

UNAT Meeting of 08/25/12

Our meeting started at about 6:50pm with an opening prayer by Pastor Okotie. In the absence of the chairman, the secretary was asked to lead the deliberation for the day. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted by members. The financial update for the association was read by the financial secretary. He once again asked that we pay up our dues. The summary of the accounts at the end of July was as follows.

Donation Account: \$2214.29

Special Account: \$1916.90

Operating Account: \$2555.57

Total: \$6687.36

The secretary informed the house that the board had finally contacted the Nigeria Consulate in Atlanta about the upcoming Independence and cultural day celebration. An official letter was mailed to the Consular General inviting him to come and address the Nigerian community and businesses doing or interested in doing business in Nigeria. We also requested that consular activities be carried out during our celebration.

On our preparation for the celebration, a budget of about \$11,000 is envisaged and the house agreed that we levy ourselves in order to raise funds needed to help offset the costs of our activities. We all agreed that a levy of \$75 would be adequate.

Clinton told the house that he had estimates of the cost of publishing the magazines for the celebration. He brought estimates from Joan's Print shop for \$1,808.40 and Ron King's Group for \$1,735.00. These estimates are for printing 300 copies of sixteen pages per copy. The house was informed that the magazines will go into production after hearing from the consulate and getting enough advertisements from individuals and corporate bodies.

Members of the different committees that were set up for the organization of the independence and cultural day celebration could not come up with any progress report. Committee members who were present stated that they had either not met or that their committees are yet to produce a working paper.

The board floated the idea of a bereavement benefit for members. The idea is to set up an account from which the association can help bereaved members defray the costs instead of individual contributions. The house deliberated on the idea and agreed that members should subscribe \$50 to the account. Whenever any member is bereaved, such a member will be entitled to a donation of \$500 from this account.

On matters arising, Shola questioned the way the association was run and felt that the board just decides on issues and that the house is not carried along while such decisions are made. He also wondered whether the association was just constituted for only organizing parties. Clinton and Joe tried to explain that while that could be his observation, the board does not decide on issues without the agreement of the house. Kumbi suggested that we reduce the cost of printing our magazine by reducing the size of the magazine. The house deliberated on this and referred that decision to the board.

With no other business for the day Kumbi moved for an adjournment that was seconded by Yinka and the meeting ended with a prayer from Clinton.