



MGHS OGA UK IR EU Annual General Meeting held on 26th February 2022 on Zoom 4pm to 6pm

Present:

59 members

Agenda

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| • Opening prayer - | Yemi Daniels (81) |
| • Welcome address – | President |
| • Adoption of minutes AGM 2021 - | Secretary |
| • MGHS OGA UK IR EU Annual report 2021– | Financial Secretary |
| • Adoption of Constitution – | Secretariat/President |
| • Coming up: Reunion 2022 (Finance), Lit Day 2022 | Socials |
| • Legacy building update – | VP2 in Diaspora |
| • AOB/Q&A | Vice President |
| • Closing remarks | Secretary |
| • School song – | Jules O'shile (84) |
| • Closing prayer – | Bimpe Adekunbi (78) |

The meeting started with a brief welcome by General Secretary Mosun Adeniyi and was formally opened with a prayer by Yemi Daniel at 4.05pm.

Welcome address- President

Delivered by the President -Folake Segun welcoming all to the 2nd Online AGM as things begin to open and we keep safe in these Covid times. On 01 January 2021 the current Executive Committee (ExCo) started their tenure with the posts of Deputy Welfare & Membership Engagement Officer and VP 2 in Diaspora expanding the team. The President thanked the members for the opportunity to serve, thanked ExCo for their service and members for their support throughout the year. She went on to summarise the activities for the year starting with the Appreciation and handover event in January concluding with the end of year prayer event in December, highlighting that despite the challenges we still demonstrated excellent examples of sisterhood holding an event in 10 out of the 12 months of the year.

Our school motto '*In love serve one another*' is truly alive in our Association. The Association will continue to be open to all alumni of MGHS who wish to join through subscription. The President went on to talk about her recent trip to Nigeria and her visit to the school and tour of the construction site of our Legacy block. The project is progressing as planned and the VP2 Diaspora will provide more information, however the trip brought home the fact that there is still a lot



more to be done. We must join hands to ensure that the education we experienced at the school endures.

In 2022, the Association will continue to be a mechanism for networking, supporting members, collaborating with MGHSOGA USA and MGHS OGA Global. We will fundraise for the Legacy building be good stewards of the Associations resources. This year will see the launch of OGA UKIE website, the first ever UKIE Reunion. ExCo will do what is required of them, but we do need members to pay their dues and to also give sacrificially not just of your funds, but also your participation, skills, and time to help grow and develop your Association. We have produced a digital Annual report that will be emailed to all members. Thank you.

Adoption of AGM minutes 2021

- General Secretary Mosun Adeniyi provided a summary of the minutes of the last AGM held on 27 February 2021. Motion for adoption was moved by Dupe Amoda, seconded by Jules O'shile and Chisara Ariwodo.

MGHS OGA UK IR EU Annual report 2021 (including Finance)

- Our Financial Secretary, Funmi Joseph, observed that 2021 had been another tumultuous year but a thankful one as we all came to terms with and continued to navigate a world with covid. It was quiet last year with little activity in the bank. The number of members who paid dues in 2021 was 64 down from the previous year. There is time to play catch up the dues for 2021 are overdue and 2022 dues are now due.
- The Great Debate did not raise funds, but fun was raised. Legacy walk made up for it by raising **£2,829.50** (just under £3000), at the event sisters agreed that it should be a yearly event. Watch out for Legacy Walk 2022.
- A big thank you to sisters who have set up a standing order towards the Legacy building. The building is now halfway complete, but there is more to be done. Now more than ever funds are required. A shout out to sisters to give sacrificially, a Legacy building forum has been set up by the Treasurer for regular building updates and for the generation of fundraising ideas. Please encourage other sisters to join, it is not just about the money but commitment to the cause. Funmi Joseph made reference to the love and commitment to their Alma mater witnessed during the recent 90th Anniversary celebrations of Igbobi College Old boys Association worldwide.
Funmi Joseph went on to provide a summary of the finances for 2021:
- Starting balance **£26,324.87** dues received about **£2000**, Legacy Walk 2021 just under **£3000**, Standing orders for the Building Fund **£370**, Berets, Sashes, and Souvenirs **£280**, Call out for Welfare **£145** and Donations towards Founders Day (FD) **£470**. Payment for the FD venue **£225**, Music **£220**, Food **£340**, Gifts for the Outgoing ExCo **£250**, NSF subscription reduced to **£100**.



The equivalent of **£20,241** was transferred to our Naira account and to the school building fund. Balance as of 01 January 2022 **£10,443**.

- Funmi Joseph concluded with a call for any questions.

Adoption of the Constitution

- President Folake Segun provided background information that it was agreed that at the start of her tenure that the Constitution of the Association would be reviewed and adopted. A constitution review committee was set up ably chaired by Meek Agoro, other members of the committee were Yinka Daniel, Funmi Joseph and Jumoke Falokun. The Constitution was shared widely through set Presidents, reps, and comms leads. A big thank you to all involved. Members were encouraged to ask questions, comment, and provide feedback. All queries received a response. Thank you to all sisters who responded to the call. The final version was sent by email to all subscribing members with a notice that the Constitution will be formally adopted at this AGM. The President asked if there were any subscribing members present who wished to register any objection to the adoption of the Constitution, no objections were raised. The President announced that as no objections had been raised the Constitution of MGHS OGA UK Ireland and Europe was here by formally adopted. The President went on to say that the Constitution was not a dead document, it would evolve and be subject to future reviews as the Association grows.
- Folake Segun went on to the other proposal to increase annual dues to **£33** from today. The increase was proposed due to the increase in running costs. Folake asked if there were any objections to the increase. Jumoke Falokun suggested an increase to **£35**, Sylvia Amifor agreed and even suggested an increase to **£40**. It was agreed that from 26th February dues increased to **£35**, those who had already paid have missed the increase, though voluntary top ups will be gratefully received.

Coming up: Reunion 2022 (Finance), Lit Day 2022

- Reunion 2022 – Funmi Joseph (Financial Secretary) provided an update on plans for Reunion 2022, it is a long weekend away across all year groups. The event is planned for the last weekend of April (29th April through to 1st May), for two nights. We are looking at Scotland starting with Edinburgh, which is looking rather pricey, we are now looking at options on the outskirts of Edinburgh to save costs. We will keep you updated. Funmi Joseph gave a shout out to sisters to join the organising committee. Yemi Daniels asked if there was any idea of budget, Funmi Joseph responded that prices in Edinburgh were around £400 with 2 people sharing. The aim is to make the event accessible to as many members as possible, now that we have some approximate numbers, we will be able to negotiate and explore alternative costs and locations. Funmi Joseph agreed to speak with Yemi Daniels further as she has some experience in organising such events.



- Lit Day 2022- Tola Ayeni (Social Secretary) announced that Lit day is back with a bang and will be a physical event. Date is Saturday 2nd July 2022- the 1st Saturday in July. The theme for the day has not been agreed yet all members are encouraged to join hands and get involved with the various committees that will be set up for different aspects of the event:
 - the debate team.
 - the 'Olowo sibi' (Food) team

We aim to work within budget as the Lit day is a key fundraising event, all members are encouraged to give sacrificially towards the event due to take place at a location in Wembley.

Legacy building update

- The VP2 in Diaspora Bukky Durojaiye provided an update on the Legacy building. A lot is happening, and she is proud to be part of it and proud of all sisters who have been part of the legacy thus far. The estimated cost of the building is N398,000,000, roughly N130,000,000, per floor. A safe inspection of the building site was provided for the students, Bukky Durojaiye encouraged sisters to visit the site when they are in Nigeria. The 1st floor will have a 650-seater hall that will generate income for the school. The 2nd floor will house classrooms. The Fundraising Committee welcomes fundraising ideas from all sisters. If you have an idea share it with the committee, we will all run with it citing Galilee Walk, Kolo Challenge, Legacy Walk, etc as examples of ideas that realised so much. Bukky Durojaiye thanked everyone for all they are giving and continue to give. The UK chapter have transferred N25,000,000 to our Naira account and for onward transfer to the school building fund account. The last transfer of N10,000,000 arrived at just the right time.
- Bukky Durojaiye encouraged sisters to give sacrificially perhaps consider setting up a standing order in the UK or in Nigeria. Funmi Joseph mentioned that we are happy to take all currencies. Sponsor a block for individuals is still available – ground floor N200,000, 1st floor N100,000 and the 2nd floor N50,000. It is hoped the building will be roofed by the end of April. The following amounts have been spent an initial N98,000,000, then N58,000,000 and a further N39,000,000.
- There is the need to raise a further N19,000,000 by the end of April. Once again, a shout out to sisters, if you want further information contact Bukky Durojaiye or any other member of ExCo. Funmi Joseph went on to state that it is time for us to get our husbands, partners and family involved. Funmi Joseph cited the example of Mr Durojaiye (Bukky Durojaiye's husband) who donated N1,000,000 to the project his company name and Bukky Durojaiye's name will be inscribed on the pillar.

AOB/Question & Answers



- Bisola Ojumu read out a question from the chat: Can sets give money and buy a block?
- Bukky Durojaiye responded that she would need to confirm that as there were some blocks at the back of the building. The blocks referred to earlier are for individual purchase. There may be opportunities for sets to take responsibility for classrooms.
- Adetutu Adebola asked who to contact about the block, Mosun Adeniyi (General Secretary) or Bukky Durojaiye or any ExCo member.
- Funmi Joseph asked how many sisters would be interested in attending the Reunion weekend – 47 sisters raised their virtual hand.
- Funmi Joseph mentioned that she was surprised no one had any questions about finances, reiterating that she was always available to answer questions
- Bisola Ojumu– Sisters asked if they could bring family on the Reunion weekend?
- Funmi Joseph – On this occasion it was sisters only
- Angela Dabiri – commented that sisters should be allowed to choose who they wished to share with during the Reunion.
- Funmi Joseph noted that this would be considered as planning progresses.

Closing remarks

Closing remarks by Mosun Adeniyi (General Secretary):

- Dues are now due!!!
- The Legacy building will be finished, share your fundraising ideas
- Watch out for more information –Reunion 2022, Lit Day 2022
- Join a committee –Fundraising, Communications, Welfare,
- MG mentoring – get involved
- Legacy walk 2022
- Founder's Day 2022 - Sets what are you presenting this year?
- MGHSOGA UKIE – website: <https://mghsoga.co.uk>

School Song

- A beautiful rendition of our school song by Jules O'shile (84) with sisters joining in (while on mute!) from their respective locations.

Closing and prayer

- The meeting ended with the President thanking sisters for giving up their time especially a Saturday afternoon. Folake Segun stated that she was grateful to



be an MG girl, the quality of and commitment to what we do is second to none. We have taken over from those who have gone before, she thanked sisters once again and asked all to stay safe. Bimpe Adekunbi (78) closed the meeting with a prayer at 17.50.

Actions from the meeting:

- Sisters, please pay your annual dues.
- Please share your fundraising ideas for the Legacy building
- Get involved Reunion 2022, Lit Day 2022
- Sisters to join various Committees – Communications, Fundraising and Welfare
- MG mentoring – get involved

Mosun Adeniyi & Dr Fola Ajayi
Secretariat
February 2022