Minutes of March 17, 2020 Meeting

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Meeting started at 8:05 p.m. with a prayer by Dr. Blankson, the president. By the end of the meeting the following members had called in: Dr. Kwaku Annor, Sophia Blankson, Samuel Ghartey, Frank Bonney, Naana Bonney, Margaret Forson, Joe Forson, Elizabeth Wood-Baisie, Joanne Hanson-Bonney, Robert Hanson-Bonney, Joan Orlando, Flora Ghartey Halm, Rev. John Dadzie, Nab Akyempon, Isaac Essel, Kweku Blankson and Gifty woode.

Agenda/Discussion Items:

1.  2020 MANA Congress:  This will be held in Windsor in Connecticut from Thursday, September 3 through Sunday, September 6, 2020.  Accommodation for outside guests has been arranged with the Marriott Hotel for $115.00 per night plus taxes for a double bed.  Thursday night will be welcome night.  Friday will be open to out-of-town guests for sightseeing.  Friday night will be cultural night.  The congress will end on Saturday night with the banquet.  The tickets for the banquet will be $70.00 per person.  MANA national has asked each of the 13 MANA affiliates to buy/sell ten tickets.  Since AEFASC is a sister affiliate member with the MfantsemanKuw of California (MKoC) under one name and banner MfantseKuw of Southern california (MoSC) we will split the $700.00.  Members agreed to donate the $350.00 and send it along with the $350.00 donation from MKoC to national.  Members who are planning to attend the congress should contact the president for hotel arrangements.

2. Treasurer's Report:  Sophia Blankson informed members that the association has $5,188.45 in its Bank of America savings account.  After some discussion regarding members who had paid or not paid their dues, she was asked to send text messages to each member to remind them of their dues obligations.

3.  Mr. Alfred Kofi Derban's Funeral Service:  Dr. Blankson encouraged members to support our member, sister and friend Christie Richardson, Derban's ex-wife and father of Christie's two older children for the weekend of March 21,, during the funeral and memorial services scheduled for the weekend of March 21, 2020.  He explained that although the late Mr. Derban was not a member of the association we need to be there to support Christie.  Rev. John Dadzie, Frank Bonney and Robert Hanson-Bonney eloquently expressed the concerns and limitations imposed by the corona virus which might make it unsafe for members to physically attend the memorial service. It was therefore decided that it would be advisable for members to send their individual monetary donations directly to Christie.  The president agreed to post Christie's mailing address on the platform for the benefit of the members who may not be able  to physically attend the memorial service.

4.  Benevolence:  The president invited members to come up with suggestions for our charitable giving for this year.  We are aiming at making some charitable donations every year to justify our 501(C)3 tax exempt IRS designation.

5.  The AEFASC Website:  Dr. Blankson informed members that Dr. Kwaku Annor has kindly agreed to be the manager /editor of the website: [awutueffutuasc.org](http://awutueffutuasc.org/). Members expressed their appreciation to Dr. Annor.

Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m. with prayer by Rev. John Dadzie