

B. W. HARRIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
July 3rd 2004
Charlotte, North Carolina

ATTENDEES

Erma Brown
Tara Rainsbury
Roselyn Sims
Wilhelmina Aniteye
Gail Farngalo
M. Deconte Brumskine Ricks
Pierre S. King
Cyril Jones
Enenezer Sowah
Patricia Gibson
Angeline Bishop-Oshoko
Felecia Wordworth
Gifty Smith
Juliana Cole
Gail Davis-Cisco
Betty Glover
Mary Gabbidon-Sowah
Mohammedu F. Jones
Thelma Collins
Matilda K. Goodly
J. Alvin Goodridge
Ciatta Diggs
H. Kwaku Addy
M. Nagbo Ricks
Eudora Gardiner
Comfort Conneh
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Ms. Wilhelmina Aniteye at 2:45 P.M. and opening prayer was led by the Chaplain Tara Rainsbury. The minutes from the last Board meeting held in Charlotte, NC on May 15, 2004 was read and opened for discussion by Mr. Mohammedu Jones and seconded by Roselyn Sims. (See minutes attached).

The Annual Report was presented by the Chairperson. It was discussed with some changes, acknowledgements, some recommendations approved and others postponed for further discussion.

Item 1- PROPOSED ADMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION:

Several proposed amendments to the constitution were presented to the body for discussion. They were accepted for onward submission to the constitution committee.

ISSUES FROM ANNUAL REPORT:

Chapter dues were raised from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 to cover the high cost of inflation.

An amount of two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) was sent to help repair the roof of the school that had been destroyed. A total amount of \$4000.00 has been earmarked for the school.

A part payment of \$500.00 was dispersed toward the principal's salary.

The computer lab has been destroyed. Fifteen computers and ten monitors were delivered from Connecticut to rehabilitate the lab. These computers and monitors were delivered to Kollie Macabe and Budu Shannon by Mr. John Natt. The computers are currently being programmed for shipment.

A lab top computer was also purchased for the association.

Nester Duncan contributed 12 boxes of teachers' workbooks and textbooks for elementary classes that are awaiting shipment. Thanks and appreciation were given to Delvin Walker, Nester Duncan and Roselyn Sims for providing storage.

Item 2 – Benevolence Committee

- A. This committee's charge is to support members in times of need and strengthen our union. The Caring Bag Project was launched under the auspices of this committee, and a total of \$775.00 was raised. Unfortunately, the first proposed recipient declined the offer. A set of guidelines is being reviewed for administration of the fund.
- B. Membership committee –The "Leave no Spartan behind" campaign had been launched to drive membership –Thus far a Complete data of 300 Spartans have been collected and all Spartans in established chapters are urged to register with their respective chapters.
- C. Chapter Reactivation – Detroit, Rhode Island, Texas, Minneapolis and Ohio are the hopeful chapters to be fully functionally by March 2005.
- D. The Capital Campaign – Led by Mydea Reeves-Karpeh, who wasn't present to give a report.

It was recommended that a constitution revision committee be appointed by the chairperson. The committee specific goal is to write descriptions and responsibilities for officers. The Chairperson informed that there is already a committee with this responsibility and all recommendations will be forwarded to them.

The Washington D.C. Metro chapter was the only one that presented written recommendations. (See reference sheet)

Proposed goals for 2004/2005

- 1) Repair of school roof.
- 2) Rehabilitate the computer lab.
- 3) Reactive membership drive.
- 4) Establish relationship with Episcopal High Schools

- 5) Chapter accepting convention must have at least one half of the cost in its account by a deadline.

Financial Report

The Chairperson informed the body that due to circumstances beyond our control the financial report was not ready for presentation at this time. However it will be delivered within the next two months.

Next Two Years Convention Venue

It was agreed that Convention 06 will go to Minnesota Chapter and Convention 07 will tentatively go to DC Metro Chapter and if Detroit Chapter can get organized and show themselves capable of hosting convention, then they will take Convention 07. Comfort Conneh and Kwaku Addy were charged with the responsibility to communicate this with their respective chapter members and report back to National.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The chaplain gave a closing prayer Chapters represented were, metro DC, North Carolina, Georgia, NY, NJ, CT, RT, with 12 members present.

Respectfully Submitted

Erma R. Brown, Georgia Chapter Representative
Acting National Secretary