



Association of Haitian Educators of Dade (AHED)

P.O. Box 610091,

North Miami, Florida 33061

Platform: Zoom

Date: April 17, 2023

Starting time: 5:13 PM

End Time: 6:08 PM

Present:

Marie T. Viard- President

Dinah Dorvil-Public Relations

Sabine Duval-Treasurer

Deland Innocent-Advisor

Marie Ocean-Member at Large

Magda Prophete-Secretary

Absent:

Dr. Emma C. Francois-Vice President

Yverose Midy-Placide- Advisor

Jean Robert Bertrand-Advisor

Bernadette Pierre-Advisor

- Motion to approve Minutes—Minutes approved
- Motion to approve agenda—Agenda approved
- Need to send reminder to renew letters to members whose membership have expired.

- Need to update the website—We must pay Corhinn for whatever we want done. Due to financial constraints, we did not renew our monthly contract with her
- It was suggested that we look for college students/students from Lindsey, who might be able to help us with the website. This would help fill up their resume. We would charge them ½ price for their membership.
- We could look for reliable High School students who could help us/show us what to do (2 people could learn)
- Ms Viard will contact Lindsey.
- Our account balance is \$706.39.
- We must raise enough money to complete our 501C3. The President stated she would reach out to donors. Magda, Deland and Sabine warned that we have to be careful when asking for donations. We have yet to acquire 501C3 status. IRS is looking carefully at transactions done via PayPal, Zelle, ...
- Will contact Councilman Charles, who had initiated contact with a company to help us get not for profit status.
- Suggestion for Haitian Heritage Month: order pen (Amazon), type in Haitian Heritage Month, and AHED
- End of Year Gathering/Fundraiser: Set for June 1, 2023 @ Moca Paradise, 6:00-10:00 p.m.
- Concerns: Moca Paradise not suitable because of the rainy season. If it rains, even if we have tents, the grass will still be wet. Our guests will not be comfortable.
- Option:Café Creme
- Ms Viard met with Patricia, Mayor Desulme and Councilman Charles regarding the event. She is waiting on Dr. Gallon an Dr Bendross-Mindingall
- Send Save the Date. Deland was asked to draft the invitation letters.
- The President would like to use La Crepe to serve food at the event. She is going to talk to Patricia, then she'll reach out to Henriquez to see if they have the required documents.
- Ms Viard requested a meeting with Mayor Desulme. His administration set aside \$10.000 for AHED. She would like to know why the amount is so much less than what AHED received from the previous administration.
- The President spoke to Dinah about resuming the Newsletter. Should be published at least twice a year, at the beginning and end of the school year.
- To be included in the Newsletter: birthdays, Haitian educators who were recognized, reminder to renew membership, organizations we partner with...
- Scholarship: need to have a subcommittee; Ms. Esteverne and Ms.Blots have expressed interest in being part of the committee; need someone from the Board to be part of the committee. Emma would be a good choice.

- The President said we might want to involve some administrators. Such as Miriam Stewart. She also spoke to Dr. Etienne about helping us, since she has expertise in the matter.
- Ms. Viard suggested the first scholarship be set for \$250. She will speak to Bertrand about naming the scholarship after one of the founding members.

Next meeting: May 1st at 5:00 p.m.