



Minutes

The 23rd Meeting of KONDU

22nd Nov, 2009

1. The meeting was called to order at 17:10
 - ✓ Christian prayers were offered by Rev D. H. Caulker
2. **OPENING COURTESIES:**
 - ✓ The chairman Prof. Gbamanja opened the meeting by welcoming members for the 23rd meeting of KONDU. He specifically welcomed Rev D. H. Caulker to the meeting and thanked him for his concerns and contribution given to the organisation whilst abroad. He proceeded by making a brief recap of the programmes activities discussed in the previous meeting. He admonished all to make meaning contributions in an organised form that could help the sustenance of KONDU and development of Kono. He concluded by calling on members to join “Musuntakwe” at the end of the year to organize a grand carnival show as a symbol of unity amongst sister organisation functioning to foster development of Kono.
3. **INTRODUCTION**

Members who attended the meeting new and old introduced themselves in their individual ways. Fifty members attended the meeting whilst 7 members called to note their absence for the meeting.
4. **READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

The minutes were read individually and endorsed by Rev. Kondey Pessiama and seconded by Madam Fanta Tacheque.
5. **ISSUES & MATTERS ARISING.**

The following issues and concerns were raised, discussed and agreed upon:

 - The mining bill and other related issues affecting the development of Kono will be handled by an appointed seven man committee set up by the organisation. It was also unanimously agreed that this committee should come up with a draft press release by the end of Nov 2009 for the review and blessing of the entire membership.
 - KONDU Waterloo branch Land issue is still hanging and agreed to be resolved by Dr Sama Mondeh by end Nov 2009.
 - Agreed that payment for the 100 t-shirts collected by Chief S. O. Gbekie on behalf of KONDU Northern branch should be done by the end of the year 2009.
 - The following members still comprise the members of the committee set up for the Mining Bill and related issue(s) in Kono: Archbishop Dr. Edward T. Charles, Prof. Gbamanja, Prof. Gbakima, Madam M. Mbayo, Chief Konobundor and others, Mr. E. T. Senessie, Ambassador S. Johnny, Tamba F. Morseray, Mr. A. C. Nguajah, Dr. A. Dabundeh, Madam Harriett Turay & Madam Finda Korteque)
 - Agreed that KONDU should team up with “Musuntakwe” to organize the proposed end of year (2009) carnival.
 - Agreed that funds from the Kono organisation UK should be handed over to KONDU in an organised ceremony with chiefs and the council in Koidu City coordinated by Madam Mary Musa (Former Mayor Koidu City).
6. **ELECTION OF KONDU LEGITIMATE EXECUTIVE AND MEETING VENUE**



- Member unanimously agreed that the current executive continue their term of office for three years (ends in 2012) and at the end of which a new election would be conducted.
- Council of Churches of Sierra Leone (CCSL) was identified and suggested place for holding future KONDU meetings. But arrangement to confirm the use of the facility it yet to be coordinated by the appointed committee. Therefore agreed that the committee set up for that purpose should report findings to KONDU members in the next scheduled meeting.

7. ISSUES WITH KONO –PROJECT(S)

a) Community College.

- KONDU executive especially Prof. Gbamanja, current chairman for the Community Colleges in S/Leone should continuously follow up with Prof. Gail Kettlewell, professor of the George Mason University USA to confirm unfolding program activities/plans of the USA team for structured coordination and collaboration locally.

8. CURRENT NEWS FROM KONO

- The Kono people still have issues with the following:
 - a) Diamond tailings previously given to Kono by the President HE Ernest Bai Koroma.
 - b) Koidu Holdings operational activities
 - c) The new Mining Bill produced by the Ministry of Mines.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Closing prayers were offered collectively and the meeting was adjourned to the First week of Dec 2009.

Prepared by:.....

Date:.....

Ahmed K. Nanoh (Interim Secretary)

Endorsed by:.....

Date:.....

Prof. S. P. T. Gbamanja (Interim Chairman)