

YCHS Past Students Association- Jamaica Chapter
Minutes of Meeting
held on
November 18, 2006
at
Ocean's 11, Ocho Rios, St. Ann

Present were

Carol Alexander
Vannette Brown
Beverline Brown-Smith
Jennifer Clare
Neketo Lynch
Wendell Marsh
Al McDonald
Gilbert McDonald
Donna Mendez
Trevor Radway
Patrick Russell
Geraldine Sinclair
Rey Smith
Joy Speare
Andrew Swaby

Apologies for absence

Milton Brady
Jimmy Lawrence
Pauline Lawrence
Evrod Nam
Evet Linton-Walters
Roosevelt Richards
Beverly Sutherland-Lewis

Call to order

The meeting/lyme was called to order by President Geraldine Sinclair at 3:06pm.

Prayer was offered by Gilbert McDonald.

In true YC spirit all were welcomed, especially new attendees, at which time Geraldine asked all present to introduce themselves.

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Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting in October were confirmed by Al McDonald and seconded by Joy Speare.

Success Story

In the CXC results of 2006, York Castle student Germaine Rose placed first in the island in the subject: Electrical Technology. Congratulations to Germaine and his teacher O'Neil Lalor.

Drive for the YCHS Bus

It was suggested by Joy Speare that we call the persons we have on our contact list to attend the launch of the First Caribbean International Bank "Challenge" for purchasing a YCHS bus. Joy volunteered to speak to the Principal about the time and venue of the launch with a view of trying to have representation from the existing school body attend.

Jennifer Clare emphasised the need for alumni to contact as much past students as possible to attend the launch. Special thanks to Jimmy Lawrence for making the chapter banner a reality with his design.

Fundraising

The fundraising committee is to meet in January to discuss the planned Bar-B-Fry which has been postponed until the weekend before Ash Wednesday 2007 (Sat. 17th Feb. 2007). The proposed venue, the Police Officers Club was not available for November and with the Christmas holiday season, the fundraising committee recommended a postponement.

Communications Committee

Jennifer Clare expressed the need for assistance in updating the website. It was suggested that a feature be posted on the website to track the number of persons visiting the site. This request would be passed along to the website developer. Completion of the website was still pending the registration feature by the developer.

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Matters Arising

- The President urged past students to visit the school to see what the needs are and how they can be addressed by the alumni association, for example, sponsoring a subject prize for the top performer in a school term or year.
- Al McDonald reminded all about Lawrence Alexander's idea of going ahead with the printing of bumper stickers to be on sale - to encourage the 2008 50th anniversary celebration. These bumper stickers would be a form of advertising the upcoming 50th anniversary. Patrick Russell was given the responsibility to get quotations on the bumper stickers.
- Rey Smith suggested that the treasurer post a report on the website each month-end to show how much money is in the alumni account.

Up Coming Events

January 21st – Monthly Meeting – Merle Grove Library, Kingston

February 17th – Bar-B-Fry, Kingston

May 23rd – Labour Day project at YCHS

It was suggested that February's meeting be held at the school to make an assessment as to what the needs are so we can focus on the area we intend to work on for the Labour Day project.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Al McDonald and seconded by Rey Smith after which our year-end lyme began.

Refreshments & Lyme

As usual, in true YCHS alumni spirit, refreshments were provided for the lyme.