**EKITI PROGRESSIVE UNION**

**DALLAS, FORT WORTH METROPLEX**

**Minutes of meeting of EPU held at Oduduwa hall on the 11th of September, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by the president at 5:40 PM

Opening Prayer by Evangelist Odelusi followed by Ekiti Anthem.

**Attendance**

1. **Prince Alade-Excused absence**
2. **Mrs. M. Alade-Excused absence**
3. **Mr. Ajayi -Smart**
4. **Mrs. Ajayi-Smart**
5. **Mr. Ajeigbe -Excused absence**
6. **Mrs. Ajeigbe -Excused absence**
7. **Mr. Alfred Akinola**
8. **Mrs. Victoria Akinola**
9. **Mr. Clement Babalola-Excused absence**
10. **Mrs. Babalola**
11. **Otunba Falade- Excused absence**
12. **Mrs. Falade -Excused absence**
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 -Excused absence**
20. **Evangelist Elizabeth Odelusi**
21. **Mrs. Tokunbo Olabode**
22. **Mr. Bayo Daramola -Excused absence**
23. **Mr. Jayeola S. Muyiwa**
24. **Jayeola H. Oluwakemi -Excused absence**
25. **Mr. Adeniji Adeoye-Excused absence**
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 absence**
35. **Mrs. Adedeji -Excused absence**
36. **Kehinde Awe**
37. **Mrs. Kehinde) Awe**

The last minutes was adopted by Mrs. Omolewa and seconded by Mr. Orebe

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

**Matters arising**:

**Christmas Party December 17. 2022**

**Report from the committee**:

**Entertainment:**

The Social Director, Mrs. Omolewa made references to the EXCO’s discussion that only 1 caterer was used, she is in the opine that this year, at least 2 should be used.

The president suggested that the caterer issue could be postponed. He added that the estimate for the Christmas party should be reduced and work with minimum amount so that the Union pulse will not be drained.

The president asked for an estimate of people that will show up at the party, Mrs. Omolewa replied that the number of attendees rest on individual member’s effort.

Mrs. Odelusi said that the budget for the party was not too much because things are too expensive right now. She said that whatever revenue realized from voluntary donations and the levy from members will reduce the burden on the Union’s pulse.

The Patron supported the $100 levy. He also suggested that we should allow three different Caterer as our vendor and food will include “amala on the spot” He advised the social committee to come up with concrete plan for deliberation to receive approval from the house.

It was suggested that cultural dances, couple dance, and the children dances will be in incorporated.

On the color code (dressing), it was suggested that everyone can put on what he or she has.

The following members were assigned responsibilities.

Mr. Jayeola was chosen as the MC

**Drinking supervission**

Mr. Omolewa

Mr. Ariyo

Mr. Orebe

It was agreed that each member should contribute $100 for the Christmas party but the first lady, Mrs. Augusta Akinola suggested that we should wait until we have a full house before we conclude on the $100 levy.

Mr. Orebe said we should task ourselves on what we can contribute adding that a member can even contribute up to $600. He suggested that we should ask ourselves, what each person has the power to contribute. This idea was supported by Mrs. Omolewa.

The Patron said it is better to make decision at the right time instead of waiting till another day. He then promised to give $300 in addition to their family’s donation of $200.

The family of Orebe and Jayeola promised to give $400 towards the Christmas party. The first lady, Mrs. Augusta Akinola prayed that this year’s Christmas party will be better than the previous years. She agreed with the $100 levy but; against contracting the food to different vendors.

This is the list of those who made promises to give extra towards party:

Patron $300

Mr. Orebe & Jayeola $400

Mrs. Odelusi $100

President $150

Mrs. Olabode $50

On Osun invitation, the members have decided on the kind of outfit to wear on that day. The president said a check of $100 would be given to them at the party.

On the Union’s website, the president said there is a progress on it. He added that a committee will be working on the Calendar and the T-shirt. He advised members to submit their pictures and old members who want to replace their pictures should do so on time. A sample of an old calendar was brought to the meeting for members to see.

**Collection of charity donations**

The president advised members to bring their donations to the meeting and drop them in the box provided here at Oduduwa Hall.

**General**

Mrs. Olabode informed members that a service of songs for her late mother will be held on the 30th of October 2022 at Oduduwa Hall. The president advised her to print flyers and paste it on the Union’s platform.

Mrs. Odelusi also invites members to her son in-law’s 40th birthday. She advised couples to learn to forgive each other no matter what is happening between them.

The president said, one of our members who needs financial assistance was helped by some of the executives and the money was individually contributed and not from the Union’s pulse and it is loan, which will be paid back.

**Scholarship/educational fund**

The president said the program was not cancelled but stopped during the covid time. Mrs. Smart called the president’s attention to the committee set up on the scholarship fund. The president said the report of the committee is not in line with the terms or reference given.

The patron suggested that the committee should be allowed to give the report to the members and whatever decision reached by the committee should be deliberated upon by the members, then a conclusion would be reached. He also encouraged members to pay their monthly dues.

**Observation**

The patron observed that many members are absent and he asked if there is any information about their absence. The president read out the names of members who called to inform him of their absence.

**Hosting**

Mrs. Omolewa informed the house that she swapped with Elder Fagbeyiro, therefore her family is hosting in October while Elder Fagbeyiro’s family will host in November.

**Closing**

The president gave the closing prayer

**Adjournment**

Mr. Omolewa moved for adjournment of the meeting at 7:35 PM and was seconded by Mrs. Odelusi.