

**BWHAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER
July 4, 2014
MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice National Chair, Joanna F. Richards, at approximately 1:05 EST; she thanked the leadership for their continuous support to our beloved Alma matter, B. W. Harris.

Opening Prayer:

Prayers were offered by Yuku Stewart, President Texas chapter.

Welcome Remarks: The 2nd National Chairman, Joanna Freeman-Richards expressed thanks to all board members and guest attending on behalf of the national chairman who experienced travelling difficulties due to inclement weather.

Welcome remarks were also made by the North Carolina Chapter President, Richard Wright; Richard welcomed all to the "Queen City", and promised all a magnificent time during their stay in North Carolina.

Adoption of the agenda and reading of the minutes of the October 19, 2013 Board meeting, A motion to accept the meeting's agenda was proposed by Angie Oshoko-Bishop, and seconded by David Moore with the notation of all necessary corrections.

Reading and adoption of the minutes: The minutes were silently read for approximately 10 minutes; due to the prior circulation and revision of the minutes, no correction and or objections were made. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Angie Oshoko-Bishop and seconded by Mona Diggs to have the minutes to form part of the Association's archives.

Briefing of the official visit to B. W. Harris (Due to the inclement weather, National chairlady Gudrun Harris experienced flight difficulties which prevented her from being in attendance at the Board meeting; however her Saturday's presentation which was a part of this agenda was included).

National Chair report on the visit to Liberia

Academic Activities

- ❖ Visited classes where teachers were either late or absent
- ❖ Substituted for teachers ~ students read library books and worked on book reports
- ❖ Visited and participated in every class in the school, with focus on the kindergarten and senior classes
- ❖ Visited a PE class
- ❖ Reading with Kindergarteners
- ❖ Physical education Class
- ❖ Kindergarten Class

Academic Activities

Met with scholarship students and parents; asked parent to participate in their children's education; stressed the need for students to maintain a satisfactory GPA

Parents were educated on the importance of encouraging/reinforcing with their child (ren) the importance of maintaining an acceptable GPA to remain on the BWHESSA-USA's scholarships

During the lengthy meeting with parents, they expressed knowledge about the ongoing assistance provided by the association

Met with teachers and encouraged them to meet their responsibilities as teachers.

Explained the importance of the BWHESAA-USA's incentives program and what we expect from each to receive an incentive award.

Academic Activities

Association barrels arrived with the following

Library books

Science lab

Kindergarten items

Inventory of the ABeka teachers' instructional books purchased by the Association for \$9,000.00

Recognized for purposes of accountability and loss protection, it was necessary to stamp the Association's name on all purchased items (this was done subsequently)

Barrels were received and inventory taken by National chair in collaboration with school staff (all items were stamped accordingly)

Administrative activities

- ❖ Helped to set up science lab
- ❖ Helped to set up library books
- ❖ Helped to set up kindergarten class
- ❖ Helped to set up library books
- ❖ Helped to set up Kindergarten
- ❖ Students in Lab
- ❖ Computer Lab
- ❖ Assessed state of computers, furniture and accessories

Computer Lab

- ❖ A need for new computer and more modern desk and chairs,
- ❖ Appropriate desks, chairs and conference tables were purchased with the consent of Principal Lurleen King-Falla, Mr. Tulay, the Dean of Students
- ❖ Association purchased 10 desks and chairs
- ❖ Gudrun Harris donated 10 desks and chairs

Project 2014/2015

- ❖ Acquire 20 new computers for the school
- ❖ Attended basketball game at YMCA WE LOST!
- ❖ Multiple activities
- ❖ Attended the crowning of Miss B W Harris~ was given the honor to put her sash on and also speak. Attended after school program with Jacob Ndorbor one of the best teachers in B W Harris and, the Dean Mr. Benjamin Tulay, who has a strong view of where he wants to see the students academically.
- ❖ Attended after school Music class with music leader Winter ford Richards (Daughter of Alumna Dorothy Richards-Tolbert), She is a very good musician who works diligently with the children
- ❖ Attended the senior prom night on that Saturday
- ❖ Visited cafeteria ~ not very impressive -is not owned by the school
- ❖ Had snack time with students; purchased sodas, cookies and candies

Infrastructural Assessment

Assessed the entire building, and yes, besides the regular painting and maintenance, there is a huge need for some reconstruction at B. W. Harris School

Question/comments/suggestions

Concerns were raised about Walk-In registration by Spartan Williamson, clarity were made concerning registration deadline of June each convention year. Clarity was also made concerning the additional 15.00 cost

for T-shirts in addition to the \$110.00 for late registration fees totaling \$125.00, this increase was said to be a reflecting of the decision from the October 19, 2013 board meeting held in Charlotte, North Carolina. Inquiries concerning National contributions were made by Henry Williamson; he expressed satisfaction over clarity made concerning his inquires.

Question/comments/suggestions

Angeline suggested that issues within chapters should be addressed at the membership level; David Moore concurred with the mentioned suggestion and informed the Board that said recommendation would be included in his report/presentation.

Gloria Caine expressed concerns about the state of her chapter and requested advice in helping her chapter move forward.

As it relates to the weakening of chapters of convention; Mohamedu stated that there were no correlation between and after convention and the falling apart of chapters. He further articulated that chapters that fall apart have fundamental problems/issues prior to the hosting of convention.

Comfort Cole-Kenneh and Yuku Stewart expressed the need for passion amongst all.

Overall, members expressed commitment and the need for members to be committed to their local chapters, in light of the above, Angeline suggested that chapters bring in honorary members; she also mentioned that members/leaders should think outside the box.

A motion to have the meeting adjourned was made by Mona and 2nded by Handel; closing prayers were offered by Father/Rev. Bobby Washington (visiting member). Meeting was adjourned at 2:36PM

Meeting Attendees:

National Officers

Albertha K. Gillespie
Joanna Freeman-Richards
Meyartha C. Perry
Nee Allison

DC/Metro

Mona Diggs
Angeline Bishop-Oshoko

Minnesota

Henry Byrd Phillips

North Carolina

Rosetta Mayson
Dianalee Elliott
Richard Wright

PennDel

Gloria Stevens-Caine
Candy Boayue
Charles Coleman

Rhode Island

Nadine V. Wilson

Texas

JoeFrank Yuku Stewart

TriState

David Moore

Observers

Comfort Cole-Kenneh

Doris Ernst

Amanda Wright

Wanda Jones

Georgina Briggs

Mary Washington

Terrence Brown

Sei Boayue

Sonia Anderson

Marie George

Charles Hoffman

Mild red Arpan

Ophelia Acolatse

Cecelia Kpor

Comfort Brown

Tayonnoh Roberts-Gray

Mohamedu F Jones

Jered Brandy

Emeritus

Handel K. C. Diggs

Wilhelmina Wilson

Visitor(s)

Bobby Washington

Submitted by: Nee Allison National Secretary