

OPASS ALUMNI ASSOC. OF NORTH AMERICA  
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVES & PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING

Sunday, April 25, 2010

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**In Attendance:** Major (rtd) Fred Twum-Acheampong, Ben Awuah, Robert Henking, Edna Takyi, Alex Anim, Evan Twum-Danso, Frank Agyekum, D.D. Korang, Steve Oduro, Godfried Bugyei, Charles Appiah, Sam Agyei, Doris Awuah, Albert Modey,  
Guests in attendance: Edith Agyei, Barbara Naadjie (caterer)

The President, Major Fred Twum-Acheampong (rtd) opened the meeting at 9:10pm.

**Review of previous minutes** - motion was passed to accept minutes from April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010, meeting. Edna Takyi moved, and was seconded by Ben Awuah.

**Account Balance:** \$6,920.30. No changes since last meeting.

**Quick Business:** Food for the annual reunion was discussed with caterer Barbara Naadjie. Edith Agyei (Sam Agyei's wife) assisted with ideas and planning for feeding all attendees. Nine hundred dollars was allotted for catering for the reunion. Caterer will prepare and deliver the following foods: baked chicken, fried rice, jollof rice, shito, khebab, fried beef, gizzards, kelewele and assorted desserts.

**OLD BUSINESS / Updates:**

**Keynote Speaker:** His Excellency, Prof Kwaku Danso-Boafo, Ghana High Commissioner to the UK (class of 1968), has agreed to be the keynote speaker at our annual reunion. The president has spoken to Professor Danso-Boafo, a couple of times on this topic. His Excellency will be traveling on his own to visit his family in the United States in June, and plans to attend the annual meeting. Official invitation letter has been sent by Edna Takyi - Secretary.

Professor Alberta Yeboah, of Jackson State University has been designated alternate keynote speaker.

**Registration of participants:** The president appealed to executives and ambassadors to reach out to other friends and former students and implore them to register and pay their registration fee. A ballpark figure is needed to plan for the annual meeting.

**Promoting the annual meeting:** Ben Awuah and Steve Oduro are collaborating on getting the reunion poster and other information to the Ghanaweb and the social networks. Alex Anim will contact the Sankofa radio on the east coast to get the meeting info on the air. Periodic updates for forthcoming reunion are posted at the forum by Ben Awuah.

**Fundraising:** Payment of dues and pledges will boost the association's cash flow. Please pay your dues accordingly. Mailing address is listed on the homepage and in the forum. Plans are underway to have the association's tee shirts printed and sold at the annual meeting. Steve Oduro and Robert Henking are working on the tee shirts. Proposed price is \$10 each.

**Golden Jubilee Planning Committee Update:** The jubilee planning committee is working to get ideas for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. They have spoken to other members and a few current teachers at the school. The Ghana Alumni executives will be contacted and encouraged to get a planning committee in place as soon as possible. The president will also contact the headmaster to see what plans he has concerning the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, next year. Ben Awuah & his team will provide a full report at the annual meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mr S.T. Ampofo, former headmaster, has a birthday coming up and there are plans to surprise him with a gift. His daughter, Nancy Ampofo, USA, will find out what Mr. Ampofo (Oga) needs.

2. Secretaries will follow-up on invitation letters to Professor K. Danso-Boafo Ghana High Commissioner to UK, plus "thank you" letters to Nii Amassah Namoale MP & Asst Minister for Agriculture and D.D. Korang for their financial support.

Meeting Adjourned- In the absence of further discussions, motion was passed to adjourn the evening's meeting at 10:10PM. Next meeting was scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:00PM (EST), 8:00PM (CST)

PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY ROBERT HENKING, ASST SECRETARY.