



CATHEDRAL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INC.
6821 Purple Lilac Ln. Clinton, MD 20735
Executive Committee Summary



November 16, 2021 at 20:00 / 08:00 pm e.s.t.

Zoom:

Meeting was opened by the President Gant, Wede at 20:05/08:05pm

In attendance;

President Gant, Wede... present, EX VP Seibure, Francis... present, VP MBS Wilson, Gwendolyn... absent, Treasure Sakor, Joyce... present, Financial Secretary Debblay-Burrell, Tanya... absent, Secretary Wright, Simala... present, Chaplin Afolabi - Jallah, Andrea... absent, CEF-Board Chair Crusoe-Holmes, Thelma... present, DMVWV Chapter Tukpah, Isaac... absent, FL Chapter Joseph, Agatha... present, NC Chapter Taplah, Gaulbert, Clifford... absent, NY/NJ Chapter Hammond, Rillette... absent, Tri-State Chapter Jones, Himien... present, TX Chapter Acolaste, Cephas... absent (collectively, the "Executive Committee").

Agenda:

1. Opening prayer
2. Reading of previous minutes
3. Audit
4. N.C. fundraiser feedback
5. Scholarships
6. Father Varfee feedback
7. Fundraising January – February 2022
8. Chapter Heads
9. WASSE Books
10. Scholarships (Rose Gabriel / Alumni to student)
11. Evaluation & Teacher Training – Educator Providing Solutions
12. Closing prayer

Notes:

1. Opening prayer by Executive Vice President Mr. Francis Seibure.
2. There were no previous minutes read because Secretary Simala Wright stated that he didn't have recordings from the past two meetings to prepare a report. President Gant suggested having a conversation off-line with Secretary Wright to remedy to situation.
3. N.C. Chapter President Mr. Gaulbert Taplah stated the fundraiser was successful and raised \$1,160.00. He and his members are planning another fundraising event in the near future.



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4. President Gant: Organs Class of 1989 criteria: Merit, 85% average, and essay.
 - a. 8 students applied and 2 were chosen
 - b. 1 chosen for Moses Kinnah
 - c. Alumni sponsored the remaining 5 students
 - d. Some sponsors/donors inquired about sponsoring but need information regarding tax deductions

5. Rose Gabriel:
 - a. 8 of 16 students are still attending the school and are active under the scholarship. She, Dorslar Farcathy, Father Varfee, Alvin Wright, Principal Mrs. Gray are doing the vetting.
 - b. C.S.E.F. Chair Mrs. Crusoe-Holmes indicated that the Rose Gabriel scholarship has not been reactivated. The information requested has not been made available to her.
 - c. EX VP Seibure asked about the process of vetting the students.
 - d. C.S.E.F. Chair Mrs. Crusoe-Holmes criteria for Rose Gabriel scholarship :
 - i. Required GPA 80%.
 - a. Not related to any staff member of the school of the secretariat.
 - ii. The required documents for receiving the scholarship were submitted to C.S.E.F. for deliberations. After a decision by the board, the chair will present it to the Executive Committee for final approval.
 - iii. According to EX VP Seibure from the last report by the former C.S.E.F. chair Mr. Robert Schwarz, the suspension of the scholarship was due to transparency, in that the criteria were not posted or published for the student body to assess. According to Chair Crusoe-Holmes the deficiencies have not been corrected.
 - iv. President Gant indicated based on the recommendation from the EX VP Seibure that the issue of C.S.E.F. chairman/chairwoman would be taken to the general body, and the unilateral decision to continue to dialogue with the school and schedule a meeting for November 21, 2021 at 14:00/2:00 pm EST would take place. Another factor was based on the financial records which she interpreted as unproductive. Her final reason is that treasurer Ms. Sakor has put a lockdown on funding.
 - v. Ms. Sakor indicated C.S.E.F. and its function cannot be placed on hold.
 1. C.S.E.F. has to vet individuals who will like the tax write off.
 2. Mrs. Gray has been nonresponsive to the chairwomen but responsive to President Gant, which has caused a slowdown in the foundation function of helping the school.
 - vi. FL Chair Mrs. Joseph stated her displeasure with comments from President Gant about how the Chairwoman Mrs. Crusoe-Holmes's appointment came about. She reiterated the then Vice Chairman, Rev. Hooke resigned and other members stop attending the C.S.E.F. board meetings. The issue was presented to the Executive Committee and she was authorized to close the C.S.E.F. account which was located in New York at a different bank and merge it under one banking institution. She was also displeased with the current state of affairs and recommended that if the Executive Committee cannot break the current impasse, then it should start looking at dissolving the organization.



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- vii. Ms. Sakor disagreed and indicated that there is no lockdown. The process of request, vetting, and approval by the C.S.E.F. board has not been followed and, therefore, for reporting and accounting purposes cannot be disbursed.
 - viii. President Gant reiterated that the C.S.E.F. is not functioning and there was a vote and approval by the Executive Committee to purchase books in the amount of \$3,500.00 to be placed in the school library.
 - ix. Ms. Sackor and Mrs. Joseph asked for the minutes granting the approval by the Executive Committee. Secretary Wright indicated that he does not have access to the recordings from previous meetings and, therefore, has no minutes.
6. Conclusion:
- a. EX VP Seibure asked President Gant about the way forward. The Executive Committee cannot take over the function of the C.S.E.F. because it is clearly delineated in the constitution of the organization. Secondly, there is a process leading up to and including when the general body assemble has to be followed. He is therefore recommending all activities of C.S.A.A. Inc. be placed on hold. However, if we can all take this time and opportunity to reset the working relations of the Executive Committee there is no reason we cannot accomplish the goals and objectives of the organization.
 - b. MA, RI, NE chapter president, Mr. Cromwell Brownell suggested the committee put aside differences and work together for the organization and our Alma Mata.
 - c. The meeting was call for adjournment by Mr. Jones and seconded by Secretary Wright.
7. Mrs. Joseph gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourn by president Gant at 22:00/10:00pm.

WRIGHT, SIMALA
Signed by Secretary

GANT, WEDE
Attested by President

SEIBURE, FRANCIS
Attested by Executive Vice President