

National Chair's Report 25<sup>th</sup> "Silver Jubilee" Annual Convention Houston, Texas (State of the B. W. Harris Episcopal High School Alumni Association-USA, INC.) July 1, 2017

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## Fiscal and Financial

- Audit has been completed for the 2016 Tri-State
   Convention
- Association's Quarterly Financial Reports are current
- Financial Statements are posted online for convenient access by members
- Transparency and Accountability continue to be cornerstones of our Association

#### Fiscal and Financial

- All Association's purchases are made online with direct payments to purchasers and receipts are provided
- All funds for the school are transferred bank to bank.
- The Association is stronger financially than any point in its history
- The 2017 Silver Jubilee Fund raised over \$8,000.00

### Our Work in Our School

- •Executed Memorandum of Understanding between the Association and the School.
- Funded Teachers' Development Training Program facilitated by "We-Care Foundation"
- Purchased and shipped 360 new auditorium chairs to the school which have arrived

#### Our Work in Our School

• Acquired "Edusmart" science videos for grades 3 – 8.

 Funded Science Teacher Training and Materials for the school

Metro Chapter's Innovative "Projector in Every Classroom."

 Established the position of "Liaison" to assist the Association in Liberia.

## Our Work in Our School: Scholarships

• All students granted scholarships had passing grades – average for the 40 students was 85.4%.

Donations funded more scholarships than the Association's budget

 first time in history.

Tuition for scholarship students have been paid via bank transfer.

 All parents signed a statement acknowledging that their child's tuition was paid by the Association -eliminated fraud and misinformation.



#### Our Work in Our Association

• Initiated regular open "Town Hall Teleconferences" so National Officers could hear the issues and concerns directly from members – first of its kind in Association's history.

Complete Standard Operation Procedures (SOP) regulating the administration of the Association approved.

 Continued the post-Convention survey to assist in improving conventions.

#### Our Work in Our Association

 Proposed upgrade of honorarium for Executive Board members to aid in facilitating attendance as we develop an active and engaged Board - Approved.

• Institued committee sign-up sheets to encourage more participation by members - first time in Association's history.

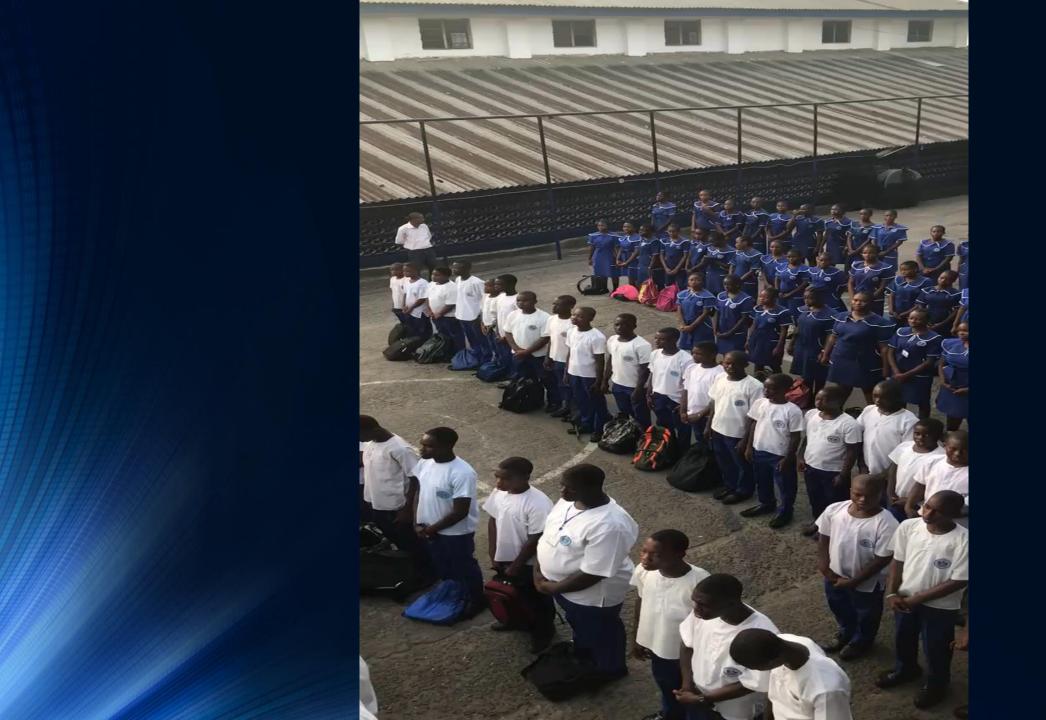
• Enhanced accountability to members of chapters by requiring chapters to report on all fundraising programs within 60 days after the program was held.

## Assessment Fees (2017-2018)

 Chapters that have Paid in full: Metro, Tri-State, PennDel, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Minnesota, Georgia.

 Exempt (Convention Host): Texas is excluded as the 2017 Convention host.

Inactive: Midwest Chapter.



## Thank You Very Much Any Questions/Comments/Suggestions?