



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

### **General Assembly Meeting minutes for November 28, 2023**

#### **Prayer and Refreshments.**

The meeting started at 9pm with prayer from Ni Fonjoe. He thanked God for bringing us together once more. After the prayer, members were ushered to the table for refreshments.

#### **Reading of the minutes of October 28, 2023, meeting.**

Meeting minute was read by Ma Linda Foseh. A few errors were pointed out, and members in the house made corrections. Minutes was adopted by Ba Eric Sikod and Ba Sama Foseh.

#### **Discussion.**

##### **Website:**

The president informed of the outcome of their meeting with the webmaster. The discussion was centered around training a webmaster who will take over operations when their contract expires. The current webmaster said their contribution to helping BNCA will be to train a member of BNCA choice, during the one year their contract is still valid to monitor the website.

The webmaster educated the house through zoom on how to access private content of the website using the email address that was provided.

He requested that members change the passwords provided to them once they log in for the first time. The webmaster made members understand that the website has two parts, one for the public and the other part for members view only. You need your members credential to access to access the second part.

##### **Finances:**

The finance team pointed out that trouble funds are running low and some members account previously in negative and still owing.

The president reminds members that he can't move funds around to cover members trouble fund contributions and requested concern members do their part in paying in this money.

##### **SAGI**

Sagi funds were also discussed, and members were invited to pay in their contribution to enable the finance team to act when there is an occurrence.

## **Hosting**

It was brought to the attention of the members that some members who were on the hosting list were in good standing, but their hosting partners not. The house indicated that they would figure out a way forward to avoid such situations in the future.

## **Uniforms**

Following the creation of the uniform committee, the house was provided with an update, with the number of members (10).

The main point of discussion will be the material for the uniform and the occasion on which the uniform will be used.

The president indicated that the zoom was always available for them to use for their discussion.

## **Outreach to some core members**

Suggestions were made in the house for an Outreach to be done for Ni Alfred and Mamun Lilian and other core members since they had been absent from our meeting for a while.

## **Missing financial Support**

There have been some miss communication ongoing concerning financial support that sent to the Musa's as their constitutional entitlement after the birth of their daughter last 2 years. The VP informed the house that there was an issue about the check that was given to Ma Florence Musa. She also indicated that it was sorted out and that the check had been sent to Ma Florence Musa for her baby girl's birth. She provided a copy of the check that was sent to the Musa. Ma Florence on her part informed the group that the check was never receive.

The finance team was tasked to verify through the bank and bring back information to the house.

It was also noted that the ma Florence did not receive support for being sick and spending three days in the hospital few days after the baby as it is required by the bylaws.

The president indicated that he would look into the matter.

## **Feedback from supported groups**

The president of Nfed Nfed Washington Metro thanked the house for their support during their fundraiser.

The president of Noble Ladies expressed their appreciation for the support they received from BNCA during their fundraiser.

There were however suggestions made by some members to increase the amount that is given to support social and cultural events.

The president responded by saying the house need to agree on the amount to be given out while such a decision is still being considered, He will continue to function with the defined amount defined in the bylaws.

### **Support to one of our own**

It was suggested in the house that BNCA as a group supports our member and brother Ni Gabby running for congress. Discussion on the matter ended up with the conclusion that our status does not enable us to support political activities.

The president however encouraged members to through their support to the congress candidate as individual indicating it is a privilege for one of our own to vey for such an office.

The president reminded the house that our next meeting will take place in January 2024, and will be Hosted by Ma Tereasa and Ba Okon. He also wished the members a happy new year in advance.

The meeting ended with feasting.