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MINUTES OF KONO DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (KDDA) GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2010

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

AGENDA

1. Prayers.
2. Introductions.
3. Minutes of last general meeting.
4. Chairman's opening speech by Dr. Kai Ngegba.
5. Annual Dance/Party by Mr. Aiah Bondowah Tondoneh.
6. A. O. B

The meeting started with a prayer by Mrs. Sia Evelyn Nyandemo at 1802 hours. This was followed by self introductions by each member present.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of our general meeting on 30th October 2010 were distributed and read by the Interim Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe. Mr. Tamba Gborie observed that the list of paid up members be included in minutes. The Interim Secretary General responded by informing the audience that the issue would be discussed with the Interim Financial Secretary for future updates. On matters arising from the minutes Mr. Sahr Stephen Kabba informed the house that Mr. Augustine Tutu had informed him that the two hundred pounds legal fund plus some cash from the Kono Community would be handed over to KDDA. Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh also confirmed that Mr. Augustine Tutu told him that he would attend the meeting. Mr. Sahr Stephen Kabba also requested for update on the KDDA bank statement covering the period October 2002 to October 2010. The Interim Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba informed members that the statement would be carefully examined by a selected and approved team. Mr. Kpanga Bona admonished the house to ensure that people with financial background be involved. Mr. Kpanga Bona and Mrs. Agnes Macauley however preferred not to be selected to look into the KDDA finances due to personal reasons. Mrs. Sia Evelyn Nyandemo cautioned members to be patient and the job should be done by committed people. At this point Mr. David Dingiswayo Nyandemo volunteered to be a member of the investigating team. This was well received by members. Mr. Tamba Gborie nominated Mr. Septimus

Lebbie to be one of the investigating team. The Chairman then informed the audience that the structure and terms of reference would be sorted as soon as possible. In the absence of any other matters arising from the minutes, Mr. David Dingiswayo Nyandemo moved that the minutes be accepted by the house. This was seconded by Mrs. Yei James Wiafi.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING SPEECH BY DR. KAI NGEGBA

The Interim Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and emphasized the need to maintain our principle of oneness and excellent team work. He expressed special thanks to Mr. Sahr Stephen Kabba for helping to secure the hall for the KDDA fund raising dance on 08th January 2011. He confirmed that a deposit of two hundred pounds has been paid for the hall from our pockets and the remaining balance of six hundred and fifty pounds to be paid on the day of the dance. He also informed members that tickets for the dance have been printed by the Interim Social Secretary Mr. Aiah Bondowah Tondoneh.

The Interim Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba also gave a synopsis of the case: KDDA Vs Tamba Opel Pessima Sam Sumana.

Dr. Kai Ngegba reminded members that during our general meeting on 30th October 2010, members contributed to a legal fund to enable KDDA to seek an Injunction Order against Mr. Tamba Opel Pessima Sam Sumana for not complying with the norms of civil liberty. He updated members with the Court date for the case at the Lambeth County Court schedule for 0900 hours on 07th January 2011. All members were invited to the hearing.

Dr. Ngegba also thanked our Interim Deputy Chairlady Pastor Juliet Samura for donating one hundred pounds to KDDA on behalf of her church, The Eagle Christian Ministry. Our first thanksgiving service was held at her church. The Interim Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba expressed sympathy to the relatives of Mrs. Sia Evelyn Musuyama Sonda, Mr. Emanuel Sam and father of Rev. Moses Kamanda. All passed away recently. May their souls rest in peace. At this point Mrs. Agnes Macauley informed members that she lost her cousin Mr. Komba Bangura in Sierra Leone and also thanked the Interim team for seeking an injunction order against Mr. Tamba Opel Pessima Sam Sumana. Mr. Kpanga Bona also thanked the team for the court action and urged members to turn up in numbers at the court hearing. In response, Dr. Kai Ngegba expressed our sympathy to Mrs. Agnes Macauley and thanked members for the audience

ANNUAL DANCE/PARTY BY MR. AIAH BONDOWAH TONDONEH

The Interim Social Secretary Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh informed members that tickets have been printed and priced as follows;

Children's ticketTen Pounds
Adult Ticket.....Fifteen Pounds
Patron's Ticket.....Fifty Pounds
Chief Patron's Ticket.....One hundred Pounds
Grand Chief Patron by donation.

He also informed members that three members were offering their musical set for the annual fund raising dance and the final decision would be made in due course. The members were Mr. Ibrahim, Mr. Jimmy-Kay, and Mr. Lungay.

Mr. Kpanga Bona suggested that we broaden our base and link up with other charity organizations like Christian aid, Methodist church, BRAC and world vision. He also suggested that the dance must have a theme; possibly to resuscitate the rundown Koidu Government Hospital. In support of that, Mrs. Patricia Bondu Saffa suggested a ten minutes video of the hospital would be ideal for the occasion. Mr. Tondoneh informed members of his

intension to invite dignitaries including His Excellency President Dr. Ernest Koroma and the first lady Mrs. Sia Nyama Koroma, the Vice President Chief Alhaji Sam Sumana, the staff of Sierra Leone High commission in London, and former Chairmen of KDDA. This was debated and most members gave their consent to the invitations. Mr. David Dingiswayo Nyandemo cautioned members to ensure that the function was decent and well planned. A catering team was then formed consisting of the following members;

1. Mrs. Patricia Bondu Saffa
2. Mrs. Yei J. Wiafi
3. Mrs. Elizabeth Nganga Tondoneh
4. Mrs. Christiana Sodengbe

Mrs. Sia Evelyn Nyandemo suggested a raffle draw be conducted at the dance. There was a general approval for the idea. The Interim Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba reminded members that funds would be needed to pursue the projects. Mrs. Agnes Macauley volunteered to buy the raffle tickets. This was commended by members. The interim Financial Secretary Mrs. Patricia Bondu Saffa volunteered to loan KDDA at least two thousand pounds to organize the dance as the association was financially incapable to sponsor the project. She was commended by members for her generosity.

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The Interim Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe reminded members that details of the fund raising dance would be advertised on the KDDA website www.kdda.co.uk. The Interim Financial Secretary Mrs. Patricia Bondu Saffa informed the audience that current activities of Koidu Holdings Limited in Kono District were dehumanizing our people. She stated that people have been dispersed from their land and properties at an alarming rate, houses damaged with no proper arrangements in placed. The company has continued their activities with no regard for the welfare of inhabitants. Mr. David Moiforay urged members to unite and confront this issue, being a serious matter. The Interim Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe was then mandated to communicate with the Chiefs and interested parties expressing our concerns and requesting thorough update of the situation. There were fifteen people in attendance. The meeting was concluded with a closing prayer by Mrs. Agnes Macauley at 2059 hours.

Thanks for your attention.



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