



# New Kemet Harambe Chapter

“New Land of the black skinned people pulling together”

## RECORD OF MINUTES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Ralph H. Metcalfe Building

77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 327

11:30am- 1:00 pm

### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Deena Sheppard, Stephanie Kimble, Tony Ward, Ethel Crisp, Cheryl Simpson, Donna Coleman, Marion Cleveland, Oliver Warnsley, Adrienne Callahan, Yvette Coleman, Lillie Metts-Davis, Cynthia Colquitt, Marie Oliver, Kenneth Tripp, Tawanda Thomas, Keshia Watson, Karen Franklin, Gwendolyn Massenburg, Felicia Williams (visitor) and via teleconference: Reginald Fortune and Sandra Kennedy.

The meeting was called to order at 11:39am by President Sheppard. A quorum was established and the meeting began. Marion Cleveland opened the meeting with prayer. Introductions were made and visitors were acknowledged.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Adrienne Callahan; seconded by Cheryl Simpson. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – Motion made by Secretary Callahan to approve the minutes with revisions and Standing Rules attachment; seconded by Cheryl Simpson. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Tabled until the March meeting.

### **OFFICER’S REPORT**

**President’s Report:** President Sheppard forwarded the youth competition package to 2<sup>nd</sup> VP D. Coleman. The Chapter is only participating in the ISSC not in the oratorical competition. President Sheppard attended/represented the Chapter at the memorial service for Gloria Jean Jenkins, West Side Association for Community Action (WACA). She made a personal \$25.00 donation to WACA on behalf of the Chapter. President Sheppard distributed the final committee chair/executive committee liaison chart (see attachment 1). She is very happy to have all of the committees represented with a chair. If you want to join a committee, please contact the committee chair. Each committee chair will be responsible for preparing a written report for each general membership meeting. This report will be provided to the Chapter secretary. A question was raised regarding the Executive Officers terms of office. It was decided some time ago to have the officers serve different terms of office to ensure that there was some continuity (i.e., not having every officer be new to the leadership of the chapter).

**Secretary** – Please use personal email account for BIG correspondence – [drin308@yahoo.com](mailto:drin308@yahoo.com).

**1<sup>st</sup> VP Kimble** – Read new policy statement (see attachment 2). This statement will be emailed to the membership and voted on by the membership at the March meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Coleman** – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP D. Coleman submitted the ratification to the previous action regarding the raffle tickets and Black History Month proposal; seconded by Adrienne Callahan. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MEMBERSHIP** - We have 43 members, 15 Life (four of the 15 are Gold Plus members). Most recent members are: Sandra Chapman of Battle Creek, MI – *applying for* Lifetime membership, Sandra Kennedy of Battle Creek, MI a Life/Gold Plus. Two memberships are due to expire on February 11, 2006. They have been notified by e-mail and U.S. mail. A new roster will be sent electronically to all members. President Sheppard presented Oliver Warnsley with a small token of appreciation for recruiting the first new member (Jacqueline Dillard) under her presidency.

**ISSC** - On Thursday, February 9, 2006, the committee will make a presentation at Whitney Young High School. A previous New Kemet Harambe ISSC participating student, Johnathan Reynolds, will be present to help facilitate questions and explain the program. Any qualifying student may submit an application for the ISSC competition.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH** – On Wednesday, February 8, 2006, the committee will meet and discuss final logistics, raffle ticket sales, and the agenda for the February 22, 2006 program. Karen Franklin, a member of the Divine 9, has been instrumental in securing sorority/fraternity participation in the program. Flyers for the program were distributed to the membership.

**BYLAWS** – Two Proposed Amendments will be emailed later today. The membership will have 30 days to review the amendments and vote.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Chapter Polo Shirts** – Ethel Crisp reported that we still had one shirt left from the previous order; Sandra Kennedy said she will purchase the shirt this week. The Chapter has a potential request for 7 shirts (this number includes all of the new members); however, we need 13 for a complete order.

**March Regional Council Meeting** - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Kimble again reminded members about the Regional Council meeting and distributed hardcopies (see attachment 3) of the hotel and meeting registration information. Due to Deena Sheppard now being President

of the Chapter, a new Chapter representative for the Regional Council meeting will need to be voted on at the March meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chapter Chaplain Marion Cleveland submitted a proposal for addressing bereavement needs of the chapter (see attachment 4). Chaplain Cleveland motioned that we accept the proposal; seconded by Cheryl Simpson. Motion carried (Callahan abstained).

For the Good of the Order – Karen Franklin mentioned that she is participating in the March of Dimes Stay Awake for Babies; any support from the Chapter is appreciated. Adrienne Callahan mentioned that she is seeking support from the Chapter for her participation in the 2-day Avon Walk (June 3-4, 2006). The Chapter can support through monetary contributions, serving as volunteers, providing prayers or simply walking with Adrienne during the lunch hour.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:12PM.

**The March general membership meeting will be held March 7, 2006, 11:30AM-1:00PM, Metcalfe Building, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 326.**

Action Items:

Membership Chair send membership package to new members (Battle Creek).

Membership Chair send all members current roster of Chapter membership.

Submitted by:

Adrienne Callahan  
Chapter Secretary