

**Communique and Highlights of the Equity Bank Reunion meeting Sat. , Nov 25, 2017 held at MAN Centre, 5 Elewura Street , WEMABOD Estate , Off Adeniyi Jones, Ikeja, Lagos State .**

**Opening Prayer by Pastor Bayo Omosehin**

**1. Welcome address by Mr Toye Adegboye**

a. He requested for a minute silence as a show of respect for the departed souls of some of our colleagues .

b. He appreciated the whole house for making out time to grace the event and specially mentioned Mr Ogunbona and Mr Okoro for the wonderful support on the online forum.

c. He acknowledged the brain behind the formation of the group in the person of Mrs Kehinde Olubi for her foresight, candour and the can-do spirit.

d. He mentioned the concern shown by a former MD, Mr. Sam Obaze , on the need to properly foster the group with focus on the specific needs of our members .

**2. Mr Akin Ajayi's goodwill message**

a. He welcomed all to the meeting and appreciated the good work of the planning committee and particularly how Mr. Toye Adegboye consistently followed up with him to ensure he graced the occasion .

b. He made mention of the peculiar and unique attributes, elements and traditions of the bank which remains enduring .

c. In the bank, views were welcomed from all staff not minding who it was coming from and Staff were equally appreciated based on the value and quality of their contributions and output

e. He made mention of how firmly he was attached to the bank because of its unique culture and traditions.

f. He said we should make the re-union a formal one and turn this into a platform that will offer us not only social interaction but also as the opportunity to promote both our individual and collective interests.

g. That It is the achievement of this objective that will show how vibrant the association is and how far we can go .

h. He said we should come up with an agenda that will ensure that the association endures to benefit every member of the group.

**Mr. Sam Obaze's good will message as read by Mr. Toye Adegboye.**

a. He apologised for his unavoidable absence at the event.

- b. He hoped that under the new dispensation, issues of the past would not be delved into and believed that the spirit of forgiveness should be imbibed by all.
- c. That the group should metamorphose into one big networking group and serve as a pillar of support for every member of the association.

#### **Mr. Gbolahan Ogunbona's message**

- a. He welcomed all and said that Equity was the best place to work because of the unique culture inherent in the organization and that he has more friends in the bank than every other place he had worked.
- b. He enjoined the group to facilitate the harnessing of all diverse expertise to further our collective and individual business objectives as may be agreed.
- c. He believes a business networking group can be created, which can help drive collective investments in areas like Agriculture etc.

#### **Mr. Tony Isunuoya's goodwill message**

- a. He said appreciation goes first to God Almighty for making it possible to have this meeting.
- b. He opined that we must make the re-union productive and the earlier the better as therein lays the hope that we will achieve whatever goals we set.

#### **Mrs. Kehinde Olubi's Presentation on: Why Are We Here?**

a. The motivation for the formation of the group is to support each other now that we are still alive rather than contributing for obituaries! The concept of everybody to himself and God for us all, should not be our approach. She then listed the proposed aims and objectives of the association as follows:

##### **b. Aims and Objectives**

1. To bring together everybody that have passed through Equity Bank
2. To foster good interpersonal and business relationship
3. To set up a trust fund to help our members financially as appropriate
4. To have a multi-purpose cooperative that can help with business promotion
5. To arrange group life insurance for members
6. To consider a group health programme
7. To elect a board of trustees that will serve as a governing body
8. To register the association
9. To create a vision and mission for the association

## **Mr. C. I. Okoro's Goodwill Message**

1. Appreciated all that came for the meeting and hailed the efforts of the planning committee. His expectations on the event were met and in typical Equity fashion were surpassed by the Committee.
2. That the benefits and responsibilities of the alumni should be properly spelt out including financial obligations of members
3. That going forward the planning committee should allow spouses to attend the reunion to allow larger participation and a bigger association.
4. He expressed concerns about the continuous existence of the association since the Bank is no longer in existence and there cannot be younger ex-staff of Equity beyond the current ones. He mandated the Steering Committee to come up with an ingenious way to propagate the association.
4. That the culture and values of the bank , Godliness , discipline , professionalism etc should be carried on even into this association .

## **SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR Mrs Bisi Makinde (Manager, Apapa Branch)**

1. Mrs. Makinde is in a critical medical condition and presently can not speak, sleep and even needs to be aided for all activities.
2. Members of the planning committee visited her and met her in a very precarious state.
3. It was agreed that she needs our immediate support spiritually and financially and a prayer session was held led by Pastor Bayo Omosehin supported by Mr. Tony Isunuoya, Dare Faronbi, Pastor Tewo and Pastor Yemi Adeniran.
4. Drawing from his experience, Mr. Segun Adaju requested that the medical case file of Mrs. Makinde should be obtained for him to consult with his Doctor friends in India who would be in a position to offer the best medical advise and help us better focus on the best assistance we can offer her.
5. Mr. Jide Taiwo pledged 100,000 naira to augment her medical bills.
6. The house approved a donation of N250,000, to be deducted from the current contributions for her immediate medical support and the planning committee was mandated to sign a get well card to be delivered to her with the funds.

## **KEY AGREEMENTS**

1. The planning committee is to metamorphose into a Steering Committee and would subsequently cease to exist after the registration of the association and election of the Board of Trustees
2. The association is to be formally registered and the Constitution to be drafted.
3. All suggestions and further actions are to be articulated on the platform

## **GENERAL COMMENTS**

1. Alhaji Kamarudeen Oladosu who gave the closing prayer also spoke about the need to communicate issues of this nature (referring to Mrs Bisi Makinde), in time so that people's timely action can be taken.
2. Raymond Alaneme requested that Official names of people on the platform should be communicated when such persons are added so that the identity of the person chatting is known.
3. Mr Jide Taiwo: Suggested that this meeting should be more than once a year and he pledged to make his event center available for the association for next 6 years free of charge.
4. Mr Ernest Kemakolam : shared his testimony on how Equity Bank, with help from Mrs. Olubi and Mr, Okoro transformed him to a successful person and a management consultant based in Abuja today .
5. Mrs Funni Agbosasa - gave a good will speech on behalf of the women in the house. She expressed her happiness that the unity and love of the bank is the same even up till now .

## **VOTE OF THANKS**

Rosemary Adenugba - thanked everybody that graced the event on behalf of the Steering Committee. Special thanks were given to those who came from outside Lagos as far as Warri, Benin, Ilorin , Abuja Etc . She wished us a safe trip to our respective destinations

Mr Okoro also gave a special vote of thanks to members of the planning committee now called Steering Committee for a job well done and that the Almighty bless them for their sacrifices to make the event a huge success.

**The meeting closed around 6pm**

## **FAISAL BIDMOS**