LECDA-CALGARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 26/2017

The meeting was called to order at 07:30pm by the President

Opening Prayer:

The opening prayer was led by the president Dr. Theresa. She asked the Heavenly father to chair the meeting and prayed for a successful deliberation.

Hosts:

The meeting was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Tajoacha and Mama Agatha. Mrs. Tajoacha apologized for being a little late due to unforeseen traffic situations and thanked all those present.

Reading of the Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were used to come up with important points for discussions. The main focus was to better plan on how to make our fundraiser party successful.

- **Resolution:** Members are reminded of their contribution and dues to the RPN program.
- The President stated that RPN Bureau is currently investigating a death that was announced about two months ago from Edmonton and is being disputed.

Party Arrangements:

- **Resolution**: The 250 tickets printed would be shared equally, ten tickets to each member.
- That, members should do their best and sell the quota of tickets assigned to them.
- That, DJ Smooth will be paid \$450 for music
- That, the high table will have Mr. Atabe, Mme. Patience, Prophet and Dr. Kamngong
- That, the ceremony will be manned by Chief Asonganyi and Mr. Kingsley
- That, Mrs Njualem should negotiate with Lolo the cost of Hall decoration. (Budget \$500)
- That, the President send out invitations for all potential associations in Calgary.
- That, the food pick-up will be coordinated by Mr. J. Asonganyi and for the hall set-up it will be coordinated by Mr. Daniel N. (Tanyi) with all other men assisting.
- It was stated that, in the arrangement made by Mr. Njualem for drinks we are to give a deposit of \$1000 and pay the balance if needed later. This great deal allows us to return unconsumed drinks.
- That, members should take advantage and shop around for better prices with other dealers.

There were different opinions as to whether Mr. Atabe should be on the high table or not, given that he was once a member of the association. Some school of thoughts suggested that he should be allowed to be on the high table given that he has already been contacted and he accepted the idea. Due to continuous disagreement between members on the issue, members were asked to cast their votes. A vote of six against four went in his favour.

- That, members should stay at the end of the party and clean the hall under the coordination of Mr. Ajuoa N.
- That, Mr. Fotabong and Mr. Asongafeh N will man the gate while at the bar we will have Mr. Asonganyi N. and Mr. Khumbah F.
- That, cooking will be coordinated by Mrs. Njualem.
- That "Abanda" will be presented by members (coordinated by Tanyi) and "Nteh" presented by our kids (coordinated by Mrs. Njualem).
- That 50/50 ticket draw will be coordinated by Mr. Khumbah and Mr. Fotabong (first prize \$100, second prize \$75 and third prize \$50).
- That, for advertisement, any business owner who wishes to advertise his/her business should write what he wants to say and give to the MC. The MC will promote/advertise these businesses during the cutting of the cake.
- That, the cake will be made by Dr. Theres. All the meeting members were encouraged to come up with at least one name of a person who could cut our party cake (For example Mr. J. Asonganyi suggested "Budyman").
- That, each Lecda-Calgary member will contribute \$15 towards the fund raising party.

Other Matters:

The president said there is an invitation for Lecda-Calgary to attend "Manyu" party.

- That, the meeting should support Manyu Party with \$50.
- That, any member available and willing to represent Lecda-Calgary in this party should indicate.

Fundraising Party Budget

Food: \$1500 Drinks: \$3000

Decoration: \$500(Approximate) DJ: \$450

Cake: \$125 Tickets: \$100 Hall: \$???

Pledges and Support to Landslides Victims

- That, all those who made pledges in support of the landslide victims back home should send in their pledges.
- That, once the pledged amount is received the meeting would decide whether or not to join Lecda-Edmonton for the common cause.

Social Activities:

The evening was spiced by "Abanda" practiced by the elders and "Nteh" practiced by the kids.