

OSHUN ORGANIZATION

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MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 1990

PRESENT

Those present included Mr. Sina Animasaun, Mr. Adeyemi, and Mr. Oke

MATTERS ARISING

Emphasis was placed on the fact that all or most of our deliberations on that day were subject to approval in the next meeting. Expressed was the hope to choose a temporary name for the group, and to assign some positions (responsibilities) to individuals. Registration of our group with the embassy was also mentioned. The need for a time limit on our meeting was also voiced.

PROCEEDINGS:

The meeting was opened with a prayer from Mr. Sina Animasaun. Mr. Adeyemi opened his speech with thanks to Mr. Oke for initiating the idea to get ourselves together. He expressed his profound gratitude to God and to Mr. Sina, who had left everything to attend the meeting. He proposed that we need a name for the group and to assign ourselves to specific posts. He expressed that choosing a name was important because it would reflect the type of group we are. He also would like to see us have a constitution, and indicate

what type of members we are going to have. He expressed in our "mother language" that 'Ibere ki ise onise afi eniti o ba foriti dopin. He also said that we needed good positions set up, but we could not do that then because of the number of members present. He wants us to make sure that we accept no flimsy excuses, because this allows us to know who is serious.

Mr. Sina expressed his thanks also to Mr. Oke and all of us present, and also those who couldn't be present because of distance or other problems. He then continued his speech by saying that we Yorubas do not want to initiate this kind of group formation because of certain problems, temptations, etc. There are lots of us who could have started this kind of meeting. He indicated his belief that God is present amidst us because wherever two or three gather together, God is always present. He then expressed our need for a temporary name for communications reasons, suggesting names like Oshun Elites, Oshun Committee of Friends, etc.

Mr. Sina said that we might not have limited number of membership initially. We can direct our invitation to a certain area. Later on, we can have requirements for new members. For example, educational backgrounds. This will become very essential as time goes on, as when Oshun State is formed. Also because our representatives are impotrant outside. It doesn't mean the requirement should be a Ph.D

A need to register as a union was mentioned. The registration is normally done at the embassy. Future activities include regulations and a constitution. We can't do that now because we

are small in number. Mr. Sina also said that we need to fix meeting dates. Recognizing that we all have time problems, we have to work on that aspect.

He proceeded by making everybody aware that we need to make a change and that's what we just started doing today, Feb. 4, 1990. We would try to make our brothers and sisters emulate what we're doing, that is, coming together. He mentioned also the fact that we need to make people know where and when to meet. We need also meeting places, maybe rotational on every member. Mr. Sina also said that we need to levy ourselves because we're going to need it. Knowing that we're not rich but we need to set standards.

About our targets, we have a lot to do. Oshun State is supposed to have been a reality, but due to our inconsistency, like we don't back up our demands, we're not dedicated. To have dedication we must have trust and that really is what we lack. Oshun State should have been bigger than even Ondo State. We can progress by using very good communication and we can't do this without people who can communicate. With unity we're going to make it.

Mr. Adeyemi came in to mention the limitation on the membership because we need strong-minded people in order to radiate ourselves to outsiders. Consistency, trust and faith are very important. He mentioned, "What's worth doing is worth doing well. Limitation comes because we don't want people to draw us back in subsequent meetings. He explained that we can make limitations by not calling people and leaving everything up to those who might

want to join.

Mr. Sina said that our people back home believe that we're refined because we're in the U.S.A. He made everybody aware of the group in Britain known in Nigerian politics

Mr. Oke then recognized those who couldn't come. They included Dr. Adeboye, Dr. Boye Adjare and Mr. James Ogundele

Mr. Adeyemi mentioned that we would not appreciate any disappointment from anybody. We don't want to be money-oriented also. We hope to become a lot to talk about in Nigeria. We must encourage people to bury the idea of failure(s). Our constitution will guide us

Animasaun said that we might allow anybody to come in and advise. Everybody is welcomed. We will really understand the importance of what we're doing now.

Mr. Oke presented for discussion how we would be doing our meetings and how we communicate.

Mr. Adeyemi proposed that we make the meetings on the first day of every month. This was accepted because others supported the idea. Mr. Adeyemi mentioned also that we should mandate that the next meeting make late-comers pay for lateness. He gave the example of President Bush who likes constructive criticism. We want the same, and also constructive positive thinkers. He would like to see us making sure that those who are absent in future have very good reasons for being so.

Animasaun then proposed that we call those who are not present to make sure that the place and time of the next meeting are alright with them. Also, we would mail messages.

Adeyemi expressed our hope to have mail boxes in future. He also expressed his happiness to tell the meeting that Mr. Animasaun can help in typing out the minutes.

Mr. Animasaun came in to propose that we might need a time limit in all our meetings.

Mr. Oke then asked what the motives of our group were going to be, but Mr. Animasaun said, that "It's not that it's not ripe to discuss motives, but we can't do that now." Then he expressed in our mother language that it's like 'Adie to saba tio ti mo bi o se maa ri.

Mr. Adeyemi then praised everybody again, and said that we had covered a lot in the meeting. This was in answer to Mr. Oke's question as to whether we had gone far enough in our discussion Mr. Animasaun also said that for right thinkers they'll know that we've tried in our discussions. We're trying to be representative of Oshun and to be able to be called upon. "We want to develop ourselves for the establishment of an Oshun State so we can contribute."

Mr. Adeyemi would like to see us call all others to make them aware of the meeting date.

Mr. Animasaun then said that we hoped to know where we will be meeting in subsequent meetings in our next meeting, but the next one will be held in the same place as the one then in progress.

Oke then mentioned that we might have to make sure that those who will be holding meeting should consent to such an arrangement.

Mr. Adeyemi ended the meeting with a prayer and contributions were made: Mr. Animasaun -- \$5.00; Mr. Adeyemi -- \$10.00, and Oke -- \$5.00.

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