



**Bali Nyonga Cultural Association (BNCA) Washington DC Metro
2404 Dominion Drive, Frederick, MD**

BNCA Meeting minutes for 03 25, 2023

President

Emmanuel Kungaba

- Prayer was given by my mamun Jupsia.
- Our guest for the night was Ma Mary Caspa.

Vice President

Stella Mbotiji

Reading of the minutes for February 2023 meeting.

Secretary

Linda Foseh

- Corrections were made by Ba Eric and Ba Tamun and the minute was adopted, by Both of them.

Vice Secretary

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Discussion concerning the hosting list.

Treasurer

Serah Dohvoma

Financial Secretary

Stella Fonjoe

Vice Financial Secretary

Vera Fofung

Publicity Secretary

Bridget Kaspaa

Chip Whip (1)

Lawrence Musa

Chip Whip (2)

Dickson Gwanyama

Culture

Sama Foseh

Social Secretary (1)

Nicoline Nyonkaah

Social Secretary (2)

Victorine Doh

- President shared that it's the responsibility of house to arrange the hosting list to enable members know the date they are to host, and any failure to host will be deal with as stipulated by the bylaws of the group.
- Ba Dr. Titanji said based on the Constitution if a member doesn't pay their dues for that said year, they are not members in good standing and are not entitled to any benefit.
- President reiterated that \$20 registration fee as per the bylaw grant life membership to a member and said it should be made clear to every member that failure to pay their dues within acceptable period can cause them their membership.
- The president said the house needs to look at the inactive members list and reach out to them because they some of the of reasons why the house is having more than \$5,000 of negative balance in trouble fund.
- Looking at the Constitution, non-payment of dues by a member for that calendar year automatically makes a member not in good standing and thus not eligible for any benefits, but since in an event of lost they are counted, and they end up not paying, the trouble funds it has let the house with more than &5,000 in the negative.
- A small committee was formed and headed by Ba Fuchiya Tete, with Ba Phillip and Ma Vivian as committee members. The committee's mission is to reach out to all inactive members and gather information for the group to make informed decisions concerning these members. The committee head requested the list of these members. The president promised getting the list ready.

Website Discussion

BNCA: Unity, Respect and Growth for a better community.



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- The house was informed that the control and management of the website is now in the hands of BNCA exco.
- The house is also informed that all members need to provide their pictures for the website and Ma Brigitte was going to let the house know how to send the pictures.

Finance

Ma Nagwa read the financial report

- January income amounted to \$1,100.
- Based on complaints from some members on their annual dues, Ma Nah explains that she balances and credit members account year by year and sometimes she uses due paid in a current year to compensate for unpaid dues and fines of the previous year.
- Death settlement for the pandemic years created a deficit of \$5,739

SAGI

- The Exco. is proposing opening an account solely for SAGI
- Ma Nagwa read out the names of members who were still owing SAGI contribution.
- It was also said that any SAGI member with less than \$25 should be dropped out of the group because some BNCA members registered friends/family members but are not responding to paying their contribution on time thereby obligation the use of BNCA fund for this purpose used for them.
- President suggested those members be dropped out since they are not BNCA because this should be benefit for BNCA members.

Matters Arising

- Ni Jella Caspa thanked the house for the support shown to his family for their loss.
- Ma Nagwa read the list of all members owing money in the house.
- Ba Titanwa and Mamun Florence will be our host for April.

The meeting ended with feasting.