

Unat Meeting 09/29/12

Our meeting started at 6.20pm with a short prayer by Mr. Jerry. The chairman welcomed members and the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted by members. The financial secretary presented a summary of our financial statement for the end of September.

Our donation account had \$2214.89,

Our special Account had \$886.90,

Our operating account had \$2535.57

Grand Total: 5567.36

He called on members to pay up their dues and the \$75 levy we levied ourselves for cultural and Independence Day celebration. The chairman called on the different committees to give an update on their different assignments. He indicated that he has received \$1000 from one of his contacts. He appealed that we double our efforts to raise funds for the celebration since we are committed to having a successful celebration.

Clinton hinted that he got a favorable response from Bony Crest and that he was going to meet them soon for the donation. As for IB he said that there was a promise that IB would get back to us. Moses indicated that he had met and spoken to all those he was assigned to meet and that there is hope that they would respond. He also hinted that he spoke to Solomon and that he is yet to meet him in person.

The publicity group brought the invitation cards and indicated that the deadline for advertisements in the magazine would be the tenth of October. The chairman appealed to members to buy advertisement spots for their businesses and for their families to congratulate Nigeria on the occasion of our 52nd Independence anniversary.

As part of our activities for the celebration, the chairman said the board wants to revive the idea of getting a Nigerian House in Tulsa. It will be announced during the celebration. He talked about how having a Nigerian House in Tulsa will serve as an angle point for our people and how the display of our cultural heritage will place Nigeria on a better footing in Tulsa.

The secretary told the house that every arrangement with TTC with regards to our use of their facilities for our symposium has been concluded. He said that the foreign student adviser has asked their foreign students to serve as ushers and greeters for us during the symposium. He promised that they would take care of all the cleaning and arrangement of the hall before and after the symposium. This whole deal will be at no cost to the association.

On immigration matters, we finally had an Immigration attorney who came to address us. She took time to explain in good details the laws and how to get ourselves out of trouble when we have problems with the immigration. She hinted that whenever we have any problem with the law most especially if we do not have Citizenship, we should always insist that we want an immigration attorney to be present even if we have an attorney. Finally she advised that those of us who are permanent residents should not waste time in applying for citizenship because of the benefits that comes with it.

She was able to answer all the questions members asked and she even left her card for us to get in touch if need be. The chairman also told us that Unat members will get a discount from them whenever we need their services.

On matters arising, Shola and Innocent complained about their inability to access the Unat website. They were told that effort will be made to make it easier for members to access information on our website. Invitation and complimentary cards were distributed for members to invite people to our celebration. With no other business for the day, the meeting was adjourned with closing prayer by Jerry at 9.30pm.