

YC Past Students Association- Jamaica Chapter
Notes of meeting
held on August 19, 2006
at
Ocean's 11, Ocho Rios, St. Ann

Present were

Franklyn Bennett
Howard Bennett
Vannette Brown - Secretary
Jennifer Clare
Michael Dunn
Alanzo "Oliver" Green
Norma Haughton
Neketo Lynch
Jackie Peat-Smith
Evrod Nam
Trevor Radway – Asst Treasurer
Patrick Russell – Vice President
Geraldine Sinclair - President
Reynold "Rey" Smith
Joy Speare - Treasurer
Andrew Swaby
Bradshaw Taylor
Evet Linton-Walters – Asst Secretary
Oatis Wisdom

Apologies for absence

Sheldon Brown
Victor Rose
Milton Brady
Carol Tracy-Alexander
Lawrence Alexander

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by President Geraldine Sinclair at 11:30am.

Prayer was offered by Andrew Swaby.

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Geraldine welcomed those present and introduced the new Executive officers. In an effort to encourage participation at the meeting, the President asked all attendees to introduce themselves and to tell us “what animal best describes their personality”. This certainly gave all a chance to “break the ice”.

Geraldine indicated the need to discuss the Chapter committees and its membership.

Committees

The four committees she mentioned at this time were:

1. Communications
2. Fundraising
3. Sports
4. 50th Anniversary Celebration

In a unanimous decision, all attending agreed that the committees' membership should be canvassed. Below is a list of those who volunteered. Past Students not in attendance are being asked to volunteer as a member of any committee.

<u>Communications</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Sports</u>
Jen Clare Bradshaw Taylor Oatis Wisdom Alanzo “Oliver” Green	Joy Speare Evrod Nam	Rey Smith Victor Rose Oatis Wisdom Neketo Lynch

The 50th Anniversary Committee membership and its plans are to be discussed at the next meeting. The President encouraged committees to meet and deliver any report to the general monthly meetings. A specific focus all agreed at this time is the fundraising efforts to purchase the YCHS bus. The Bar-B-Fry for this October/November is still being planned for a Kingston venue.

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Drive for the YCHS Bus

Secretary Vannette Brown spoke about her research to obtain the bus. In working with YCite Elgin Holness, it has been determined that the cost of a bus would be approximately J\$2.1 million. However, the attendees suggested that J\$3.1 million should be the extended budget to ensure a newer bus could become the target vehicle instead for a better return on investment. Treasurer Joy Speare pointed out that currently, the Chapter has approximately J\$160,000.00 in the Chapter's ScotiaBank account.

Following extensive discussion, the attendees recommended that we solicit a minimum contribution of J\$1,000.00 from each past student to make this dream a reality. A contribution letter to be distributed to all YCites was suggested to be drafted. A draft of the contribution letter is to be presented at the next meeting.

Mailing List

It was indicated that the current YC Past Students' mailing list is approximately 266.

Fundraising

An update is to be presented at the next meeting on the Bar-B-Fry fundraiser planned for Kingston in October/November.

Matters Arising

It was noted that the website is being developed – www.ycalumni.org and that a draft of the Home Page was now published on the Internet. A print out of the Home Page was distributed during the meeting for any feedback to the Communications committee.

Calendar of events

Plans are in place to have a calendar of events which will be included on the website. So far, these include:

- Annual dinner
- Annual reunion
- Labour day project at the school

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Contribution at meetings

It was again suggested that a contribution be made at monthly meetings by attendees. As such, the president made a motion to the floor and it was agreed that J\$500.00 should be the amount collected. Attendees then made their contribution.

Meeting (St. Ann) Venue – Ocho Rios

The owner of the venue Ocean's 11 was approached during the meeting. All attending expressed that the venue was ideal (relaxing beachfront for a Saturday morning meeting, ease with finding the location, parking and meeting amenities). The Chapter's Executive will confirm the arrangements for this venue.

Refreshments

Appreciation was extended to those who helped to provide jerked chicken/pork, escoveitched fish, festival, tasty fresh fruit cups and a delightful cake.

Next Meeting Date - Kingston

The September 16 meeting will again be held in Kingston at the Merl Grove High School library, corner of Constant Spring Road & Dunrobin Avenue.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm on a motion by Oatis Wisdom, seconded by Evet Linton-Walters.