Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam 24th November 2007

Attendance

Ally Saidi Mwishehe Aseli Wilison Elaine Baker Filbert Mbecha Husein Hamza Hamisi Izdoly Aludo Kihalule Juma Ali Salehe Jongo Kassim Bakari Paulo Atibu Hatibu Rahma Ali Sudi Saidi Ramadhan

Climate change event

Sosthenes was given money for making banners for the climate change event and he has made them but could not come to the meeting.

Elaine went to see Mr Manyika of the Vice President's Office. He and others including the permanent secretary are travelling to Bali in Indonesia for the climate change talks and so will not be around on 8th December. He was very supportive however and said we should write a letter requesting that someone be there to receive us on 8th December. Juma delivered this letter on Friday.

The US embassy had a public holiday on Thursday and we have not yet contacted them.

Damas emailed Elaine a list of environmental NGOs with their phone numbers and email addresses and she tried to find out where their offices are located. Juma and Filbert said they would go around these offices trying to collect signatures this week. Elaine said she would draft an information sheet to explain to NGOs what we are asking them to do and why.

Juma suggested that we also let CHABADA know in case they want to take part in the event.

Cycle caravan

The Netherlands embassy asked to make some small clarifications in our report on the caravan which Elaine submitted and they are processing the balance of the sponsorship.

Office, guta and finances

The new notice boards are still being made.

Violeth gave the translated minutes to Elaine but Elaine still needs to do some formatting work on them.

The guta spares have still not arrived.

Wamba memorial fund replied and said they have still not made a decision on the award of the road safety grant and would let us know when they have.

National Institute for Transportation (NIT)

Mr Wemba has not replied to our letter requesting a road safety seminar yet.

City Council

Ally Saidi Mohammed was not at the meeting so we could not follow up on the comments on Morogoro Road. Juma followed up with the city council on our letter and Mrs Mlamba said we would receive a reply by post.

Other business

It was decided that we should have an official end-time for meetings of 12pm so that members can plan other activities for their Saturdays.