



# New Kemet Harambe Chapter

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## RECORD OF MINUTES – FINAL

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

Ralph H. Metcalfe Building

77 West Jackson Blvd.

Lake Ontario Conference Room

12:00PM-1:30PM

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Brian Bell, William Burch, Kendall Cannon, Marion Cleveland, Donna Coleman, Yvette Coleman, Cynthia Colquitt, Ethel Crisp, Penny Hubbard-Greene, Stephanie Kimble, Lillie Metts-Davis, Michelle Radcliffe, Deena Sheppard, Cheryl Simpson, Patricia Stern, Tawanda Thomas, Tony Ward, Gwendolyn Massenburg, via phone: Sandra Chapman, Reginald Fortune, Sandra Kennedy, Oliver Warnsley, Linda Washington and April Holland. Visitors: Marshelle Reed.

Meeting was called to order at 12:06 PM. Chaplain Marion Cleveland provided prayer.

A quorum was established. President Sheppard introduced a visitor, Marshelle Reed.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

President Sheppard made changes to the agenda as follows:

- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Report (Membership, Nomination Committee, Candidate's Forum, and Election of Officers)
- Adoption of Minutes
- Old Business (Election of Alternate Regional Council Representative, Joint Christmas Party, and Proposed Amendment of Region V policy)
- Officers Reports
- New Business and Proposals (WTTW Channel 11 Membership Drive, World AIDS Day)

Brian Bell motioned to adopt the revised agenda; seconded by Cheryl Simpson. Motion carried

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was not very much activity in the month of September. The savings account's beginning balance is \$1885.68 with an ending balance \$1887.94. The checking account beginning balance is \$3918.49 with an ending balance \$4286.44. The transfer of

\$1800.00 will be reflected on the next month's report. Assistant Treasurer Warnsley moved to accept the Treasurer's report with corrections and subject to audit; seconded by Stephanie Kimble. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Membership – 43 members are eligible to vote. Two new members joined: Prentiss Dixon and Dorian Gray.

Nomination Committee – Ethel Crisp, Nomination Committee Chair reported that the following candidates accepted their nomination for the respective offices for the 2007-2009 terms and have met their eligibility requirements:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Stephanie Kimble  
Corresponding Secretary – Yvette Coleman, Jacqueline Dillard  
Treasurer – Tawanda Thomas

President Sheppard opened the floor for additional nominations for each officer position. She declared the Offices of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer closed since there were no other nominations. Ballots were distributed for each position and Cynthia Colquitt, a member of the Elections Committee, went to another room to take the votes for the members on the phone.

Election Committee - Since there were no other candidates for the offices of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Treasurer, Brian Bell moved to elect Stephanie Kimble for office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President by acclamation, seconded by Donna Coleman. Motion carried. Brian Bell moved to elect Tawanda Thomas for office of Treasurer by acclamation; seconded by Donna Coleman. Motion carried.

Election results for the Office of Corresponding Secretary were as follows:

Number of members eligible to vote 43

Number of ballots cast 19

Number needed to win 10

Yvette Coleman received 15 votes and Jacqueline Dillard received 4 votes. Yvette Coleman was declared the winner and re-elected Corresponding Secretary.

## **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

June 2006– Stephanie Kimble motioned to accept the minutes with correction; seconded by Donna Coleman. Motion carried.

July 2006 – Stephanie Kimble motioned to accept the minutes with correction; seconded by Brian Bell. Motion carried.

August 2006- Stephanie Kimble motioned to accept the minutes with correction; seconded by Donna Coleman. Motion carried.

September 2006- Stephanie Kimble motioned to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Donna Coleman. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Election of Regional Council Representative – Donna Coleman, Ethel Crisp, and Deena Sheppard are currently Regional Council Representatives. Gwendolyn Massenburg is an alternate. The Chapter needed to vote for another alternate. Cheryl Simpson and April Holland were nominated as an alternate. Election results for the Alternate position were as follows:

Number of members eligible to vote - 43

Number of ballots cast -19

Number needed to win 10

Cheryl Simpson received 13 votes and April Holland received 6 votes. Cheryl Simpson was declared the winner.

We will vote for the representatives and alternates for the three meetings in 2007 during the January 2007 meeting.

Joint Christmas Party - (Ethel Crisp) - West Chicago United Chapter is the lead for this event. The event date is Saturday, December 9, 2006 to be held at the Beverly Woods Restaurant, located at 11532 South Western Avenue in Chicago, from 6:00PM – 12:00PM. The cost of the ticket is \$50.00 per person which goes towards open bar, entertainment, dinner and keepsake.

Each chapter is asked to sell 100 tickets and to donate two prizes for raffle(s). Any proceeds will be split amongst the three chapters. It will be an opportunity for the three Chicago chapters to come together. West Chicago United has already paid the cost of \$500.00 and they have asked for each chapter to contribute \$167.00 to help with cost of the banquet facility. Ethel Crisp moved to accept this proposal to participate and to allocate \$167.00 as the Chapter's share for the rental of the facility; seconded by Kendall Cannon. Motion carried. Stephanie Kimble opposed, 4 Abstentions.

Region 5 Policy 003– (Ethel Crisp) – Ethel Crisp moved to present a proposal at the Regional Council meeting to address the cost of registration and lodging fees to host the Regional Council Meetings; seconded by Gwendolyn Massenburg. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

WTTW Channel 11 Membership Drive – (Stephanie Kimble) -The WTTW Channel 11 Telethon will begin in two weeks following the Thanksgiving Holiday. The available dates for the Chapter to participate are Saturdays, November 25<sup>th</sup> or December 2, 2006. First VP Kimble moved that the Chapter participate in the WTTW Channel 11 Telethon this year; seconded by Patricia Stern. Motion carried.

The available shifts for participation are 3pm to 7pm and 7pm to 11pm. The membership voted in favor of the 3pm to 7pm shift. First VP Kimble will contact WTTW and will inform the Chapter about the actual date secured for the Chapter's participation.

## **PROPOSALS**

World Aids Day - (William Burch) -Tabled.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

In December, the Progressive Danville Chapter, BIG, will be celebrating their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Tie Affair. Tickets are \$25 per person. They're also doing an ad book. President Sheppard asked if the membership wanted to place an ad on behalf of the entire Chapter. The membership declined.

The Friends of Bobbie Steele event will be held on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm. A reception will be held at the Wyndham Hotel Ballroom. Please let President Sheppard know if you are interested. Co-Chaplain Massenburg and President Sheppard will be working at this event. Tickets are \$100.00 per person.

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

Chaplain Cleveland will be going to the British Virgin Islands with her church's dance group. Congratulations to Chaplain Cleveland who just launched her dance school, "Dancing Before the King" in September. Website information will be provided at a later date.

Congratulations to Tawanda Thomas, Chapter Parliamentarian, who recently earned her Master's Degree.

Kudos were extended to Second Vice President Donna Coleman in preparing the delicious luncheon buffet for the members.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

A motion was made by Tony Ward to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Stephanie Kimble. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.

The next membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Conference Room 326, 11:30 am. to 1:00 p.m.

*Adrienne M. Callahan*

Submitted by Adrienne M. Callahan  
Recording Secretary