

Executive Committee Meeting

Sunday, November 11, 2019

The Executive Committee met on Sunday, November 11, 2019, at 7 pm., and was presided over by President Samuel Abdullai. Members present were:

1. Pres. Samuel Abdullai
2. Sylvanus Golakai
3. Robert Sherman
4. Feweh Sherman
5. Jank Sambola
6. James Yarsiah
7. Bill Paasewe
8. Sando Jones

Prayers were offered by Fr. Yarsiah. Afterwards, President Abdullai inquired if anyone had questions regarding the reports which had been received regarding the recently-held annual reunion/convention. No one appeared to have questions. President Abdullai proceeded to state concerns about information left out of the report such as: Endowment report, an addendum to the constitution of a new position of Financial Secretary, and two disbursements from the financial report to update the website.

Fr. Yarsiah inquired if funds for purchase of the vehicle was included in the financial report; and Treasurer Paasewe clarified that the funds were included but will not be used for any purpose other than for the vehicle, which then leaves \$4,000.00 in the account.

RoadMap to Endowment Fund – To raise \$500,000 in five years; a committee will be set up to appoint members. Members, Bill Paasewe, Robert Sherman, Fr. Babb, and Sylvanus Golakai, were appointed. President Abdullai stated that he desires a “functional” group.

Formation of Endowment Committee – President Abdullai recommended the following individuals and will communicate in writing informing them of their appointments. They are:

1. Susan Fowler (our webmaster)
2. Jan & Dave McLaughlin
3. Dr. John Singler
4. Re. Dr. James Yarsiah
5. Samuel A. Abdullai Sr.
6. Dr. Robert G. Sherman
7. Jank Sambolah
8. William Paasewe
9. Sando Jones
10. Feweh Sherman
11. Dr. Joe Diggs
12. Bishop Johnatan B. Hart (LIB)
13. Cllr. Varney Sherman (LIB)

14. Emmanuel Shaw (LIB)
15. Dr. Eugene Shannon(LiB)
16. Cllr. Mohamedu Jones
17. Hawa Weeks
18. Dr. Christian Peabody

Robert recommended Dr. Joe Diggs, Emmett and Yedeh Dennis, Christian Peabody, Kate Bryant, Emmanuel Shaw, and Varney Sherman be added to the list.

Jank recommended Hawa Weeks be also added to the list; Bill Paasewe suggested that an individual outside of active members be made the chairman of the committee, and recommended Christian Peabody, former president. Bill does not wish to chair the committee due to his position as manager of funds.

Feweh – suggested Mohamedu Jones be appointed as co-chair; Sylvanus suggested that the chairman does not have to be an alumni but an individual who has experience with fund-raising; **Jank** suggested that we reach out to active or inactive members; if they do not respond, we would have nothing to lose. **Robert** commented that the suggestions were excellent and that many individuals be contacted. **President Abdullahi** stated that those appointed were just the initial appointees. He will contact the Liberian alumni to get them involved.

President Abdullahi asked members to vote for the frequency of Executive Committee meetings, and after the vote, three members voted for meeting to be held quarterly, while five members voted for meeting to be held every other month. Based on the vote, meetings will be every other 3rd Sunday at 7 pm EST.

Convention Summary – Resolution of 2019

1. Salary Payment to the school have been suspended
2. Purchase pickup truck
3. Re-roofing of High school's roof
4. The Koboliah Project
5. By-laws amended to indicate the new position of Financial Secretary
6. Launching of Endowment Fund to raise \$500,000.00 in five years
7. Fr. Babb's 2020 mission to Liberia
8. 2020 Convention to be held in Maryland
9. Election of new core of officers

President Abdullahi will communicate the summary to the Liberian alumni, through Eugene Shannon as a courtesy.

Bill Paasewe asked members to contact him if anyone wishes to utilize the call-in number. **President Abdullahi** reminded him that he is the one who approved the use of the number by New York chapter.

Sylvanus reported the death of the missionary, who attended the convention in Maryland in 2015. She resided in Canada. This information was conveyed to Sylvanus by Zina Gray, who was fostered by the missionary and her husband. Sylvanus will provide Feweh and Fr. Yarsiah with Zina's contact information so condolences can be expressed to the family on the alumni's behalf.

Feweh reported that Fr. Babb's mission is still in place. Detailed information about the trip will be submitted to President Abdullai to communicate with alumni in Liberia and the Bishop's office about the trip.

President Abdullai received an email from Rev. Flemister regarding the appointment of an American doctor at St. Timothy's Hospital in Robertsport.

Fr. Yarsiah – reported that he does not have clarification of the memorial funds collected at Ms. Robertson's Memorial. He will provide Robert with the information to be discussed together with him and Feweh.

Social Media – Fr. Yarsiah and Robert will collaborate to get the association active on What's App.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm. Fr. Yarsiah lead the closing prayer, and members joined him in saying the Mizpah together.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sando J. Jones

Secretary