organising committee, stated that there were plans for a finger menu buffet with an estimated cost of £300.00 and that further discussion on the venue, activities, and date for the service will be communicated to members and friends of KDDA later. She appealed for financial support and confirmed that cash will be needed for it to come to fruition. Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe pledged three cartoons of soft drinks for the service.

Mr. A.B Tondoneh informed the meeting that the social department intends to incorporate the next social event with the Kono Conference venture but details were yet to be finalised. Updates to follow after confirmation.

Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe gave an update on the litigation against OCTEA mining in Sierra Leone. He told the meeting that the company has been sued by Mayor Saa Emerson Lamina, of Koidu New Sembehun City Council , for failing in their corporate responsibilities. Mayor Lamina appealed for financial assistance to augment the legal team, who are acting on pro bono basis.

Members were urged to assist with a minimum of £10.00 voluntary contribution. The following contributions were made:

Mr. & Mrs. Ngegba £20

Mr. & Mrs. Nyandemo £20

Mr. A.Sodengbe £10

Mr. S. Kabba £10

Pastor J.Samura £20 (Pledge)

Mr. & Mrs. Tondoneh £20

Mr. A. Bah £10

Mr. David Moiforay £10 (Pledge)

Mr. & Mrs. Mafinda £20

It was agreed to create a KDDA UK WhatsApp group to improve communication.

Under any other business, Mr. Samuel Foryoh suggested a skype meeting be explored in future. Miss Petma Sam was congratulated for graduating with a BSc Honours in Graphic Designs. The Chairman was also urged to introduce a standard bereavement policy for the association due to few concerns.

The following subscriptions were collected; Dr. Kai Ngegba £10, Mrs. Finda Ngegba £10, Mr.Aiah Yornie Sodengbe £10, Mr. Sahr Fasuluku £10, Mrs. Dian Fasuluku £10, and Mr. Tamba Opas Jimmy-Kay £10. £21 was collected as voluntary contribution towards hall hire. A total cash of £111.00 was collected and retained by the KDDA UK Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Elizabeth Tondoneh. £90 was paid for Hall Hire for a period of three hours.

Mr. T.D.Sam Sumana moved that the meeting be closed. This motion was seconded by Mr. David Moiforay. The closing prayer was led by Miss Mary Sumana at 20:55 hours.

There were twenty six (22) people in attendance.

Thanks for your attention.



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