

ICHS Alumnae Association, Washington DC Chapter  
Minutes of the November 3, 2007 meeting.

Our Semi-Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers for 2008-2010 was held at the home of the Assistant Treasurer, Heather Chinn, in Silver Spring, Maryland, on November 3, 2007.

Members mingled and caught up with each other while enjoying refreshments before the meeting. The meeting began with a prayer at approximately 5:00 p.m. The Minutes of the March 2007 meeting were read and accepted by the members present.

The Treasurer, Leslie Hansley, presented the Treasurer's report. We discussed the fact that recent scholarship donations have not been acknowledged. We are not certain that the funds we have raised for donations are being used for the intended purposes. It was also discussed that following the elections earlier this year in Jamaica, the Prime Minister stated that school fees were to be abolished. With these factors in mind, it was decided that the Treasurer, Leslie Hansley, would write a letter to the ICCHS principal. The letter would request information concerning the highest priority needs for funds the DC chapter will donate in the future. This letter would request a response before the scholarship donation for 2007 is presented. The donation for the ailing nuns is not affected and will be sent shortly.

The Co-President, Asabi Banjoko-Knorr and Corresponding Secretary, Bessie O'Connor, discussed the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans of which that they were aware. Members are invited to visit the website which is listed on the newsletter. Any member who does not currently receive the newsletter is asked to contact Bessie so that she can be added to the mailing list. Members are also asked to inform Bessie if attendance at any anniversary event is planned. Bessie will inform the anniversary planning committee.

The scrapbook started by Madge McLaren was passed around and admired. Members who have photos of past alumnae events were asked to submit prints so that they can be included in the scrapbook.

Asabi informed us that the website was updated after the raffle and has been renewed for another two years. Evelyn Hawthorne will provide information on the early formation of the DC Chapter and Asabi will add some of this information to the website.

Asabi gave a report on the BBQ which was held at her home in October. Members who attended reported having a good, fun time. Asabi also encouraged members to register with the Jamaican Embassy and be included in announcements regarding events.

Members agreed that a spiritual event – a prayer meeting or a mass should be scheduled before the end of the year. Verna Byfield volunteered to organize an event.

The status of the by-laws was discussed. Members could remember a discussion of the draft By-Laws at the March 2007 meeting. Anyone who has a copy of the amended By-

Laws is asked to forward them to Bessie for circulation.

Elections were held. The members of the Executive Committee for two years commencing in January 2008 are:

President	-	Asabi Banjoko-Knorr
Vice President	-	Diane Forbes-Berthoud
Recording Secretary	-	Verna Byfield
Corresponding Secretary	-	Bessie O'Connor
Asst. Corresponding Secretary	-	Juliet Weller
Treasurer	-	Nicola Martin
Assistant Treasurer	-	Yolanda Lewis

Leslie Hansley and Heather Chinn volunteered to continue to organize and co-ordinate the raffle.

Under new business, members discussed their vision of the organization. Sisterhood, sharing, spiritual bond and fun events were discussed.

The alumnae present decided to try yard sales as fundraising events in 2008. The first one will be held at Verna Byfield's home in the summer. Members are asked to contact Verna and drop off suitable items at her place before June.

Madge McLaren and Rose Powell will investigate hosting a dinner/dance as a fundraising event. They will present their research at the March 2008 meeting.

Diane and Eve will work on campus outreach options to let alumnae new to the area know about the association.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2008, at the home of Leslie Hansley in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Members present at the meeting were:

Asabi Banjoko-Knorr, Verna Byfield, Elaine Chew, Heather Chinn, Carole Fong-Sam, Diane Forbes-Berthoud, Leslie Ann Hansley, Evelyn Hawthorne, Suzanne James, Yolanda Lewis, Pauline Lindo, Madge McLaren, Nicola Martin, Bessie O'Connor, Rose Powell, Cecelia TaBois, Monica Weaver, Juliet Weller, and Sharain Ward..

Respectfully submitted,

Sharain Ward  
Recording Secretary