



# New Kemet Harambe Chapter

"New Land of the black skinned people pulling together"

## RECORD OF MINUTES – FINAL

Wednesday, May 9, 2007  
Ralph H. Metcalfe Building  
77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 811  
11:30AM-1:00PM

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Donna Coleman, Ethel Crisp, Michelle Radcliffe, Tony Ward, Cheryl Simpson, Penny Hubbard-Greene, Marion Cleveland, Joyce Johnson, Gwendolyn Massenburg, Jacqueline Dillard, Deena Sheppard, Adrianne Callahan, Patricia Stern, Cindy Dabner via phone: Stephanie Kimble, Oliver Warnsley, and Yvette Coleman.

Chaplain Marion Cleveland provided an opening prayer. A quorum was established. Meeting was called to order at 11:44am.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA/STANDING RULES**

Patricia Stern moved to accept the agenda; seconded by Cheryl Simpson. Motion carried.

Members were reminded to observe Standing Rule No. 9 – turn cell phones off or on vibrate during the meeting.

### **ADOPTION OF APRIL MINUTES**

Tabled

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

An oral report was provided by Assistant Treasurer Warnsley. Three reports were referenced. The checking account which has been moved to Charter One has a balance of \$3636.00. There was a lot of activity in April due to the Youth programs and competitions. The Credit Union savings account has a balance of \$49.15 and the Charter One Savings has a balance of \$92.09. Approval of the Treasurer's report was tabled since the membership did not have the opportunity to view the written report. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding movement of the Chapter account. In previous meetings the membership was informed that the Executive Board was considering other financial institutions for the Chapter accounts. However, a general membership vote was not taken to approve or ratify the actual movement of the account.

Donna Coleman moved to ratify the Executive Board decision to move the Chapter's accounts from US Employees Credit Union to Charter One Bank; seconded by Marion Cleveland.

Motion carried. Two against for the record Cindy Dabner and Tony Ward and one abstention Adrianne Callahan

Gwendolyn Massenburg amended the motion to exclude the option of the Charter One's debit cards; seconded by Cindy Dabner. Motion failed. (3 Affirmative, 12 Negative and 1 Abstention)

Deena Sheppard turned over the chair of the meeting and amended the amended motion to accept the movement of the account to Charter One and review the options later. Deena Sheppard rescinded her motion.

President Sheppard apologized for the oversight in the handling of this account.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

President Sheppard – The Chapter will not be walking or participating in the Bud Billiken parade due to low membership.

Please support William Burch who is being honored as an Unsung Hero in the Englewood Community. The event, the Pastor's of Englewood's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Prayer Breakfast and Awards ceremony, will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2007 at Mount Olive Baptist Church, 6357 S. Marshfield.

If you are interested in the Federally Employed Women's organization, please come to their next Chapter meeting, Tuesday May 15, 2007, 12:30PM, Metcalf Building room 327.

The Chapter has the opportunity to attend Ravinia again. The performance is currently for Natalie Cole. President Sheppard will also request dates for BB King and Aretha Franklin.

A discussion regarding food for the general membership meetings ensued. The Chapter President should not be responsible for getting the food.

Adrienne Callahan motioned to have provided for meetings quarterly beginning in September; seconded by Donna Coleman. Motion failed.

Marion Cleveland motioned to do a potluck; seconded by Joyce Johnson. Motion failed.

Jackie Dillard motioned to have food at the meetings every other month and Jackie will serve as the food coordinator; seconded by Marion Cleveland. Motion carried.

The dollar amount of \$50.00 will be the same.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Coleman- Please pray for and support Kimberly Spivey. Kimberly is not Chapter member but she is an African American federal employee who served in the war. She is experiencing some medical and financial difficulties. Cindy Dabner will provide Yvette Coleman with more information to distribute to the Chapter.

Secretary Callahan – Wished a Happy Birthday to all of the May birthdays.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Membership (Cheryl Simpson) -Currently the Chapter has 65 members, 19 Life, 6 Gold Plus, 8 Associates.

Youth Programs (Donna Coleman) – The Chapter's two youth competition winners: Kimberly Golden (ISSC) and Nickia King (Oratorical) will be traveling to the regional competition in Milwaukee. Kimberly Golden is working with Marie Oliver to eliminate the kinks in her presentation. For those attending the meeting, please plan to support and be visible to encourage our youth competitors during the regional competition.

Scholarship – The committee has received six applications.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

October Regional Council Meeting Update (Ethel Crisp) –Next planning meeting will be held May 17, 2007. The room block for hotel will be available on May 17. A Chapter Polo Shirt order will be placed for those members needing shirts. Please watch your email for a message from Ethel regarding the next order.

March Regional Council Meeting update – tabled

Fundraiser Proposals and Corporate Sponsorships – President Sheppard is asking everyone to Provide ideas for fundraising and corporate sponsorship. We need to raise money for our Chapter activities.

June Regional Meeting – A poll of the membership present determined that six members plan to attend the meeting. Those attending the June meeting in Milwaukee need to provide their registration forms to Ethel A.S.A.P. Ethel will work with Tawanda to get a check issued to cover the registration fee. Chapter members will have their registration fee paid; however, each member is responsible for making their own transportation. This will be a savings to the Chapter budget.

The Regional Council may be paying for three registration fees for the Friday Leadership training. Cindy Dabner, Penny Hubbard-Greene and Michelle Ratcliffe are interested in attending the training.

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

President Sheppard distributed save the date flyers for the National Council of Negro Women, Chicago Midwest Section, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration to be held Saturday, November 10, 2007.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Coleman move to adjourn the meeting; no second necessary. Motion carried. Assistant Chaplain Marion Cleveland provided closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 1:12pm.

The next membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 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