**Ekiti Progressive Union Dallas, Fort Worth Metro



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EKITI PROGRESSIVE UNION**

**DALLAS, FORT WORTH METROPLEX**

**Minutes of the EPU Meeting held at Oduduwa hall on the 14th of August, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by the president at 5:50 PM

**Attendance**

1. **Prince Alade**
2. **Mrs. M. Alade**
3. **Mr. Ajayi -Smart**
4. **Mrs. Ajayi-Smart**
5. **Mr. Ajeigbe**
6. **Mrs. Ajeigbe**
7. **Mr. Alfred Akinola**
8. **Mrs. Victoria Akinola**
9. **Mr. Clement Babalola**
10. **Mrs. Babalola**
11. **Otunba Falade- Excused Absence**
12. **Mrs. Falade**
13. **Mrs. Omolewa**
14. **Mr. Omolewa**
15. **Elder Shadrach Akinola**
16. **Mrs. Augusta Akinola**
17. **Mrs. A Rotimi – Ogunsola-Excuse Absence**
18. **Mr. Lawrence Owonikoko- Excused Absence**
19. **Mrs. Owonikoko-Absent**
20. **Evangelist Elizabeth Odelusi-excused Absence**
21. **Mrs. Tokunbo Olabode**
22. **Mr. Bayo Daramola Absent**
23. **Mr. Jayeola S. Muyiwa**
24. **Jayeola H. Oluwakemi - Excused Absent**
25. **Mr. Adeniji Adeoye - Excused Absent**
26. **Lady evangelist Fagbeyiro-Excused Absence**
27. **Evangelist Bamidele Fagbeyiro-Excused Absence**
28. **Mrs. Yemi Olagoroye**
29. **Mrs. Blessing Orebe**
30. **Mr. Ayodele Orebe**
31. **Mr. Peter Omodele-Absent**
32. **Mrs. Amarachi Omodele Absent**
33. **Mr. Bowale Adepoju-Absent**
34. **Mrs. Ariyo- Excused Absent**
35. **Mrs. Adedeji – Absent**
36. **Pastor Bakare**
37. **Mrs. Vicky Ajayi**

**Minutes**

Minutes of the last meeting was adopted by Mrs. Alade and seconded by Mrs. Babalola

**Matters Arising**

**More report on the Picnic by the Social Committee:**

**The President, Elder Shadrach Akinola JP**, in his opening remark thanked every member for their loyalty and dedication to the Union. He said more report on the picnic is still expected. This will help us to know what we have left and also it will help us to measure our success and short comings.

Speaking before the arrival of the social Director, **the Iya Egbe, (Mrs Alade**) said the payment for the 2023 picnic’s reservation has been made. She said that the social director is on vacation and as soon as she arrives from her vacation, she will give the Union a run-down inventory of what we have left from the last picnic.

As the meeting was progressing, the social director, Mrs. Omolewa walked in to join the meeting, she said any information she has will be presented next meeting because she is just arriving from a vacation.

In his contribution, **Mr. Jayeola** observed that diverse sports and competition were missing from the last picnic. He added that if more competing games are made available in the next picnic, it will make the picnic more exciting.

This idea was supported by Mrs. Alade and she said Mr. Jayeola is thereby accepted to the social committee because suggestions and fresh ideas are needed in the committee.

**Mrs. (Engineer) Vicky Ajayi** also supports the idea and said, next year will be better and more things will be added.

**Mrs. Stella Ajayi said** the Union should involve the children since they are the future of the Union and they need to play a role.

**The patron** said he support the idea and offered the conference room as a meeting place for the kids.

**The President supported** the idea and advised the social committee to get themselves together and start planning for the new year celebration without delay and whatever is needed to make the celebration a success must be communicated with the Union in earnest.

**The Present reminded the Union of the Osun’s** invitation. He advised that more representation from the Union is needed.

There was the question on uniformity, and it was suggested by the **first Lady (Mrs. Augusta** **Akinola)** that the Ankara used for the Union’s anniversary in 2019 should be appropriate.

**Charity donation**, the president advised that members should come to the meeting with their donations.

**General**

Under general, **Mr. Babalola** asked what is going on with the post office box and the website and what step are we taking

**The president** replied that the ex-president is fully in charge and we need to write him a letter. He added that the website was taken off for lack of payment and we need to re-apply. Right now, the Union cannot do much because the website was opened on a personal account by the ex-president and needed to be changed to the Union ‘s account.

**Mr. Babalola said** the president can call the Ex-president instead of writing a letter and let the ex-president know that we need access to the website.

Mrs. Omolewa ask how much does it cost to renew the website and what is the possibility of accessing the Website after payment?

**The patron in** his own observation said, Mr. Babalola’s idea is good and if he did not respond, then a letter can be written to him.

On the mail box, the Patron said, all we need to do is re-apply for another post office box.

The President said the reason why he thought of writing a letter to the ex-president was because he wrote us a letter to inform us about the website and he said he has made attempts to pay to renew the hosting but could not because the subscription has expired.

**Mrs. Alade** said writing a letter to the Ex-president is for documentation but Mr. Babalola insisted that a call to the ex-president will be better.

In his contribution, **Mr. Orebe** suggested that reconciliation meeting is of necessity. He added that unity among members most especially Ekiti people in DFW is very essential. United we stand, divided we fall. Everyone should be happy to join the Union irrespective of who you are or what has happened in the past. He said we need to call the ex- president first before writing a letter, adding the Union does not need a post office box because it is a waste of money.

**2023 Calendar and T-shirt**

The president said the Union needs a 2023 Calendar and a new T-shirt for the picnic.

Mrs. Yemi Olagoruwa said, we can choose our T-shirt here in the US and Calendar in Nigeria to save money.

There were suggestions that if we get the website up and running, we may not need the calendar. Mr. Jayeola suggested that a year book which will contain all vital information about the members could be better.

The president argued that the Almanac will contain all vital information.

**Pastor Bakare said** both Almanac and year book are for a year. Mrs. Alade added that we need what will serve immediate need.

The president said the Almanac is expected to be ready by December meeting.

On a different view, **Mr. Jayeola** advised that we should be proud of our language and we should be bringing our kids to the meeting to uplift our language.

**Mrs. Alade** said we should build the relationship with our kids. So that our language will not go into an extinct.

The president advised that those who have received the scholarship and could not disburse it because of the covid should do so because we need all the documentations.

**Financial**

Mrs. Falade: Women $60.00

Orebe $75.00

Deaconess Ajeigbe $60.00

Mrs. Olabode $30.00

Total $225.00

Deacon Ajeigbe said we should endeavor to bring new members to the meeting. Each person to bring 1 person to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Omolewa and seconded by Mrs. Babalola