



New Kemet Harambe Chapter

"New Land of the black skinned people pulling together"

RECORD OF MINUTES – FINAL

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Ralph H. Metcalfe Building

77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 326

11:30AM-1:00PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Marion Cleveland, Donna Coleman, Ethel Crisp, Lillie Metts-Davis, Michelle Radcliffe, Deena Sheppard, Patricia Stern, Tawanda Thomas, Tony Ward, Gwendolyn Massenburg, Jacqueline Dillard, Dorian Gray, Adrienne Callahan, Jo Brown, Marie Oliver, Cheryl Simpson, Linete Hurt-Afflalo via phone: Sandra Chapman, Sheila Barnes. Visitors: Tywana Greene, William R. Novels, Jr.

Meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM. Chaplain Marion Cleveland provided prayer.

A quorum was established. All attendees made introductions.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA/STANDING RULES

Members were reminded to observe Standing Rule No. 9 – turn cell phones off during the meeting. Gwendolyn Massenburg moved to accept the revised agenda; seconded by Marion Cleveland. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF DECEMBER MINUTES

Adrienne Callahan moved to approve the December minutes with corrections; seconded by Jacqueline Dillard. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tabled. December and January Reports will be presented at the February meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership (Cheryl Simpson) – The Chapter currently has 57 members (includes 19 Life members). The membership committee needs help for our recruitment events, calling members, administrative paperwork, etc. Call Cheryl for more information. A new member orientation will be held Wednesday, January 31, 2007.

Parliamentarian (Jacqueline Dillard) – The 1-hr Parliamentary Procedures training will be held February 28.

ISSC/Oratorical Program (Donna Coleman) – Invitation letters have been mailed. The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2007.

Patricia Loyd Hand Scholarship (Gwendolyn Massenburg) – The scholarship essay’s contest theme is “What is the American Dream and Is it Just a Dream?” The draft program criteria and call letter are being reviewed by the Chapter’s Correspondence Secretary. Committee members are needed. The same schools that were invited to participate in the Oratorical and ISSC programs will be used also for the scholarship contest. Children of Chapter members are not eligible to apply.

OFFICER REPORTS

President

President Sheppard reminded the members about her membership challenge. She is working with the Finance Chair to refine the Chapter budget. The budget discussion was tabled until the February meeting.

President Sheppard encouraged everyone to support Black-owned businesses.

President Sheppard briefly discussed some of the activities that are on the 2007 Chapter calendar.

2nd Vice President

Vice President Coleman encouraged all to save the date for the Gospel/Black History Program scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

Recording Secretary

Secretary Callahan requested the Chapter to pray for and send a get-well card to Nita Leftridge-Carter, who is a member of another BIG chapter but has provided many of the flyers, tickets, and graphics support for the Chapter. She has been out with pneumonia.

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Responsibility- Associate member Linette Hurt-Afflalo described some of the deficiencies in our Chapter’s financial responsibilities. She has volunteered to conduct the Chapter’s audit along with working with the Finance Chair, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and the President.

Financial Institution – Guest speaker, William R. Norels, Jr. Community Mortgage Loan Originator, described the various financial programs available from Park National Bank.

Joint Christmas Party – Ethel Crisp reported that this was a successful event. We should plan more events with the other local BIG chapters. We should also consider the in-kind and financial assistance chapter members can provide for events of this nature to ensure more participation from chapter members.

Christmas All Year – Penny Hubbard-Greene provided a summary of the program. She recommended that the Chapter needs to consider membership involvement which will help determine the Chapter’s level of participation in this program.

NEW BUSINESS

President Sheppard installed the new Treasurer, Tawanda Thomas. Other new officers not present for the installation were 1st Vice President, Stephanie Kimble and Corresponding Secretary, Yvette Coleman. They will be installed at the next meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER - Tabled

Gwendolyn Massenburg moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Adrienne Callahan. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:13pm.

The next membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 77 West Jackson Boulevard, room 326, 11:30 am. to 1:00 p.m.

Adrienne M. Callahan

Submitted by Adrienne M. Callahan
Recording Secretary