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MINUTES OF KDDA GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 28TH JUNE 2014

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 General Meeting held on Saturday 24th May 2014
5 minutes
4. Chairman's address by Dr. Kai Ngegba 5 minutes
5. KDDA Eastbourne outing on 26th July 2014 by the Social Secretary Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh 20 minutes
6. Update on the London Conference by Mr. David Dingiswayo Nyandemo 10 minutes
7. KDDA Elections and Annual contributions 5 minutes
8. A.O.B 15 minutes

PRAYER & MINUTES

The opening prayer was delivered by Pastor Gloria Lebbie at 18:50 hours. This was followed by self introduction by each person present. Printed minutes were distributed earlier and read by the Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe. On matters arising from the minutes, Pastor Light Kongormanyi suggested that simple words be used in our communication and was assured his concerns are noted. In the absence of any other matter, Mr. David Dingiswayo Nyandemo moved that the minutes be adopted. This motion was seconded by Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba welcomed the audience and cautioned all to focus on the future of the organisation. He urged all members to refrain from activities that will tarnish the good image of KDDA and that high reputation must be maintained at all times. He also told members to be mindful of the fact that leadership is a substance from above and no one man stays on top forever. Dr. Ngegba also emphasised the importance of the London Conference, and pleaded to all to support the project as it will put Kono District on the

world stage. He also urged members to attend the seaside outing with their children, being a family friendly event.

In response to the Chairman's address, Mr. Sahr Otto Fasuluku asked how many Konos were in the United Kingdom and whether apathy has been explored? Dr. Ngegba responded by stating that KDDA is in touch with people who are reachable. He reminded all to ensure their contact details with the organisation are current to enhance ease of communication. Mr. David Dingiswayo Nyandemo then opined that quality representation is what matters and stated that the current executive is moving the organisation forward. The Secretary General then invited suggestions and comments from members in a bid to address challenging issues facing KDDA. These comments should be directed to the KDDA Secretariat or the website which can be accessed freely. The website address is : www.kdda.co.uk

KDDA EASTBOURNE OUTING

The Social Secretary expressed apologies to our Muslim colleagues for undertaking the function during the month of Ramadan and stated that such ventures will be reviewed in future. He confirmed that two coaches have been booked for the Eastbourne outing on Saturday 26th July 2014. The coaches were to be boarded at two points; Elephant and Castle station and Kilburn Park Station. The coach at Elephant and Castle station will accommodate 57 people and the other coach 53 people. He informed the audience that out of a total cost of £1435.00 for the two coaches, £400.00 has been deposited. The fare for the trip was agreed at a flat rate of £20.00 per seat.

THE LONDON CONFERENCE

The Chairman of the London Conference Mr. David Dingiswayo Nyandemo stated that preparation for this important event was ongoing and that funding was required for the success of the Conference. He appealed to members to pay their £50 voluntary contribution as agreed in our previous meetings. This appeal was buttressed by the KDDA Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba. Sponsorship letters were distributed to all present at the meeting. The main aim of the London Conference was to deliberate together with all stakeholders in shaping the future of Kono District in eastern Sierra Leone.

KDDA ELECTIONS & ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The KDDA Election date was confirmed as Saturday 16th August 2014. Members urged to update their registration and pay their monthly contributions of £10 pounds as it will be a requirement for qualified voters.

The KDDA Chairman invited the auditors to carry out their duties as the Financial Report was ready for auditing. At this point, Pastor Light Kongomanyi confirmed that he can no longer act as auditor because of conflict of interest, and also stated that he had verbally resigned his post in the past.

A.O.B

The KDDA Secretary General announced the death of Mrs. Gladys Boahene's husband, Mr. Frank Boahene RIP, and expressed our sincere apologies to the family. The KDDA Financial Secretary Mrs. Patricia Bondu Saffa stated she was ready to present her financial report but was not happy that it was not included on the agenda. This issue was also echoed by Pastor

Light Kongomanyi. The Secretary General confirmed that the Financial report is the collective responsibility of the Executive and will be delivered at the next General Meeting. Mr. Sahr Otto Fasuluku suggested we help towards the Ebola crisis in Sierra Leone. He stated that, disposable gloves and thermometers as highlighted by Professor Gbakima, would be helpful. It was agreed that further enquiries must be conducted to guide the association forward.

A total of £23 pounds was collected as voluntary contribution towards the hall hire.

The following monthly contributions were collected;

Mrs. Mariama Mafinda £10

Dr. Kai Ngegbe £10

Mrs. Finda Ngegbe £10

Mr. David Dingiswayo Nyandemo £10

Mrs. Sia Evelyn Nyandemo £10

Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe £20

Mrs. Elizabeth Nganga Tondoneh £20

A total sum of £90 pounds was collected towards monthly membership contributions.

The closing prayer was led by Pastor Light Kongomanyi at 21:13 hours.

There were twenty nine (29) people in attendance.

Thanks for your attention.



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