

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Church Teachers' College
Alumni Association Inc.**

Held Saturday October 5, 2024, 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

Present Were:

Mike Andrews -President

Rev Clement Clarke

Aggett Crosbie

Hepburn Davis

Ale Wilson

John Lawrence

David Edwards

Eulalee Bartley

Primrose Barnett

Earl Blake

Diane

Establish Quorum:

A quorum was established, as the required number of persons (11) were present.

Housekeeping Rules established:

The following housekeeping rules were established:

Keep Microphones muted.

Be respectful in voicing an opinion .

Be concise in making points and always approach the chair whenever one

needed to speak

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 pm by President Mike Andrews

Prayer

Reverend Clement Clarke (Batch 14, Church Teachers' College, retired teacher and ordained minister) - Reverend Clarke offered a prayer to open the meeting, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to gather as alumni and asking for blessings on the meeting and its participants

Welcome

A warm welcome was extended to all participants by President Michael Andrews, acknowledging the sacrifice of those present, and the importance of the annual general meeting.

Apologies

Apology was tendered on behalf of Ruby Anderson

1. Reading, Correction and Confirmation of Minutes of 2023 AGM

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented on the website and taken as read. - No corrections were made.

Acceptance / Adoption of minutes

A motion for acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Ale Wilson and seconded by John Lawrence.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes

i. Scholarships

Mike reported that the number of scholarships has increased to eight (8), in addition to grants. There is also an effort being made to acknowledge the scholarship donors on the website

ii. Website

A member congratulated Mike on the construction and quality of the website. It was further suggested that a guest book and blog page be included as another improvement.

iii. Membership and Dues

There was a recommendation to clarify how to identify paid-up members to improve member engagement and voting rights.

iv. 60th Anniversary Celebrations:

Aggette provided an update on upcoming events related to the college's 60th anniversary, including a press launch in August and future activities planned for the year.

3. Committee Reports

Chaired by Hepburn Davis- 1st Vice President

i. Principal Report

Absence of the principal's report was noted, the same as the previous year. Discussion about the importance of this report to maintain communication between alumni and the college. Suggestions to address this with the principal were made, expressing disappointment over the lack of communication.

ii. Mandeville Chapter Report

Delivered by Juley Wynter -Robertson Mandeville Chapter President. This detailed report covered the following - New executive board members and their roles, condolences for departed members, and fundraising events. Acknowledgement of the recent awards given to students and plans for upcoming activities in anticipation of the 60th anniversary.

Ale Wilson requested that the report be corrected to reflect the Alumni STAR Committee rather than the Florida based CTCAAi STAR Committee, since the members are all over the diaspora. Having presented the report, questions were raised about the Alumni Day and Homecoming, as to whether they are Alumni or college activities. Clarity was provided by president Wynter-Robertson.

The report was adopted by Michael Andrews and seconded by David Edwards.

iii. Membership Report

This report was taken as read and saw David Edwards speaking about building the Alumni Association from the college level. The local Chapter President indicated that this was one of the drives of the Mandeville Chapter. Members opined that as past students at the college both the Principal and Board Chairman should take an active role in alumni engagement. Further concerns were expressed as to whether the college truly needs the support of the Alumni Association as there is very little interest and support given from within.

Adopted by David Edwards, seconded by John Lawrence

iv. Financial Reports

Mandeville Chapter

Mandeville Chapter report presented by Aggett Crosbie, highlighting income and expenses, as follows: Income \$1,184,896.30, Expenditure: \$704,085.00 from various project. Questions were raised as to whether a profit was made on the lapel pins. She indicated that \$108,000 profit was realized. Questions were also asked about the purpose of the stipend and that too was explained by the treasurer. The Mandeville Chapter was congratulated on being able to break even financially. However, we're encouraged to raise their efforts to increase their revenue. Questions were also raised as to who the signatories were to the account, Aggette indicated that the following persons are the signatories Malia Wisdom Anderson, Ramona Smith. and Aggett Crosby. There is also a Joint Account which is signed by IT Johnson, Ramona Smith, and Pearline Williams.

This report was adopted by Ale Wilson and the second did by Crouse Campbell.

CTCAAI

Barry Farquharson presented are very detailed financial report from the CTCAAI and was congratulated on his thorough presentation.

Report adopted by John Lawrence and seconded by Michael Andrews

v. STAR Committee

This report was presented by Michael Andrews. Clarification was sought as to the meaning of the acronym star. STAR means Student Teachers Assistance through Reciprocity. In his report Michael Andrews, applauded the team for accountability of a sum of 6000 U.S. dollars for the first time. The team felt privileged to be able to give back. Thanks were expressed to John Lawrence and other donors. It was stated that the website should be visited for details on recipients and donors. Hetty Powell was also mentioned as one of the first and most consistent donors

Concerns were raised and disappointment expressed by a member in the fact that recipients do not actively in alumni activities, they do not return to serve, and there has never been a thank you letter from any of the recipient. It was also stated that the college often fails to return the receipt for monies received.

There is the need for institutionalizing alumni activities, and it was felt that Dudley McLean should play a more active role in integrating the recipients into alumni activities. It was stated that a few of them will assist whenever there are alumni functions. It was also stated that the divide between the recipients and the association could be a generational gap. It was recommended that an investigation be done into incorporating this attitude of giving back into the Personal Development course. John Lawrence indicated that he has an interest in increasing allocations but is unwilling so to do without the colleges input in highlighting the contributions of the alumni association. There is the need for the principal to be integrally involved in the process

Report adopted by Aggett Crosbie and seconded by Crouse Campbell

vi. President Report

The report was read by President Michael Andrews. One correction was noted that there is the need for consistency in naming persons; standard first and last name convention should be used in all cases. There was no other discussion in the report.

Adopted by David Edwards, and seconded by Juley Wynter-Robertson

4. Election of Officers 2024-2026

It was clearly stated that only paid-up members were eligible for selection and voting

The following positions were nominated and voted as follows:

President Michael Andrews- nominated by Aggett Crosbie, seconded by Hepburn Davis – re-elected unopposed

2nd Vice President - Dudley McLean nominated by Juley Wynter-Robertson, seconded by John Lawrence

David Edwards was nominated by Hepburn Davis, seconded by Barry Farquharson

David Edwards emerged victorious

Assistant Treasurer- John Lawrence nominated by Mike Andrews and Seconded by Hepburn Davis

These individuals will assume responsibilities effective January 2025

5. Welcome New Officers

Ale Wilson welcomed and congratulated the newly elected members.

6. New Business

Mandeville Chapter President made an appeal for support for the 60th Anniversary celebrations and indicated that sponsorship was needed in some areas.

7. Closing

In his closing remarks President Andrews thanked all persons for taking time out of their weekend to be present at this meeting. He also reiterated the fact that the stronger the Alumni, the stronger the college.

8. Date of Next Meeting- tentative July 2025

9. Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was moved by Ale Wilson at 3:57 pm and seconded by Hepburn Davis.

Electronic recording by: Michael Andrews
Prepared by: Juley Wynter-Robertson

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Juley Wynter-Robertson
Andrews

Michael

Secretary
President