

**OPASS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVES & PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING ON SUNDAY, MAY 16TH, 2010**

In attendance: Ben & Doris Awuah, Robert Henking, Evans Twum-Danso Steve Oduro, Professor Albert Yeboah, D. D. Korang, Edna Takyi, Charles Appiah, Dr Asamoah, Major (rtd) Fred Twum-Acheampong

Absent: Albert Modey, Alex Anim, Samuel Agyei

The vice president, Ben Awuah opened the meeting at 8:15PM CST

Correspondence: None received. Official Invitations sent to Prof Danso-Boafo and Prof Alberta Yeboah. Special "Thank You" letter sent to Hon MP Nii Amassah Namoale.

Account balance: \$6760.30, as of 5/16/10

OLD BUSINESS: - Updates:

Registration for 5th annual reunion:

Registration for the annual meeting continues. Members are encouraged to convince mates and friends to register and attend the annual meeting.

Registration fee \$100.00

Ben Awuah and Steve Oduro are working on getting the reunion information to the social networks and Ghanaweb.

Connecticut planning committee members were not present to provide the needed updates.

Fundraising proposals:

Robert Henking will get tee shirts screen-printed and sold at the annual meeting. Dr Lartey will be contacted about other souvenirs for the function.

Books written by Prof Alberta Yeboah will be sold and part of the proceeds donated to the association.

Donated Computers:

The president, Major (rtd) Twum-Acheampong spoke to the Headmaster at Opass, who stated that the donated computers were now being used by the students. Follow-up phone calls will be made by the executives to teachers at the school, to confirm the headmaster's claim that the PCs are in use.

Golden Jubilee Update:

Planning committee will read and discuss their ideas for next year's 50th anniversary celebrations at the meeting in June.

Suggestions for a THEME for this year's reunion, in relation to the Golden Jubilee, are being accepted. Please email, txt or call any executive with ideas.

The president who will be going to Ghana in August 2010, for his brother's funeral, plans to meet with the headmaster and some of the executives of the Ghana alumni, to discuss their plans for the Golden Jubilee.

Treasurer:

Godfried Bugyei's position as treasurer will be made official at the annual meeting. The president will also hand over all pertinent documents and account information to the new treasurer.

Birthday presents:

The Alumni is planning to present a special birthday gift to Mr. S. T. Ampofo, former headmaster of Opass. Steve Oduro will talk to Nancy Ampofo, (daughter) and get some gift ideas.

Payment of dues / pledges:

The vice president and the newly appointed treasurer appealed to executives and members to pay their dues and honor their pledges. Checks, money orders can be mailed to *Opass Alumni Association of N. America, box 4341, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034*. **Paypal** is the latest addition to our payment system.

PLEASE NOTE: the \$20 discount on the annual dues expired on June 1st, 2010. Annual dues after June 1st, is back to **\$120.00**.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Meeting Adjournment: At 9:50PM CST, a motion was passed, meeting was adjourned. Next conference / meeting was scheduled for May 30th, 2010, at 8:00PM CST.

Prepared and Submitted by ROBERT HENKING, Asst Secretary.