



New Kemet Harambe Chapter

"New Land of the black skinned people pulling together"

RECORD OF MINUTES – FINAL

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Ralph H. Metcalfe Building

77 West Jackson Blvd., Lake Huron Conference Room

11:30AM-1:00PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Donna Coleman, William Burch, Kendall Cannon, Joyce Johnson, Ethel Crisp, Tawanda Thomas, Patricia Stern, Cindy Dabner, Ozie Robinson, Marion Cleveland, Gwendolyn Massenburg, Cheryl Simpson, Penny Hubbard-Greene, Michelle Ratcliffe, Cynthia Colquitt, Patricia Stern, Lillie Metts-Davis, Tony Ward. Via Teleconference: Willie Mae Jordan, Stephanie Kimble, April Holland, Marie Oliver, Camille Arnold, Camara Wooten, Adrienne Callahan. Members excused for the record: Sandi Chapman and Sandra Kennedy.

Meeting was called to order at 11:45am. Assistant Chaplain Gwendolyn Massenburg opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was established.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA/STANDING RULES

All were reminded about standing rule No.9.

Donna Coleman motioned to accept the agenda; seconded by Michelle Ratcliffe. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF APRIL AND MAY MINUTES

Donna Coleman moved to April minutes; seconded by Patricia Stern. Motion carried.

Donna Coleman moved to accept the May minutes; seconded by Gwendolyn Massenburg. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Thomas distributed the April and May treasurer reports. The April report reflected a checking balance of \$3636.00 and the May report reflected \$3187.00. Treasurer Thomas moved to accept the April and May Treasurer's report subject to audit; seconded by Donna Coleman.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Sheppard reminded members about timeliness of Chapter general membership meetings. We need to start our meetings on time and keep in mind that our agendas usually require extensive discussion. President Sheppard attend the Englewood Unsung Heroes event June 2, 2007, where associate member William Burch was honored. The Chapter received a thank you card from Kim Spivey. Associate members can become Life members. Anyone planning to attend the NTC should make their reservations

ASAP; National has noted that the host hotel has a room shortage. President Sheppard distributed Hertz rental car coupons for BIG members. Lillie Metts-Davis will serve as the lead contact for getting NKH into the CFC book. In the Chapter Workplan, we will ask for specific dates for proposed items in order to better plan our activities. We have 45 tickets for Ravinia for 6/23 – Wynton Marsalis and 8/2 Buddy Guy. The FEW conference will be held in Washington, DC July 16-20, 2007. President Sheppard presented Treasurer Thomas with a pen, calculator and badge holder for all her efforts in straightening out the Chapter's financial obligations and documentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Cheryl Simpson reported that we now have 65 members (19 Life members, 6 Gold Plus and 8 Associate members).

ISSC and Oratorical Update – Our 1st and 2nd Place ISSC and Oratorical winners will be proceeding to the regional competition. Brian Bell will chaperon the Oratorical participants and Penny Hubbard-Greene will chaperon the ISSC participants.

Scholarship – Joyce Johnson reported that three applications are being reviewed. Winner will be announced in July and honored in October during the regional council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

October Regional Meeting Update – 17 weeks left. Next meeting will be held June 7, 2007 in the Lake Ontario room, Metcalfe building. Need more participation from members to help make this event a success. Committee members have assembled over 100 bags; we have received some good materials for the bags. We need to raise at least \$1500. Accordingly a raffle will be held for two \$100 gas cards and a one night stay at the Hyatt Lisle. Tickets will be available soon. The room block is open for reservations. On Friday, all members are asked to wear their red polo shirts. We need \$2000 in corporate sponsorships to help fund this event as well.

Fundraiser Proposals – Donna Coleman will spearhead a summer clothes drive.

Corporate Sponsorships – Several ideas were discussed but no committee action or membership vote was taken.

BIG – National Training Conference – The conference provides an excellent opportunity to get to know the organization, network and take advantage of some awesome training.

NEW Business

Election of Delegates for the national delegates assembly in Nashville, TN – We need six delegates. The elected delegates are: Ethel Crisp, Donna Coleman, Deena Sheppard, Michelle Ratcliffe and Penny Hubbard-Greene.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Secretary Callahan motioned to adjourn the meeting; no second necessary. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:15PM.

The next membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 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