Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam 29 March 2008

Attendance

Ally Saidi Mohamedi Ally Saidi Mwishehe Aseli Wilison Elaine Baker Filbert Mbecha Juma Ali Salehe Jongo Jumanne Idd Selemani Kibwana Mohammad Msiga Paulo Atibu Hatibu Sosthenes C Amlima Sudi Saidi Ramadhan

Office, guta and finances

During the week Ally Saidi Mohammed collected the remaining notice board and put it up so now there is plenty of space. Juma also bought more rope for the shelves for Tsh 1,000. Juma refunded Ally Saidi Mohammed Tsh 5,000 for what he spent on a pick up for the notice board. Elaine emphasised the importance of getting receipts for expenditure, even if the receipt is a simple piece of paper signed by the recipient. Ally Saidi Mohammed said it is important that UWABA's expenditure and balance be reported every week. We estimated that the bank balance is now approximately Tsh 368,000. Ally Saidi Mwishehe brought Tsh 7,000 guta hire money. Juma now holds Tsh 26,000 of UWABA money.

Official opening of office

It was agreed that we will hold the official opening of the office on Saturday 19th April at 10am.

Last week we made a list of people to invite and this week we added Azzan Zungu MP, representative of mabibo ward, embassy of Holland, SUMATRA, TABOA and traffic police.

It was agreed to ask Dominata to contact journalists.

It was agreed to write a letter to the chairperson of Jitegemee Street to request a permit to use the street outside the office.

Ally Saidi Mohammad found a person who rents a sound system Charles who came to the meeting. He agreed to rent us the equipment for Tsh 30,000, Tsh 20,000 of which we will pay next week as an advance. Paulo and Filbert will research the price of renting a tent. We will ask at Maktaba bar to provide chairs and we will buy sodas from them. We will also ask them to provide a backup generator in the case of power cut. We will pay Tsh 5,000 Luku electricity cost for Ally Saidi Mohammed's house to pay for electricity if the power is not cut.

Ally Saidi Mohammed and Sosthenes recommended we provide a printed speech and leaflet to distribute to guests.

Markus Weise

Elaine said that Markus Weise, a student from Ursinus College in Pennsylvania in the USA, will be in Dar es Salaam to study cycle issues for two or three months and would like to work with UWABA to learn about cycling issues and help us with our work. He is doing this project as part of the Watson Fellowship scheme. He will arrive at the end of April. He has already travelled to Namibia, Bangladesh and Vietnam for this project.

Wamba Memorial Fund

No reply to the email or voicemail message to Wamba memorial fund has yet been received. Elaine tried sending the email to different email addresses.

Morogoro Road

Juma delivered the letter to TANROADS Dar es Salaam on the subject of the uncovered drains in Jangwani part of Morogoro Road. He also talked in person to the head of TANROADS Dar es Salaam, who promised the drains would be repaired.

Three wheeled cycles in Europe

Elaine circulated a document from Robert Bartlett showing the use of three wheeled cycles in Europe.