



## **Bali Nyonga Cultural Association (BNCA) Washington DC Metro**

### **Meeting minutes for July 29, 2023**

#### **Prayers and refreshments**

The meeting started with an opening prayer given by Mamum Anne Kapsah

The host treated members to a variety of local delicacies.

The host introduced 6 guests into the house Pa Joe and Ma Rose Tafrey Ni Emmanuel Ndipnuh and Ni Greg Fongod Ni Divine Chamukong and mamon.

After the guest's introduction, Ni Eric Sikod welcomed the guest on behalf of the group and briefly explained how BNCA functions. He invited them to visit the group whenever they were around.

#### **Reading of the minutes for June 24, 2023, meeting.**

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Ma Vera Fufong and Ni Lawrence Musa and Ma Vivian Nwana adopted the minutes.

#### **Discussions:**

##### **On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, event**

Members noted that BCA activities took over the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

One of our member informed the house that in one of BCA leadership meetings which he attended, It was announced that BCA is the organizer of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event in Maryland. In the same light the house was informed that the very first July 4<sup>th</sup> event was organized by BCA as an extension of a BCA convention that took place in Washington DC, but BCA after two years stopped organizing the event and the Takums various Ndakums took over.

It was also suggested that the Takums should reach out to BCA to clarify their allegation of being the sole organizers of the event and to find out if they want to take back the funding for the event.

#### **Hosting:**

The president informed the house that Ba Dr. Titanji and Mamun Jubsia will be hosting August 26, 2023, meeting.

#### **Finance**

The general assembly requested why for two months, there have been no financial updates, the president explain the busy schedule of members of the financial team but

promised the report will be made available as soon as possible. He also encourages members to catch up with any pending financial obligations in the house.

### **Other social events for 2023**

The president enquired from the general assembly if they were open to celebrating the Labor Day and end of year party.

Discussion in the group was in favor but the exco was requested to present a budget for each event for the house to decide.

### **BNCA Website.**

The president expressed his gratitude to group members for sending in picture and other requested material to facilitate the building of the website. He further explained that the webmaster is to begin building the last phase which has to do with the backend.

This part will concern how members can access the website, what members can view (Meeting minutes, financial statements, with where members can pay), who can post on our website for internal view and who can post for public view, who can edit post on the website.

The president also indicated to the house that this was necessary for the house to look an admin who will run the website once the backend phase is completed.

### **SAGI**

The president informed the group that SAGI was having internal problems and a court decision has ordered the old administrator known by BNCA to relinquish power to a new administrator. He also added that the new team has invited Sagi members to a meeting on July 30th, 2023. He informed the group that BNCA SAGI members had had a meeting and four members we designated with some questions (which were shared in the house) to attend the meeting and to ask those questions.

### **NEW Member.**

Ma Rose Sikod officially joined BNCA as a full member fulfilling all required obligations.

The president welcomed her and requested she meetup with her financial obligation of the group

### **Matters Arising**

- Ma Florence Musa commented on the beauty of seeing other groups vested in their uniforms when they attend meetings and/or outings, and she urged the group to consider owning a uniform. She recounted how we presented ourselves during one of our past outings and said our group would have been better viewed and maybe attract new members if we were dressed in uniform.

- The house was reminded that the first-year anniversary of ni Emmanuel Musong will be August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and members are reminded to attend.
- Ni Emmanuel Ndipnuh introduced his transportation business to the group and urged group members to use his services if they want to shipped goods to and from Cameroon. Group members could reach the host or ma Bridget Kaspas for more information.
- Ni Divine Nchamukong invited group members to network with others to enable them to gain from expertise of others. He said members could reach out to him if they are interested.

**The meeting ended with feasting.**