MINUTES OF THE 4th EX-ISI MEETING 9IBADAN CHAPTER)

SATURDAY JUNE 2012

VENUE – TINTIIN RESTRAURANT AND BAR

ATTENDANCE

1.Ayobanji Ayoola

2. Tejiri Aweto

3. Buchi Emodi

4. Olusegun Owoseni

5. Adebowale Sikiru

6.Oloruntoba Temitayo

7. dosunmu Temitope

8.Oyewole Gboyega

9. David Prescott

10. Oladipo Olasope

11. Osato Aken’Ova

12. Francis Uzonwanne

13. Koleade Babatomiwa

14. Dipo Abimbola

15. Ife Ugbebor

16. Kolade O.A

17. Ikechukwu Okorie

18. Ambakederemo

19. Chika Obi

APOLOGIES

1.Adia Imodufen

2. Motun Ige

3. Bisoye da Rocha

The meeting commenced about 4.30pm with the first item on the agenda, adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting. Ayobanji Ayoola gave a summary of the issues discussed during the previous meeting. Copies of the minutes were made available to all members present, clarifications made at which point he moved a motion to adopt the minutes. Buch Emodi seconded the motion.

The next item on the agenda was an update on the drafting process for the Ex-ISI alumni. Uzonwanne Francis presented the group with a draft of the constitution which the Lagos chapter were kind enough to make available to us. He also presented a copy of the constitution as drafted by a member of our chapter Adenike Shahimi. Copies of both documents were passed out to each member present a nd he suggested we discuss both sets of documents to identify positive and negative aspects of each. Uzonwanne started off by voicing his concerns as to how the constitution would reflect on all the individual chapters and its practicality. Ayoola reminded him that all chapters were are expected to have some input into the drafting process.

Oladipo Olasope wanted to know why we needed to bother about a constitution. In his opinion and based on his experience with the setup of the Loyola college old boys association Ex-ISI students need to have a national association made up of selected people from the individual chapters whose responsibility it would be to draft a constitution. In his opinion the documents in front of him do not bind the individual chapters. Ayoola stated that one of the goals for having a constitution in place was to have a document that would give some legal backing to setting up a national body. Dipo however reiterated that a national body needs to be put in place which would be charged with amongst other things the drafting of the constitution. Dipo then made the group aware that the draft constitution we were discussing did not serve the purpose for which it was intended. It was a draft for the board of trustees of Ex-ISI alumni but what we required was a constitution for Ex-ISI alumni. In Dipos opinion the boards of trustees do not need to have a constitution, rather we need a constitution for a national body who can then appoint a board of trustees .Ayoola suggested Dipo be more involved in the drafting process.. Uzonwanne agreed with Ayoolas suggestion. Ayoola suggested Oladipo write the constitution drafting committee intimating them as to the errors we had noticed in an expeditious manner to stall further action by the committee until such a time as the issues are addressed.

The next item on the agenda was the report from the foundation program sub-committee. Ife Ugbebor was of the opinion that the Ibadan chapter needed to come up with a plan towards the 50th anniversary program since we happen to be the host chapter. The sub-committee proposed we hold a week-long event to highlight the uniqueness of the school. A copy of the report was handed out to each member. Ayoola commended the sub-committee for the work they had done saying the document represented a good start. He however was uncertain as to what plans the school had concerning the anniversary program. Oladipo suggested we approach the school with our proposed program for the foundation week and if the school do not have a program yet they could benefit from our ideas. Uzonwanne seconded Oladipos suggestion and wanted to know if we could put up our plans for the foundation week. This way other chapters can actually see that the Ibadan chapter is coming up with some innovative ideas. Oladipo moved a motion to post the foundation week sub-committee’s proposed plans on the Facebook and wait about a month for feedback before approaching the school. Ife seconded the motion which was universally passed.

Next on the agenda was the issue of meeting turn out viz-a-viz our awareness campaign. Oladipo said he did not find the meeting turnout encouraging. He also felt the same about the previous meetings given the large numbers of Ex-ISI students residing in Ibadan and its environs. In his opinion Facebook has not been effective a tool in raising awareness about the existence and activities of the group. David Prescott reminded the group about the plans about setting up a comprehensive database of Ex-ISI students residing in Ibadan. Ife explained that he had gone some way in setting up said database. He passed round copies of a list he had compiled thus far so that the members present could add any names that could have been missed. David suggested that members personally visit and inform other ex-isi alumni to invite them for meetings in addition to using SMS blasts and Facebook postings.

It was also unanimously agreed that subsequent meetings be moved from the first Saturday to the last Saturday of each month. Mr Kolade O.A was of the opinion that it would be wonderful if we could be holding subsequent meetings at the school which was roundly acceptable to everyone present. Dipo Abimbola suggested we send representatives to the school authorites to seek approval to use the school facilities for our meeting. It was agreed that David Prescott and Chika Obi approach the school.

Mr Kolade O.A in his closing remarks applauded the decision to form a forum such as this and emplored each member to carry the burden that comes with making this endeavor a success. He pleaded that we sustain the motivation to call as many people as possible to the meetings.

Conclusion

It was decided that the next meeting take place 28th july 2012 at the International School Ibadan at 4pm