### GENERAL ZOOM MEETING OF THE KGHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION HELD VIRTUALLY ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2020.

### HOSTED BY ENE TAYLOR

The meeting started with an opening prayer by Eleyeba at 8.15pm Nigeria time.

#### **CURRENT OUTLOOK:**

The chairperson of BOT/ foundation, Nderiya, gave a rundown of how the foundation started in 2019, when an old student residing in the United States visited the school and found out that our alma mater was not in existence. She met with other alumni here in Nigeria, which gave birth to the foundation. The chairperson informed the house that the foundation has nine Board Of Trustee (BOT) members.

The BOT formed the following four committees with their chairperson:

Fundraising –
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Membership Publicity –
Curriculum –
Ene Taylor
Alaro Lawson
Eleyeba Bricks
Vacant

Each of these committee is expected to consist of 6 persons as members.

The chairperson further reiterated that the BOT agreed on a membership fee of  $\aleph$  5, 000 which will be paid quarterly by each member, also the following amount was agreed as death benefit for every financial member, past teachers and past principals of the school:

₦150, 000 for students

 $\mathbf{N}$  60, 000 for teachers

₦ 100, 000 for principals, (which was done for late Mrs. Oju Amachree).

The chairperson, informed and assured the house that Rivers State government has taken the responsibility to reinstate the school, and has urged the contractor to clear the site for work to commence.

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The members of BOT were introduced first. The only 4 BOT members in attendance were Eleyeba, Alaro, Ene and Nderiya.

After which, a general introduction of the 28 members present was done, stating areas of residence and year of graduation.

## **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL HOUSE:**

- Alaro: the chairperson of the membership committee stated that, every old Kala girl is expected to pay the quarterly membership fee of N5, 000 for one to be a financial member. She encouraged every member to key in, in order to benefit anything from the foundation. She gave kudos to 3 of her committee members present in the meeting.
- Nderiya: urged everyone to keep up with the rules of the general platform, that recently she observed every manner of post being dropped on the general whatsapp platform.

She indulged every graduating class to have their individual activities separately on their class platform, in as much as everyone keep to the rules of the larger house.

She emphasized that, henceforth, posting of any event concerning any member should pass through the membership committee.

- Hygness: encouraged every member to willingly participate and be serious with the affair of the foundation. She said, though not a financial member yet, she promised to be serious and active financially.
- Advocate Abiegbe: said she can't stop appreciating what the members of BOT are doing. She suggested that since the government has given go ahead for clearing of the school site, the members of BOT should work hand in hand with the contractor to map out a time plan. On this, the chairperson gave a clarification that the BOT have been in touch with the contractor, but the contractor has not really come up with a clear picture, probably, he too is waiting on the ministry of Education to be financially mobilized.
- Lolo West: commended the persons and brain behind the reinstatement agenda. She said right now, she is studying the group, looking for where she can fit in and pray that a day should come where she can see a space to function very well.
- Victoria Daminabo: appreciated everyone especially the executives for the good work and passion in them. She frowned at members keeping deaf ears of posting any sort of information on the platform.

The chairperson in her response, appealed to Victoria to take up the assignment of the curriculum committee which is still vacant, since she work as a lecturer in River State Polytechnics. Victoria promised to take up the responsibility in January, 2021.

- Ibiye: applauded the BOT for working behind the scene on behalf of the KGHS Alumni.
- **Joeba Joe**: in her comment, also thanked the BOT.
- Mbreba Wokoma: commended the effort of the BOT and prayed that, at the end of the struggle, every Kala girl will come out strong, victorious and rejoicing.
- ➢ Ibimina Ebiama: said though not a financial member yet, she thanked everyone and promised to start her financial commitment by January, 2021.
- Orinaemi Samuel: suggested, if the foundation can get any building in Buguma to kick start at least the junior secondary section. That this will motivate the government that we are really serious. She said, from experience as a focal personnel of the LGA Public Health Service, she has seen other secondary schools in the LGA operate in a similar manner during their periodic visitation to schools around the LGA. She pleaded that the N5,000 membership fee be reduced to N2000 to enable many members in Nigeria faced with the economic hardship to key in. The chairperson in her response, welcomed the idea of a temporary structure to kick start the school, but pleaded with everyone to be a little more patient with the ministry of Education to see how things will unfold. In the aspect of reducing the membership fee, the chairperson said that, the N5,000 quarterly membership fee is very considerate for every member both in Nigeria and abroad.
- Christian Erekosima: said in unity we will make it and with God on our side we will go a long way.
- Whitney: appreciated members of the BOT for the online meeting and reiterated that in unity we can pull resources together.
- Obaraemi: she said she is amazed at the number of great women in the platform and urged everyone to be ready to work in any committee that we are called upon.
- Eleyeba: really appreciated the active members. She said as the chairperson of publicity committee, she encouraged everybody to key into the various social media platforms of the foundation. She especially thanked the many "likes" on the Facebook and applauded the Kalabari TV for showcasing our matter. She encouraged members, especially the publicity committee to come up with interesting and captivating articles on social media as a way of publicizing the KGHS reinstatement agenda. She urged members to take advantage of the foundation's website.

Ene: re-emphasized that, members should use the website to register and create personal profiles. She said the various class registers when concluded will be uploaded in the foundation's website, and also, as time goes on, registration and everything concerning the foundation will be connected and channelled to the website.

Ene thanked everybody present, especially in the general platform. She said she is grateful to those who have taken one responsibility or the other, and have contributed immensely in collating the registers of the various set of the school. She said the reason for the ongoing class register is as follows:

- 1. That eventually, when the new KGHS come on board, it will be pleasing to see all those who have attended the school. Hopefully, she prays that the new school remain so that the new generation will also see the names of those that have attended the school in time past.
- 2. She specifically thanked the fund raising committee. That, event of fund raising which was cancelled this year due to the corona virus pandemic will hopefully come up next year. Things which were outlined that need money will very soon come up in the platform such as:
- Date of the event
- Participation of members
- Financial contribution.

# **CLOSING THE LOOP ON DISCUSSION:**

In conclusion, Ene thanked everyone and stated that if we do things well, KGHS Alumni will be a foundation that will help to lift up women in the society.

The meeting ended at 9:50pm Nigeria time with 28 members were in attendance.

S/N	NAME	SET
1	NDERIYA HARRY	1980
2	TAMMY FARRELL	1980
3	ELEYEBA BRICKS	1980
4	ENE TAYLOR- HARRY	1980
5	IBIYE GEORGE	1991
6	ADVOCATE ABIEGBE	1992
7	ASOLIMA ONYENWUZOR	1981

8	CHRISTIANA EREKOSIMA	1983
9	HYGHNESS NTAN AMGBARA	1982
10	LOLO WEST WANOGHO	1986
11	HARRISONBA PRINCEWILL	1979
12	WHITNEY DAPPA	1980
13	OBARAEMI EREKOSIMA	1979
14	LOLO BRIGGS	1977
15	OPAKIRIBA OFUANI	1980
16	ORININAEMI SAMUEL	1996
17	ALARO LAWSON	1980
18	DAKORU WOKOMA	1988
19	VICTORIA DAMINABO	1988
20	JOEBA JOE	1988
21	DAMIETE AMACHREE	1988
22	PRINCESS OKORITE OWOAJI	2007
23	MBREBA WOKOMA	1991
24	DABOINGI EREKOSIMA	1983
25	ENE EFERE	1993
26	IBIMINA EBIAMA	1993
27	TAIRE EMMANUEL- BAILEY	1992
28	PATIENCE	-