IGBO ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (IAWA)

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 24th February 2018

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| **NAME OF COMMITTEE:** | IGBO ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA | | |
| **DATE OF MEETING:** | 24 Feb 2018 | | |
| **TIME OF MEETING:** | 3.30 PM | | |
| **VENUE:** |  | | |
| **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** | 25th March 2018 |  |  |
| **TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** | 3.30 PM | 3:30pm |  |
| **VENUE:** | Same as before |  |  |

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|  | **ITEMS** | **Discussions** | **ACTION:** |
| 1 | Opening Prayer | Pastor Frankline |  |
| 1. 1 | Opening remarks | Chairman welcomed everyone behalf of the executives of IAWA. He also apologized for the delay of the first meeting and also informed the house that IAWA will still have the bimonthly meeting in the month of march. | None |
| 1. 2 | Minutes Adoption | Mr. Kennedy Ogbonna and Dr. Charles Meribole |  |
| 2.0 | Apologies | Mrs. Njideka Ugwunali, Mr. Maduka & Charity Ukandu, Dr. & Mrs. Patrick Okoye, Mrs. Kelechi Nwokeiwu and Mr. Joseph & Cynthia Agu. |  |

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| 3 | Matters arising | 1. The Chairman informed the house that the chairman of the welfare committee has resigned and there will be need to reconstitute the committee. Chief Ibekwe inquired if Pastor Stanford gave any update report regarding the issue of reconciling the aggrieved member. 2. The IAWA chairman resigned from the project and planning committee and appointed Mr. Lawrence to replace him in the committee. This was supported by the house. Dr Charles Meribole suggested the dissolution of the planning committee since it was constituted by the old administration. Lolo Olivia Ibekwe inquired about the reporting protocol of the committee which after due deliberation and contribution from Hillary, Lawrence, Mike Nwokeiwu, Charles Meribole, Joseph Erekaha and Paul Ugwunali the house concluded that the committee should report to the general house and inform the executives. | Concluded |

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|  | Financial summary | Income and donations $22,722.08  Expenditure: $13,142.95  Net revenue $9,579.13 | Concluded |
| **4** | General business | 1. Dr. Charles Meribole asked about the outcome of the resolution of conflict between Onyeka Anyoku and Lolo Olivia Ibekwe, but the chairman referred him to the earlier discussion under matters arising. 2. Hall: Chairman informed the house about the difficulty in getting a hall for the meeting and suggested that the house choose if we will continue with the previous venue or the new venue. The house decided that the old venue will be better but we can continue with the new one if the old one is no longer available. Mr. Lawrence admonished the executive to asked questions to enable them to make informed decisions in future. Mr. Kelechi Ibe suggested that the current hall will be better for us. Dr. Ebele Emengini suggested that we shop around to see if we can get a better community rate elsewhere. Dr. Emengini was delegated to shop around. The Chairman concluded that we will use the current hall for the next meeting while we finalize the hall issue. 3. Language school: The Chairman called upon Chief Ibekwe to give an update regarding the school and what needs to be done. Chief Ibekwe in reply informed the house of the decision to dissolve the committee managing the Igbo language school and the nomination of the Dr. Ebele Emengini as the new Director of the language school. He also informed the house about the donation of curriculum by a professor from home. Chairman of IAWA asked if there is any objection but there was no objection. The previous teachers of the language school informed the house of the challenges they have faced as Igbo teachers and asked the association to support the teachers with transportation, materials and stipends. The chairman suggested that we encourage the teachers by increasing the money paid to them as the current $50 per person is insufficient. Dr Mike Nwokeiwu suggested that we find out from other language schools around the country before deciding how much to pay our teachers. Mrs. Ijeoma Tade suggested that the numeration was poor and suggested that IAWA pay for teaching and materials to help the teachers teach our children. Ijeoma was interrupted by Mr. Lawrence Ogbue. Mr. Lawrence was later called to order. Dr Emengini was presented as the new Director of Igbo language. 4. Communication: The secretary suggested a central WhatsApp for IAWA member. Chief Ibekwe and Mr. Kelechi Ibe suggested that we leave the current “Igwebuike” as men’s group WhatsApp even if the house will have a central WhatsApp. It was agreed that a central WhatsApp for IAWA will be setup. | concluded  Next meeting |
| 5 | Finance report details | The list and details of payment made was presented. Donors were thanked for the donations. Chief Ibekwe called the executive to order regarding the omission of his name among the donors, the chairman of IAWA apologized to Chief and Lolo Ibekwe, citing mix up of information as the reason. Money Drop represented by Dr Nwokeiwu inquired why their name was not mentioned but the chairman insisted that IAWA did not receive any donation from Money drop and encouraged Dr Mike to please verify the transfer. Diamond O, represented by Mrs. Onyeka pointed out that she didn’t receive any recognition for all her donations and contribution towards Iri ji. The executive apologized to diamond O, citing oversight. The executive assured the house that every donor will be duly acknowledged. At this juncture a new IAWA member was introduced. The IAWA chairman assured ndi Igbo that a proper list of donors will be resent via email.  Total cash in the account $33000+ | Please see attached |

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| 6 | Presentation of gifts | 1. Mr Hyginus presented drinks for his new born. 2. Dr Okezie presented drink and cake for the 6th birthday of his son. 3. IAWA Presented Thankyou card to all donors. | **Appreciated** |
| 7 | AOB | 1. The Vice Chairman Mr Paul Ugwunali expressed his frustration regarding how he was treated in the last Iri ji and declared that he was resigning from his position. There was a robust discussion about this and the issue was later referred to the committee to try and put their house in order. This was accepted by all parties. 2. Afro Pacific represented by Mr Hyginus stated that their name was not mentioned. The Iri ji committee acknowledge the mistake and promised that there will be corrected list of donors before the next meeting. 3. Mr Lawrence inquired why an IAWA member should be having another occasion same day Joy Solomon, a member was wedding. This was clarified that even though Pastor CJ was having a baby shower on that day, IAWA was not officially invited to that occasion. 4. Introduction of new members. 5. Happy birthday song for Dr Okezie’s son | Concluded |
| 8 | Adjournment | Kelechi Ibe moved for adjournment seconded by Hyginus | Concluded |
| 9 | Closing prayer | Pastor Frankline | Concluded |
| **10** | Next meeting | March 25th 2018 |  |