

**MINUTES OF THE OAA80 YEAR GROUP HELD AT SSNIT GUESTHOUSE (ACCRA) AND BY
ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEO CONFERENCING ON FRIDAY 07TH OF JUNE 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Caroline Andah (Boye)	-	President
Samuel Larrey	-	Secretary
Yaw Boohene	-	Publicity Executive
David Laryea	-	Regional Representative (Europe)
Angie Opoku (Sagoe)	-	Regional Representative (North America)
Eric Defor	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Ohenenana PV Avudzivi	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Charles Blankson-Hemans	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Kwadjo Adusei-Poku	-	GC OAA80 GHANA /SAUDI ARABIA
Betty Zormelo (Kwashie)	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Pastor Bernard Arde-Acquah	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Djabanor Narh	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Winifred Ekeh (Boateng)	-	GC OAA80 GHANA /NORTH AMERICA
Cordelia Sam	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Martha Fillastre (Asmah)	-	GC OAA80 EUROPE
Emma Arbenser	-	GC OAA80 EUROPE
Ishmael Laryea	-	GC OAA80 NORTH AMERICA
Beatrice Sackey	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Leslie Ampofo	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Alice Annan (Portuphy-Lampsey)	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Solomon Aboagye	-	GC OAA80 NORTH AMERICA
Gloria Ofori-Boadu	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Patience Akude (Dometi)	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Hoffman Larrey	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Yvette Dzeble	-	GC OAA80 EUROPE

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

Kabuki Quartey	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
David Okai	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Nii Darko Asante	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Michael Williams-Baffoe	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Cynthia Bulley	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Eugene Marfo	-	GC OAA80 GHANA
Henrietta Frimpong	-	GC OAA80 GHANA

OPENING

The meeting began at 6.10 pm with approximately 8 members seated at the SSNIT Guesthouse and 5 members signing in via the 'Zoom' conferencing system with a prayer by Betty Zormelo.

1. WEBSITE

David updated GC indicating 85-90% of the content had been received and the team was in a better place to complete the web pages.

A technical hitch had prevented the website from being launched immediately, which could have been done as the website was still being upgradeable/updateable. He asked those who hadn't sent their pictures for the year book to do so.

One member wanted to know if the site was dynamic or static. It was explained that we were starting with a simple design and would build on it as we progress. The annual website fee was questioned and it was explained as the cost of annual maintenance of GHC650 and unexpected costs the year group could incur. **See below**

The cost of the website is as follows:

Building the Website (a one-time fee)	1000 GHC
Purchasing Domain and Hosting (an annual fee)	150 GHC
Maintaining Website (an annual fee)	500 GHC

Therefore the total cost of the services will be GHC1,650 which entitles us to 7 (Seven) pages with additional pages at GHC150.00 each. This is our initial cost and subsequently to maintain the website we will incur an annual cost of GHC650
(This break down was not discussed but this is for your information)

2. Staff Washoom Rehabilitation costs/ Legacy project – 40th year group

Although, the responsibility of the 50th year celebrants and the 40th year celebrants of the OAA had changed for Founders Day, the 1970 year group having had ample time to is continuing with their plans of a Legacy project, a laboratory in the Science block at \$50,000 and most of the other Founders Day responsibilities.

We had decided to deliver a project for the 2020 Reunion and were hoping to achieve this by September 2020 but were now considering the possibility of handing it over in March 2020 as our accompanying Legacy project due to time and financial constraints.

However, there were concerns by members about the choice of project and labelling it as our Legacy project. The decision was to keep it as our 2020 project, not necessarily complete it for the Founders Day and plan to present a Legacy Project some time in the future. On the choice of the project, it was stated that it was selected from a list of potential

projects the school had made and it was based on our assessment of the year group's financial capabilities given the short timeline. The project is the renovation of three Staff Washroom at an approximate cost of GHC51,000.00

3. Welfare update

It was reported that the Benevolent Fund stands at GHC4,500.00 whilst the main Welfare Fund has an investment value of GHC20,552.64, a cash balance of GHC73.01, Contributions received in 2019 was GHC650 and donations of GHC14,000.00 had been disbursed. There were no comments.

4. Annual Program of Activities

The annual program of activities was presented again. Members had no objections and made no additions to the program. Members were reminded that suggestions were always welcome throughout the year.

5. Reunion date confirmation -Late September/Early October

The dates and program for the next reunion were presented. It was stated that the plan was similar to the previous reunion program with slight tweaks and would occur around the same dates as our previous reunion, from late September to early October. Focus on the Reunion would begin after we have completed the Founders Day plans.

6. OAA80 Contributions

Based on our planned activities for the year the contribution required to successfully execute were presented as below. Initially the agreed deadline by members was the end of August but in order to give room for instalment payments and because the amount was larger than we had raised previously, the consensus was to extend it to the end of September. Concerns were raised about the contribution for the website and other incidentals plus the cost of the Project. Members were encouraged to send their concerns to the executives as soon as possible to be addressed.

The reason for choosing 130 contributors was also questioned and was explained as the number of contributors for last year's welfare fund raising exercise. It was therefore considered our baseline number of contributors for this year's fund raising efforts

GHC

Welfare	100 (130 X 100 = 13,000.00)
Legacy Project	400 (130 X 400 = 52,000.00)
Website and incidental expenses	50 (130 X 50 = 6,500.00)
Science Lab	200 (130 X 200 = 26,000/5 = US\$5,000.00)
(requirement per year group)	
Founders Day	250 (130 X 250 = 32,500.00)
Total	1,000 US\$186/GBP148 (Today's rate)

It was stated that any money not spent for the Founders Day would be added to the Reunion celebrations expenses.

7. Reunion arrangement

The Reunion Committee are to firm up the arrangements and put out a report at our next meeting. There were concerns about why the reunion had not been costed and the amount added to the GHC1000 contributions so that members could manage the payment of their contributions better. This was because plans for the reunion activities were still being firmed up.

8. AOB

The executives expressed happiness at the level of attendance both locally and by Zoom and thanked all for attending and actively participating in the matters arising. They also apologized for the poor sound quality for those attending via Zoom and promised to have a better communication system and a different venue for our next meeting as that also resulted additional noises and interruptions to the audio.

In the absence of any other business Charles Blankson-Hemans (Blanko) moved to close the meeting which was unanimously seconded by all present.

Pastor Bernard closed the meeting with a prayer and God's blessings.

9. Light refreshments

Refreshments were served and sponsored by members present.

Samuel Lartey
Secretary

Caroline Andah
President