

**OPASS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVES & PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING ON SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010**

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In attendance: Major (Ret) Fred Twum-Acheampong, Ben Awuah, Doris Awuah, Edna Takyi, Doris Darkwaa, Sam Agyei, Godfried Bugyei, Albert Modey, Steve Oduro

Absent: Evans Twum Danso, Charles Appiah, Emmanuel Osafo, Alex Anim

Excused absence: Robert Henking

The president opened the meeting at 9:15pm EST after a quorum was reached and president introduced members.

Review and approval of minutes: Minutes from last meeting, March 7 was read by the president and reviewed. Ben motioned that minutes be accepted as written. Albert seconded, all members voted yes and minutes stayed as written.

Correspondence: None received.

Account balance: \$6760.30, as of 3/20/10

Deposit for hall for reunion (paid): \$1000.00

Checks received: \$100.00 from Godfried Bugyei

Money received from members in Connecticut: \$100.00,

From Alex Agyemang; \$100.00

From Sam Agyei; \$40.00 from George Abu.

Money received through PayPal: \$100.00 from DorisDarkwaa and \$100.00 from

Ben/Doris Awuah.

(\$7.00 fee to PayPal: Actual amount to be deposited in account is \$193.00)

OLD BUSINESS:

The Connecticut planning committee will meet next week. Update of catering services will be received then. We encourage members to register for the reunion to help Caterers to have an idea of how many people to cook for.

To enjoy the hotel's discounted rates for reservations for our reunion, members are encouraged to call the toll free number of the hotel. Discounted rates will not be enjoyed by members who register online.

Keynote speaker: President has not been able to reach His Excellency, the High commissioner of Ghana to UK, who is an old student, despite repeated calls. He (president), will make another attempt to reach him and update the executive members of his (high commissioner's) availability.

NEW BUSINESS:

IRS exempt status: The association was not able to provide the requested document (document to prove that Opass is a government controlled school), to the IRS in a timely manner so our file was closed. We therefore have to reapply to start the process afresh.

Motion was moved by Godfried Bugyei to apply for the annual income of \$10,000.00 tax exemption status. Motion was seconded by Ben Awuah. A vote was cast and all 9 members present voted yes. (Yes =9: No=0).

To show our appreciation for Mr. Amassah assisting financially to clear the computers sent OPASS, the secretary is to write a thank-you note to him in Ghana.

A planning committee is being put together to help identify areas the association can contribute to the success of the upcoming golden jubilee.

The first headmaster of OPASS, Mr. S. T. Ampofo, will be celebrating his 86th birthday in August. We are planning to send a small gift as a token of our appreciation for his leadership.

Due to work schedule, our treasurer has not been able to attend meetings ever since he was appointed. The president will communicate with him after which the executives will find ways to resolve the absence of a treasurer.

Meeting Adjournment: At 10:35PM CST Mr. Steve Oduro moved to end the meeting. Members agreed to meet in 2 week's time.

Prepared and Submitted by Edna Takyi, Secretary.