



New Kemet Harambe Chapter

“New Land of the black skinned people pulling together”

RECORD OF MINUTES

Wednesday, April 4, 2006

Ralph H. Metcalfe Building

77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 327

11:30am-1:00PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Deena Sheppard, Donna Coleman, Karen Franklin, Linda Howard, Lillie Davis, Cynthia Colquitt, Adrienne Callahan, Cheryl Simpson, Kenneth Tripp, Michelle Ratcliffe, Marion Cleveland, Debra Crume-Williams, Ethel Crisp, Tawanda Thomas, Gwen Massenburg, Anthony Ward, Karen Franklin, Kenneth Tripp, Jacqueline Dillard. Via teleconference: Stephanie Kimble, Sarah Williams, Freddie Batchelor, Sandra Chapman and Vince Saunders. Visitors: Kendall Cannon and Penny Hubbard-Greene.

The meeting was called to order at 11:35am by President Sheppard. A quorum was established and the meeting began. Marion Cleveland opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Correction to the agenda: not adoption of standing rules but recognition of the standing rules. A motion to adopt the agenda, with the noted revision, was made by Stephanie Kimble; seconded by Gwendolyn Massenburg. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Due to the secretary’s absence, Debra Crume-Williams volunteered to take the minutes until her arrival. The March minutes were tabled.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – Donna Coleman shared “ It’s not about what life brings to you but what you bring to life.”

TREASURER’S REPORT – Tabled.

OFFICER’S REPORT

President’s Report: See Attachment 1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP – Cheryl Simpson, Membership Committee Chairperson, presented the report. As of April 5, 2006, there have been no activities regarding membership since the last meeting. We have 44 members, 18 life members, and 6 gold plus members. President Sheppard and 1st VP Kimble will provide an award incentive to the first Chapter member who brings in 5 new members. Having five additional members will ensure that the Chapter has additional delegates on the voting floor at the National meetings.

NOTE: At the end of the meeting, the two visitors joined the Chapter!

ISSC – Two students will participate in the competition. Gwendolyn Massenburg made a motion to give one of the all in one printers to the winner of the ISSC; the motion was not seconded due to a note that the Chapter already announced the prizes in the ISSC prizes.

MARCH REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING – Four members attended the meeting: Donna Coleman, Deena Sheppard, Gwendolyn Massenburg and Ethel Crisp. The next meeting will be held June 8-10 in Cleveland, OH. Ethel Crisp made a motion to ratify the Executive Board decision to fund the transportation costs of the March trip; seconded by Adrienne Callahan. Motion carried. Vince Saunders made a motion to approve \$300.00 for the June transportation costs; seconded by Stephanie Kimble. Motion denied.

BYLAWS – We will receive the amended bylaws at the May general meeting. The bylaws were amended to reflect:

- All general membership meetings will be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month.
- The Chapter can no longer hold elections by mail.

OLD BUSINESS

Benevolence Fund Proposal – Proposal was previously discussed at February general membership meeting. Gwendolyn Massenburg made a motion to adopt the proposal; seconded by Adrienne Callahan. Gwendolyn Massenburg called for the question and moved to table the discussion until the budget is determined.

NEW BUSINESS

NKH 5 yr. Anniversary Celebration - Ethel Crisp, Communication and Public Relations Committee Chair, presented the proposal. See Attachment 2. Ethel Crisp, made a motion to adopt her proposal; seconded by Adrienne Callahan. Motion carried.

Action Item: Send handouts to Battle Creek members.

Secretary re-send the committee list.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:38 PM.

The May general membership meeting will be held May 3, 2006, 11:30AM-1:00PM, Metcalfe Building, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 326.

Submitted by:
Adrienne Callahan
Chapter Secretary