

**BWHAA-USA Executive Board Meeting
Georgia Chapter
Lawrenceville, GA
October 17, 2009**

ATTENDIES:

Chairman: Handel Diggs
1st. Vice Chairman: Eugenia Jelani
2ed vice Chair: Darren Wilkins
Treasurer: Stephen Taylor
Gudrun Harris (Tri State)
David Moore (Tri State)
Charles Johnson (RI)
Comfort Kenneh (Mid West)
Bendu Hansford (Metro)
Joseph Walker (Metro)
Gail Farngalo (GA)
Wilhelmina Wilson (GA)
Rosie Kennedy (GA)
Jestina Phillips (GA)
Jared Brandy (GA)

Chairman Diggs convened the meeting at 11:41AM EST and sought a motion to have the agenda adopted as the working tool for the meeting. The motion was made by Miss Gudrun Harris (President Tri State) and seconded by Ms. Wilhelmina Wilson to adopt agenda.

Opening Remarks by Chairman Diggs who apologize for the lateness of the meeting and the absence of other Officers and board members.

Wilhelmina Wilson led those present in prayers in the absence of the National Chaplain.

Gail Farngalo, President of Georgia Chapter welcomed the board members to Atlanta, Georgia. At the request of Treasurer, Stephen Taylor, she introduced her officers who were present at the meeting.

Reports:

- a. **Minutes:** The chairman, Handel Diggs asked for a motion to bypass the minutes. Motion was made by Bendu Hansford (BM, Metro chapter) to bypass the minutes and Charles Johnson (President, RI chapter) seconded.

- b. **Convention 2009:** Chairman Diggs asked for a motion to set aside Financial 2009 report since the Financial Secretary Mrs. Yvonne Hansford was not present. A motion was made by Charles Johnson and seconded by Wilhelmina Wilson.

- c. **Smart Tech Project Phase II:** 2nd VC, Mr. Darren Wilkins, presented a comprehensive report on the Smart Tech project. He informed the board that upon his return to Monrovia, he would convene a boot camp for teachers that will serve to improve teachers' skills in the areas of differential learning. The Board agreed that the amount of \$15 that was offered to participant of the boot camp be increased to \$20. Gail Farnago suggested that Mr. Wilkins travel to the various chapters to report on the Smart Tech Project and other projects at the school. Wilhelmina suggested that National send a representative from the association to make a yearly visit to the school to check on the various projects.

- d. **Spartan Pride:** 1st VC, Eugenia Jelani, made a pitch for funding of the project. She reiterated the need to call on people that we know, to encourage our members and reach out to classmates. She suggested that Spartan Pride be kept on agendas for every meeting, refer to Spartan Pride on every email and inform members that it is tax- deductible. She ended by thanking the board members for their time and for the sacrifices made for BWHAA.

- e. **Scholarship:** Mrs. Comfort Kenneh presented updates. The scholarship committee was awaiting pertinent information to include transcript, records, report on conduct and a written essay from all scholarship participants. The board recommended that five additional students be added to the scholarship list. It was suggested that we work with the BWHES Board of Trustees to a time frame for a new principal. It will be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

- f. **Convention 2010 Report and budget:** Wilhelmina Wilson presented a detailed budget to the board. Stephen Taylor wondered about increasing the prices on certain items and Miss Wilson said that it was driven by the local market. Miss Harris suggested that the Georgia Chapter be very aggressive with pre – registration. She was then asked by Miss Wilson to assist her chapter. At the conclusion, the board decided that the budget needed to be reworked to reflect the cost of the farewell party. It was agreed that a teleconference would be convened to go over corrections on that part of the budget

g. **Report of the School:** Chairman Diggs informed the board on the increment in attendance at the school. He also broke down the pricing of tuition at the school –

Grades 1st to 5th \$200.00
Grades 6, 7 and 8 – \$250.00
Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 – \$300.00

Chapter Reports:

Tri – State Chapter: President Gudrun Harris announced that the chapter had election and announced projects for 2010.
April 24, 2010 – George D. Brown. Projected income \$5,000.00

Metro Chapter: Bendu Hansford informed the board that Metro was in the process of holding elections and was waiting for the new administration to take over. Metro had no projects to announce at that time.

Georgia Chapter: Wilhelmina Wilson presented a series of fundraisers.

Halloween Event
Valentine Day Event
Food Sale at monthly meetings
Spring County Cook-out

Midwest Chapter: President Comfort Kenneh announced fundraisers.

Feb. 13, 2010 – Valentine Day celebration – \$800.00
March 20, 2010 – Candy Sale – \$250.00
April 2010 – Cultural Event – \$800.00-\$1000.00
May 16, 2010 - Sip - \$800.00

Rhode Island: President Charles Johnson informed the board of his chapter's fundraising plans.

November 20, 2009 – Trip to Foxwood – \$750.00
Sip – December 18, 2009 or Jan. 8, 2010 – Sip –
2 Food sales – December 2009 and May 2010 – \$800.00
Mothers Day annual Awards Dinner

Absent were Presidents or Board members from Minnesota, and Delaware.

Other Business:

Comfort Kenneh received the Chairman's Leadership Award for her chapter meeting its \$1,500.00 assessment.

BM Hansford (Metro chapter) announced that her chapter had asked that an external auditor be hired. After much discussion, the board approved the motion by Mr. Wilkins for external auditing and it was agreed that the auditor be a non- Spartan and have no affiliations with the school. It was agreed that National Finance Team and the Audit Committee will initiate search for and make recommendation to Board.

BM David Moore, (Tri State Chapter) challenged Chapter Presidents to pre-register at least 15 members from their chapters. He also suggested that time spent at board meetings be increased to ensure maximum productivity. That was tabled until the general meeting at convention, in Atlanta, 2010.

Finally, President Farnhalo, (ATL) defended her chapter against the rhetoric by some in the association tending the implication that the Georgia chapter had not furnished the association a complete financial report subsequent to the last convention hosted by the chapter. She requested that the subject be halted and further discussions not tolerated.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.