



Association of Haitian Educators of Dade (AHED)

P.O. Box 610091,

North Miami, Florida 33061

Virtual Meeting

Date: Friday July 17, 2020

Starting time: 5:05 PM

Present: Yverose Midy-Placide-President

Paul Fabre-Vice-President

Sabine Duval-Treasurer

Magda Prophete-Secretary

Marie Ocean-Public Relations

Dinah Dorvil-Member-at-Large

Absent: Bernadette Pierre-Past President

Deland Innocent-Advisor

Jean Robert Bertrand-Advisor

- Motion to approve minutes made by Marie Ocean
- All Board members in favor—minutes approved
- Yverose & Paul welcomed all members attending the meeting. They also welcomed and thanked our special guest: Corhinn Brunot.
- Corhinn Brunot gave an update on our website.
- She has been warning us for the past year that we needed to upgrade, or the website would crash. It finally happened; last week the website crashed.

- Website developer usually updates the website's engine. They updated their codes. We were at 5.6 php, too weak for the updated codes, we crashed. Corhinn had the website developer update our php. We are now at 7.3.
- Someone wanted to know why the website crashed. Corhinn explained that once the server was upgraded, we were not compatible, hence the crash. She stated that we are good, probably for the next year. The fee we pay monthly only covers regular maintenance. She had to call a website developer who charged her \$150. She sent us the invoice.
- Corhinn also said GoDaddy recommends we switch server to WordPress.
- Brainstormed how AHED could best assist parents navigate the school system this year. Someone suggested we wait for updates because information changes daily, and we do not know when schools will open nor how the opening of schools will look this year.
- Parents need to know how to manage Zoom, Microsoft Teams
- Last spring there was no uniform platform which led to parents' confusion.
- High priority—Parental Involvement. Students' success depends on 3 components: Parents-Teachers-Students
- Lack of knowledge is an issue. There is a disconnect between the system and the parents.
- One of the members stated that it was hard to reach out to the parents. Difficult to get parents to complete the survey. SYNERGY tried to educate elementary school parents. 850 parents attended SYNERGY meeting; few Haitian parents were present.
- AHED missed an opportunity to do an interview with TELESKOPI.
- Haitian parents respond to people from their culture, people who speak their language.
- AHED needs to use churches, organizations, and radio stations (use Radio Lekol, Lesly Prudent's program on the radio) to disseminate information to parents.
- Drive by Bookbag give away will take place on August 15 at Joe Celestin's center
- Concerns: What supplies are needed this year? What about parents who do not own cars?
- Joe Celestin's Center has 2 entrances, use one for cars, the other for walk-ins
- Encourage car pooling
- Suggestions for supplies: earbuds, headphones, technical supplies, printer paper, portable printers, iPad, laptops, hand sanitizers, wipes....
- We have a sponsor willing to donate some laptops and iPads
- Volunteers are needed for the Bookbag Give Away.
- Meeting scheduled on August 7th for ALL Members. Executive Board must meet prior to the scheduled date.
- Motion to adjourned made by Dinah Dorvil. Marie Ocean second the motion.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:07 PM

Next Meeting: TBA