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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER 2013

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

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AGENDA

1. Prayers 5 minutes
2. Introductions 5 minutes
3. Minutes and matters arising from the minutes of the KDDA General Meeting held on 21st September 2013 5 minutes
4. Address by the KDDA Chairman – Dr. Kai Ngegba 15 minutes
5. KDDA Financial Report by the Financial Secretary – Mrs. Patricia Bondu Saffa 30 minutes
6. Membership and annual contributions 15 minutes
7. KDDA Annual Dance by the Social Secretary – Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh 20 minutes
8. KDDA future projects 10 minutes
9. A.O.B 15 minutes

PRAYERS & MINUTES

The meeting commenced with a muslim prayer by Mr. Amadu Sulaiman Bah at 18:37 hours. This was followed by the Christian prayer led by Mr. Tamba Gborie. There was self introduction by each member at the meeting. The printed minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday 21st September 2013 were distributed and read by the Secretary General.

On matters arising from the minutes, Mr. Kai Kpakima opined that the earlier shipment of medication and medical equipment to Koidu Government Hospital by Mrs. Patricia Bondu Saffa, before the KDDA container shipment to kono district, be recorded as one of

the achievements of the executive. This was agreed by members. In response to a question by Mr. Salieu Jalloh regarding membership, the Secretary General confirmed that it was now possible to apply for KDDA membership via the KDDA website. Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh suggested the KDDA bank details be readily available on our minutes for easy access to members, and this was agreed. In the absence of any other issues arising from the minutes, Mrs. Dian Fasuluku moved that the minutes be accepted and was seconded by Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh.

ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The KDDA Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba welcomed all to the meeting, and reiterated that the purpose of the meeting was to enhance development in Kono District and Sierra Leone in general. He reminded the audience that the executive have been given a new mandate to increase the active membership of KDDA. He emphasised that the executive is working tirelessly to achieve our goals. He further stated that such responsibilities can only be achieved by the concerted effort of the membership.

He informed all that the next project of the organisation is to embark on improving the existing library in Kono district, by assisting with books and other library essentials.

In his effort to tackle rocketing hall hire cost, he proposed a one pound payment by each adult attending a General meeting, which is subject to membership approval.

He told members that KDDA had been advocating for a global conference to create a forum for the development of Kono district.

He stated *“We have set the pace and therefore good thinking people are following”*. He stressed the need for the London conference and that KDDA will play a major role.

The Chairman also proposed that the annual KDDA Dance be shifted from January to March due to economic and weather conditions, subject to the approval of the membership.

He appealed to members to support the Kono language and cultural classes which is important to both the Diaspora community and Sierra Leone. He closed his remarks with an appeal for unity amongst the membership.

The Secretary General then thanked the Chairman for his detailed address and asked the audience whether to discuss the content of the address immediately. Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoned suggested the discussion be deferred to AOB, which was agreed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Secretary Mrs. Patricia Bondu Saffa thanked all those who contributed in various ways to the shipment of the KDDA container of medical equipment to Kono district, in Sierra Leone. She described the task as herculean and informed the audience that all the items were delivered safely in a colourful ceremony.

The Financial Report covered the period 20th March 2013 to 20th September 2013. She read the detailed break down of the income and expenditure for each month within the stated period. This included pledges, membership subscription and other ventures. The total income for the stated period was three thousand one hundred and fifteen pounds and nineteen pence. The total expenditure was two thousand two hundred and forty three pounds and the closing balance recorded as eight hundred and seventy two pounds and nineteen pence (872.19).

After the report, Mrs. Dian Fasuluku and Mr. Sahr Steven Kabba both observed that it would be prudent for names of payees to be reflected in the report. The Financial Secretary informed the audience that her report was professionally prepared and confirmed that payee transactions are clearly shown on the bank statement but not in her report. She provided bank statements which verified the record. In the absence of any other issues, Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh moved that the Financial Report be accepted. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Mariam Mafinda.

MEMBERSHIP AND ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Financial Secretary appealed to members to update their contributions as funds are vital for the operations of KDDA. Payments can be made via the KDDA Barcklays Bank account or in person to the Financial Secretary. She confirmed that Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh was the only fully paid up member.

KDDA ANNUAL DANCE

The Social Secretary Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh suggested two dates for the KDDA Annual Dance; early January 2014 or late March 2014. After thorough deliberation, Saturday 29th March 2014 was confirmed as the agreed date.

KDDA FUTURE PROJECTS

The Chairman confirmed that KDDA will be embarking on a Library project to make impact on the intellectual development of our people. Enquiries on this project are ongoing and suggestions are welcome. Mr. David Dingiswayo Nyandemo suggested a storage facility was essential and that the executive should look into the viability.

A.O.B

The Secretary General gave a brief synopsis on the ongoing formation of the Kono District Global Organisation. He informed the audience that an interim team has been formed and currently discussing modalities as to the eventual formation of the organisation. He introduced the Chairman of the London Conference Mr. David Dingiswayo Nyandemo. Mr. Nyandemo told members that plans are ongoing to have a conference of Kono people in the Diaspora to discuss the way forward. In his opinion, KDDA must play a key role in this process.

Fifteen pounds was collected towards the cost of hall hire.

Mrs. Rosaline Kanu raised her concerns on the postage of letters to members, and was assured the issue will be reviewed.

At 21:03 hours, Mr. Sahr Steven Kabba moved that the meeting be adjourned. This motion was seconded by Mr. David Dingiswayo Nyandemo.

There were nineteen (19) people in attendance.

Thanks for your attention.



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