**EKITI PROGRESSIVE UNION**

**DALLAS, FORT WORTH METROPLEX**

**Minutes of meeting of EPU held at Oduduwa hall on the 9th of October, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by the president at 6:55 PM

Opening Prayer by Elder Babalola followed by Ekiti Anthem.

**Attendance**

1. **Prince Alade**
2. **Mrs. M. Alade**
3. **Mr. Ajayi -Smart**
4. **Mrs. Ajayi-Smart**
5. **Mr. Ajeigbe -Excused absence**
6. **Mrs. Ajeigbe**
7. **Mr. Alfred Akinola**
8. **Mrs. Victoria Akinola**
9. **Mr. Clement Babalola**
10. **Mrs. Babalola -Excused Absence**
11. **Otunba Falade**
12. **Mrs. Falade**
13. **Mrs. Omolewa**
14. **Mr. Omolewa**
15. **Elder Shadrach Akinola**
16. **Mrs. Augusta Akinola**
17. **Mrs. A Rotimi – Ogunsola Excused absence**
18. **Mr. Lawrence Owonikoko**
19. **Mrs. Lawrence Owonikoko**
20. **Evangelist Elizabeth Odelusi**
21. **Mrs. Tokunbo Olabode**
22. **Mr. Bayo Daramola**
23. **Mr. Jayeola S. Muyiwa**
24. **Jayeola H. Oluwakemi -Excused absence**
25. **Mr. Adeniji Adeoye-Excused absence**
26. **Lady evangelist Fagbeyiro**
27. **Evangelist Bamidele Fagbeyiro**
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 absence**
35. **Mrs. Adedeji -Excused absence**
36. **Kehinde Awe**
37. **Mrs. Kehinde) Awe**
38. **Engr. Vicky Ajayi**
39. **Mrs. Olubodun**
40. **Mrs. Fagbohun**
41. **Christopher Olusola Dada**
42. **Abiodun Awoyemi**
43. **Pastor Bakare- Absent**

The last minutes was adopted by Mrs. Omolewa and seconded by Mrs. Augusta Akinola (First Lady)

The president in his opening remark sought the co-operation of every member in moving the Union forward. He said that we have to work together to achieve our goal.

**Matters arising**:

**Christmas Party December 17. 2022**

**The Social Director, Mrs. Omolewa said that** the Christmas committee is working hard to achieve a successful Christmas party. She added that everything is in progress and all options are open.

**The patron, Elder Alfred Akinola** said that the Union needs concrete answer as regards the preparation for the Christmas party.

The social director replied that the reason why we can not give a concrete answer was because there are some issues to be resolved such as the issue of caterer. She said the invitation card has been done and sent to the Exco for approval.

The Patron responded further that if the caterers want our business they supposed to respond quickly. He stressed further that to have a successful party, every plan supposed to have been in top gear. He advised that everyone should pay up their levy.

**The President, Elder Shadrach Akinola** said in our September meeting, it was agreed that we should not go to the Union’s pulse to take money for the party and a contribution of $100.00 per family and voluntary contribution in addition to the $100.00 is encouraged.

The president said the Osun convention was successful, the Union donated $100.00 to the convention.

**EPU website update**

**The Iya Egbe, Mrs. Alade** said she got in touch with the web developer and the sum of $200.00 was paid to him. She said that the web designer said he will need to reactivate the site because it has been left for a long time and everything has expired; he gave assurance that he is working on the website.

Still on the website, **Mr. Babalola** said that with all indication, it shows will are making progress. He asked if the $200.00 belongs to the Bluehost.

**Mrs. Alade** replied that, it is for backups, entries, passwords, adding and editing.

Domain name registration is $19.99 for one year and $70.00 to redeem lost information.

**The First Lady thanked Mrs. Alade** for the job she doing on the website

The president enjoined everyone to cooperate with the Web designer and also asked **Mr. Orebe** to join the Iya Egbe to follow up on the Website.

**EPU CALENDA**

**Mrs. Alade** said the reason why we are moving too slow on the calendar was because people are not participating. If the committee needs information and it is posted on the forum, people need to respond. She added that for the calendar, the time is too short and it should be postponed.

This idea was supported by **Mr. Babalola** that the Calendar be postponed because of time. He said we can start planning for next year right now and by June next year, it should be ready.

**Engr. (Mrs.) Vicky Ajayi** said we can put it on vote to resolve the issue.

**Prince Alade** added that if we want to do something, it has to be done right. He added that we do not have enough time right now for the calendar, we have to move it forward.

**Mr. Jayeola** said we should be thinking of the year book and the action needs to start right now.

The idea was supported by **Mr. Babalola and Prince Alade.** They said we can even advertise on the year book and it could generate income for the Union. Mr. Babalola said the advantage of a year book is more that reading things online because you can take it anywhere you go and it is an income generator for the Union.

One of the new members**, Mr. Awoyemi** said the year book will contain every vital information of the Union and its activities.

The president agreed with the proposal and said improvement is needed and advised the committee to start work right now. He added that we have a year to work on the new proposal and the Union we keep on reminding and asking the committee for updates.

**CHARITY DONATIONS**

The president advised everyone to bring their donations.

**EDUCATION**

The president requested that the committee’s reports be read and a copy was given to every member to ponder over. The president said that the committee touched several other things.

**GENERAL**

**Mrs. Fagbohun** advised members to reach out to other members by calling them and asking after their welfare.

The president added that the issue of calling members should not rest only on the shoulder of the welfare committee alone. It should be the duty of everyone.

Otunba Falade in his contribution, said we should allow the spirit of love to reign supreme among us. He advised that we should be objective in our approach to everything. We have to cooperate and be unify, he said.

**FINANCIAL**

**Members’ due**

Mr. & Mrs. Orebe $30.00

Mrs. Tokunbo Olabode $25.00

Otunba & Olori Falade $75.00

Total $30.00

The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Omolewa and seconded by Mrs. Stella Ajayi