



New Kemet Harambe Chapter

"New Land of the black skinned people pulling together"

RECORD OF MINUTES – FINAL

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

Ralph H. Metcalfe Building

77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 326

11:30AM-1:00PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Donna Coleman, Ethel Crisp, Lillie Metts-Davis, Michelle Radcliffe, Patricia Stern, Tawanda Thomas, Tony Ward, Jacqueline Dillard, Cheryl Simpson, Stephanie Kimble, Penny Hubbard-Greene, Marion Cleveland, Joyce Johnson, Gwendolyn Massenburg, Brian Bell, Antoinette Hall, Nikita Wilson. By phone: Sandra Kennedy, Deena Sheppard, and Sheila Barnes. Visitors: Cynthia Colquitt, Andre Cleveland, and Jerry Coleman.

Meeting was called to order at 11:38 AM by First Vice President Stephanie Kimble.

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 – to turn cell phones off or on vibrate during the meeting. Second Vice President Coleman moved to accept the agenda as presented; seconded by Parliamentarian Jacqueline Dillard. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

Jacqueline Dillard moved to approve the February minutes with corrections; seconded by Donna Coleman. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

February report – Tabled.

OFFICER REPORTS

President

Attended Englewood Chamber of Commerce ceremony where the Chapter was presented with the Community Service Award.

Attended West Chicago United Chapter of Blacks in Government dinner/dance. It was a very successful event.

Attended fundraising event for Commissioner Bobbi Steele where the baton was passed from mother to son. President Sheppard networked with Mayor of Harvey, IL to garner his membership.

President Sheppard is focusing on raising money for the October regional council meeting.

President Sheppard re-submitted the paperwork to the management of the Solider Field's concession stands requesting the \$600.00+ dollars that were raised for the Bears fundraiser. The Chapter was told that the paperwork was lost. The check should be in the Chapter's mailbox soon.

No other officer had reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership (Cheryl Simpson) – Introduced new members Nikita Wilson and Antoinette Hall. The Chapter currently has 58 members and 2 expirations (includes 19 Life members, 6 Gold plus, and 4 Associates)

Parliamentarian (Jacqueline Dillard) – The 90 minute Parliamentary Procedures training was held February 28, 2007. Instructors were Ethel Crisp, Jacqueline Dillard and President Sheppard. There was a good turnout for the training. Copies of the video that were shown can be accessed from the Harold Washington Library's video department. Handouts from the training can be obtained from Parliamentarian Dillard.

ISSC/Oratorical Program (Donna Coleman) – On February 13, 2007, committee members made a presentation for Jones College Prep High School on both youth programs. As of today, there are three participants from Whitney Young High School and three from Jones College Prep. We have three students participating in each of the programs – ISSC and Oratorical. The competitions will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Visitor Recognition

With no objection from the membership, Jerry Coleman, 2nd Vice President Coleman's son, introduced himself. He is an electrical engineering major at Tennessee State University and an aspiring model. He is interested in a summer internship so he is looking for any opportunities that New Kemet Harambe members may be aware of. Please contact his mother if you have any information. He thanked the membership for giving him the opportunity to request their assistance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

October Regional Council meeting (Ethel Crisp) – We need all members to help in coordinating this meeting. Chapter members who attend will have to pay the registration fee, along with any lodging fees to stay at the hotel. We are projecting that the total cost to the members will be \$210.00 (\$60.00 for registration, \$100.00 for 1-night's lodging and \$40.00 for incidentals). We are asking that all members begin budgeting now for these costs to ensure that we have full participation from our membership. There are four committees: Registration, Hospitality, Saturday night hospitality, and Meeting Arrangements. The first planning meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2007 and meetings will be held monthly until the event.

March Regional Council meeting (Donna Coleman) – The Regional Council Meeting will be held March 30-April 1, 2007 in Collinsville, IL. For those attending, reservations for the hotel and the registration fee need to be completed by Friday, March 9, 2007.

Scholarship Update (Gwendolyn Massenburg) – The Patricia Loyd Handy Scholarship call letter was sent to local high schools (the same list used for the ISSC/Oratorical solicitation). The deadline date for the receipt of applications is Monday, April 16, 2007. Deena Sheppard made a motion that the scholarship will include anyone other than the members of NKH Chapter; seconded by Jacqueline Dillard. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Fling/Anniversary Celebration/Fundraiser Proposal (Deena Sheppard) – Copies of the proposals were distributed. The event will serve as a fundraiser for the October Regional Council Meeting and it will also be a celebration of our Chapter Anniversary in May. Deena Sheppard moved to establish a committee to review the proposal; seconded by Jacqueline Dillard. Motion carried with 3 abstentions for the record: Ethel Crisp, Gwendolyn Massenburg, Tony Ward.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Marion Cleveland thanked everyone for their prayers and support on the loss of her step-dad. She asked the members to pray for her dance school which is starting again in April.

Andre Cleveland thanked members for the opportunity to attend and he plans to join the Chapter. Andre gave a monetary donation to the Chapter and it was suggested that it be applied to his membership.

Ethel Crisp suggested a fundraising event of members serving as host at a concession stand at one of the sports complexes in Chicago i.e. Soldier's Field, United Center, and Arlington Park Race Track.

Gwendolyn Massenburg suggested a fundraising event for a \$100.00 gas card by selling raffle tickets. Happy Birthday to all the March birthdays!

Apostolic Church, where the pastor is the Reverend Horace Smith, will be celebrating their 20 year anniversary on Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18, 2007. An announcement flyer was distributed.

Deena Sheppard motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jacqueline Dillard. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:02pm.

The next membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 77 West Jackson Boulevard, conference room 326, beginning at 11:30 am. to 1:00 p.m.

Adrienne M. Callahan

Submitted by Adrienne M. Callahan
Recording Secretary