AFRETECH AID SOCIETY
MINUTES of the 2011
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
9th JUNE 2012
10:30 am at **George Mackie Library, 112th St., Delta BC**

Attendance: Bonnie Sutherland, Toby Mundy, Margaret Fletcher, Donn Aven, Barb Aven, Charles Quist-Adade, Carol Felius, Dianne Keats, Brenda Benedetti, Adriel Wilson, Jim Sutherland, Elaine Peterson, David Peterson, Sarah Nicholls, Kwawu Agbemenu, Andrew Owusu.
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Call to Order: The 2011 AGM of Afretech was called to order by President Bonnie Sutherland.

1. *Adoption of the agenda*
   Motion to accept the agenda.
    Moved by Charles Quist-Adade
    Seconded by Carol Felius   **Carried**

2. *Adoption of Minutes of the Previous AGM.*
   Motion to adopt the minutes of the 2010 AGM.
    Moved by Margaret Fletcher
    Seconded by Adriel Wilson   **Carried**

3. *Introductions of attendees.*

4. *President's Report –* see attached.
   Moved that the President's report be accepted as circulated.
    Moved – Sarah Nicholls
    Seconded – Dianne Keats   **Carried**

5. *Treasurer's Report –* see attached.
   Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.
    Moved – Donn Aven
    Seconded –Brenda Benedetti   **Carried**

6. *Current /Ongoing Projects* –

Ghana – Charles reported on the Ghana project. Charles thanked Afretech for the help they provide. Last year the Ghana Project handed out 60 scholarships to students. Last June (2011) Charles took Kwantlen students over to Ghana. They took backpacks filled with school supplies. This year, Kwantlen Students have developed a solar-charged lantern assembly and will take15 with them in 2012 for use in areas with no electricity.
These lanterns/chargers cost about $55 each to make and will last for 12 hours on one charge.

Kwawu spoke about educational system developments in Ghana, most particularly: the development of state acceptance of institutions operated by private organizations such as EPUC (Evangelical Presbyterian University College). These organizations would welcome any

assistance (donations of books, equipment). Afretech's previous donations have been directed through the capital, Accra.

(Refer also to President's Report).

New Projects – 2012

- **Onagawa Project** (Tsunami Relief) – funds raised by a Steveston Rotary Club were sent in partnership with Afretech to the tsunami devastated region in Japan to help with re-establishing schools.

- **Nepal** – Afretech has sent assistance for a computer lab in Nepal, in partnership with local (Nepal) Rotary organization.

- **Rivers Inlet** – Adriel reported on a North Vancouver Rotary project to set up a library in native village at Owikeno. This is part of the Olympic Legacy Program. Afretech donated 40+ boxes of books and teams of volunteers spent several days sorting the books and adding pockets and cards.

- **Torit, South Sudan** – Carol Felius reported on a project in South Sudan. Carol met a Sudanese student who is working to raise funds to get a building going for a community library. This is in early stages.

7. Elections:

The slate of Directors from 2011 has agreed to serve for another year. No new nominations were proposed from the meeting.

President –	Bonnie Sutherland
Vice President –	Margaret Fletcher
Treasurer –	Donn Aven
Secretary –	Barb Aven
Directors –	Brenda Benedetti
	Jacquie Boyd
	Wayne Crossen
	Mike Lawler
	Toby Mundy
	Sarah Nicholls
	Charles Quist-Adade

Nominees and returning Directors declared Elected.

8. Website – Upgrade / development:

E-Mail report from Peter Aven: "After receiving the internet server information, I have started work on the Afretech website. I have been asked to update the website and will work on 3 areas.
1. content – some of the information on the website is out of date and I have been provided with the new information.

2. style – I plan to make some updates to the look and feel of the website while using the existing style as a guide.
3. flow – I want to ensure that the most important information is easily accessible and so will make some rearrangement to the website's structure to achieve this. All feedback is welcome.

As a point to consider, the server space for the website is currently being provided for free, the details of which I am not familiar with. If, at any point, Afretech would like to move to a paid hosting service, there are many options available that will meet Afretech's needs. For example, a company that I have used in the past charges $5/ month for basic hosting services.

If you wish to observe the progress of the website changes, you can find them here:
http://www.afretech.org/dev/

Bear in mind that it is still under development and is not ready for
public consumption! As I progress, the technical glitches will be ironed out and more
content will become available."

Adjournment: Moved by Adriel Wilson and Seconded by Sarah Nicholls that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Refreshments followed.

Date of Next Annual General Meeting: 08 June 2013.