

OPASS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVES & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
SUNDAY JUNE 13, 2010

Members Present:

Major Fred Twum-Acheampong (Rtd), Ben Awuah, Prof. Alberta Yeboah, Evans Twum-Danso, Robert Henking, Godfried Bugyei, Edna Agyekum, Charles Appiah, Dr. Kingsley Larney, Martha Nyinaku.

The president, Major Fred Twum-Acheampong opened the meeting at 9:10PM (EST)

Review of Minutes from 6/6/10:

Prof. Alberta Yeboah moved to accept previous minutes. Evans seconded. Motion carried and minutes approved.

Correspondence:

H.E. Prof. Danso-Boafo, the Ghana High Commissioner to UK, had written to decline our invitation (see details below). Also, Prof. Alberta Yeboah mailed in her registration fee of \$100.00.

Financial statement: Account balance as at today was \$6,860.30

OLD BUSINESS:

Keynote Speaker - Professor Alberta Yeboah, from Jackson State University had accepted our invitation to be the keynote speaker in lieu of Prof. Kwaku Danso-Boafo, His Excellency, and Ghana High Commissioner to the UK. H.E. had written to express his sincere apology for not making it to the reunion this year due to a late assignment from the Ghana Government.

Registration & Dues:

Executives and members are encouraged to contact as many former students as they can to get them on board. The reunion information has been placed on the social network Facebook, and on the Ghanaweb. Ben Awuah and Edna Agyekum were to contact Ken Amakye, the main contact of Opassians on Facebook, to get the association's message and reunion information out to all former and current students.

The annual dues is \$120. Members are encouraged to try monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual payments, thus avoiding multiple payments at the annual

reunion/meeting.

Registration fee for the 5th Reunion is \$100, due in advance or at annual meeting.

Fundraising:

- Charles Appiah will check on raffle tickets.
- Souvenirs for this year's reunion will be limited to the Screened T-shirts, price is \$10 each. Every member was implored to purchase one.
- D.D. Korang had donated an assortment of artwork and traditional wood carvings to be sold and the proceeds donated to the association. Edna has the items and will ensure that they are mailed in advance to the meeting location or bring them along with her to the meeting. Our sincere thanks to D.D.
- Partial proceeds from Prof. Alberta Yeboah's book and CD, plus Inter-Houses monetary challenge will be among the fundraising activities.

Donated Computers:

The President spoke to the Headmaster at OPASS. Headmaster stated that the students were already using the computers. According to the headmaster, Mr. Djaba and Mr. Charles Arthur, from the Ghanaian chapter of the OPASS Alumni Association, had offered to handle the networking but had neither been to the school nor heard from.

Evans Twum-Danso will call and speak to Theodor, Science Teacher and classmate, to get some information about the school and the computers.

Albert Modey will be back from Ghana on June 22. We hope to get the latest information from the school when he returns.

Birthday Gift for Mr. S.T. Ampofo - former headmaster:

Charles Appiah questioned the rationale behind the decision to buy a piano and present it to Mr. Ampofo on his 86th birthday. Charles expressed concern about the precedent being set and suggested that the association donates something permanent to the school and name it after him. Such a gift will always be in his honor and a testament to his legacy and leadership of the school for so many years.

MOTION: A motion was passed to have the new Computer Lab named after Mr. S.T. Ampofo. A birthday gift of \$200 was also to be presented to him by the association.

Reunion Program:

Ben Awuah presented the updated program. Dr. Kingsley Lartey suggested that the proposed Theme “OPASS @ 50 - Our Roles and Responsibilities”, should read 'OPASS @50 - What are our Roles & Responsibilities?' Proposal was accepted.

MOTION: Charles Appiah moved to accept the updated program and was seconded by Robert Henking. Motion was passed.

Opass @ 50:

Members were advised to review the Planning Committee's report for further discussions during the next meeting on June 20. The headmaster had indicated that the School Board had been reconstituted last week. He added that a National Planning Committee was to be formed early next year to plan the school's golden jubilee scheduled for November 2011. The committee would sincerely welcome ideas and suggestions from this association.

New Business:

- ▶ A \$500 check representing an advance deposit had been mailed to Barbara who will be providing catering service during the 5th reunion festivities in Connecticut.

- ▶ Members were urged to start thinking of a venue for next year's reunion.

Adjournment:

In the absence of further discussions, Edna Agyekum moved for the meeting to adjourn. Dr. Lartey seconded and motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 0:27 PM (EST) to be reconvened on Sunday, June 20 at 9:00 PM (EST). That'll be our last meeting prior to the annual general meeting.

Prepared and Submitted by

Robert Henking
Assistant Secretary

Dated: 06/13/2010