

# KDDA UK General Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 AGENDA:

- 1. Dinner and Dance Final plans
- 2. Mr. Tamba Gborie's message and request
- 3. By-election schedule date
- 4. Any Other Business

Call to order for the meeting and prayer conducted by Dr Kai Ngegba.

Observation from the minutes of the last meeting.

1. Mr Sahr Kabba asked when the communique from the Kono Conference will be available? The chairman, Mr Aiah Tondoneh, said the communique for the Kono Conference is not yet being published.

He said a draft of the communique has been made and efforts are being made to publish the final document.

He said also that a toilet project for the Gbense Market has been launched by the Kono Conference Secretariat and members can contribute towards the project if they can.

Mr Sahr Kabba moved that the minutes be adopted, which was seconded by Mr Tamba Opas Jimmy Kay. The chairman thanked everyone, especially those who contributed towards the funeral arrangement of the Late Pastor Juliet Samura. The chairman made the following points:

- 1. He said he was proud of the way the members of KDDA UK organised to provide moral and financial support towards the funeral arrangement.
- 2. He further said that if anyone knows who was sick and lonely in the community, should come forward and report the situation.
- 3. The chairman went on further to asked about what members were doing in terms of supporting ourselves financially, for example, Osusu. He made the point that if every member is contributing at least £20 or £30 every month in such an arrangement, it will go a long way to help each member. He said a lot of organisations are doing that and members are benefitting from such examples. The simple fact is that it is difficult to save, and it can be easier saving that way and whatever you can contribute is yours.
- 4. He introduced two gentlemen from an organisation called "Owl Financial", a network of financial advisers who specializes in a wide range of financial products ranging from life insurance, critical illness insurance, Income protection, mortgages and mortgages, and money protection in hospital support, funerals, accidents and injuries, etc. Buying life insurance is not enough but putting the insurance in an insurance policy trust provides guaranty that the insurance pays after death. An insurance policy trust is free, and it puts thing in the right perspective

Mrs Patricia Saffa said that it is important that as a community, consider the advice and in the next meeting discuss the details involved.

Update on Dinner and Dance

- 1. Mrs Browne extended her family's sympathy to Mr and Mrs Robinson for the loss of their loved one.
- 2. She also extended thanks to all those who in their various ways supported the welcome and reception for the High Commissioner, Mr Tamba Lamina and the Deputy High Commissioner, Mrs Agnes Macauley.
- 3. She also announced that the tickets have been prepared and the cost of the tickets were:

Single - £50

Couples - £90

Single patron - £75

Double patron - £140

Chief patron - £200

Grand chief patron – by donation

4. She further said that the Dinner and Dance was organised every year to bring together the members of the Kono and Sierra Leone community.

- 5. Food A three course dinner will be served
- 6. There will also be a lot of drinks will be served. Also, drinks can be bought at the bar run by the hotel.
- 7. Dress code:

Men - smart dinner suit or African outfit.

Women - Smart African dress

Parking will be free after 6pm. Update on the parking space will be put on the forum

Music has been booked, and decorations already been provided for

Mrs Aminata Browne encouraged us to ensure that the tickets are sold.

Mr Kabba asked who will be running the Bar? The answer was that the Hotel Management will run the Bar.

Adverts of the Dinner and Dance to be put on the internet as suggested by Mrs Browne.

Dr Kai Ngegba made a point that prestigious halls are not necessarily in Hotels and next time we should think about other venues. He said, spending about £4000 for the cost of the hall was not cost effective.

Mrs Nganga Tondoneh suggested that our young ladies to serve the Chief patrons and patrons.

It was unanimously agreed that the theme of the hall should be the KDDA UK Logo.

## **Updates from the Constitutional Review Committee.**

Dr Kai Ngegba said that it is not the forming of the committee, but the commitment to the assignment given to the members of the committee. Not every member is committed. He said that they started deliberating on the constitution but suggested that we should read the constitution and recommend any changes that you think that should be made by contacting Dr Kai Ngegba.

#### **KDDA UK Directory Review.**

We should make the effort to get more addresses to add to the Directory, so that it will be easier to contact and inform members in the Kono Community.

Everyone was asked to send names and addresses of friends and family members to the chairman, vice chairman and secretary.

**Project Planning** 

Items have been provided but we have no storage facilities.

Mr Tamba Gborie asked how long can the items be stored? Whether it was okay to search for a garage for KDDA UK?

## **Action Point**

- 1. Check for garage
- 2. Check for the cost of container
- 3. Check also for storage containers, feedback required at the next meeting.

### **Quick Gain Projects**

The chairman asked that we propose something about a project such as education.

Mrs Robinson asked that KDDA UK supports the Yormandu school because it needs financial support.

She promised to prepare a report for the next meeting.

Dates for the vacant Trustees positions and the date was set for 25th May 2019

Mrs Finda Tumoe and Mr Tamba Gborie

Finda Tumoe, the sister of Late Juliet Samura, thanked the KDDA UK for the support the organisation provided for her late sister and Mr Tamba Gborie also thanked the organisation for the support provided.

The chairman emphasized that the strength and spirit we showed in sister Juliet Samura's funeral must continue.

He also mentioned that we want to express our condolences to the Robinson Family.

#### **Contributions**

Mrs A Kabba - £10

Mrs F Ngegba - £10

Dr K Ngegba - £10 Mr S Gborie £10 Mr Sahr Q. Kamanda - £20 Registration S Gborie - £10

## **Any Other Business**

KDDA working with the government of Sierra Leone

Dr Kai Ngegba highlighted the importance of library for the schools and University to be built.

This will be done through projects

Mr Sahr Kabba said that the Paramount Chiefs should be pressured to give report on the Kono Conference.

Project for Science Laboratories in Secondary Schools

Dennis Turner said that Laboratories in the secondary schools are disgraceful. We should embark on Science Laboratory Projects in Secondary Schools in Kono.

We should think about it in the next meeting

Dennis Turner moved that the meeting be ended, seconded by Mr Jimmy-Kay

Your Sincerely,

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