VI PLUMBING & MECHANICAL ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes
Date: August 26th, 2018
Place: Charlotte Amalie High School

Meeting: General
Time: 3:00 pm

Members present: Joseph Williams, Marylyn Stapleton, Lester Peterson, Haldine Thomas, Alson Henry, Orville Francis, and Dianne Gonzales via phone.

Meeting call to order: 3:29 pm by Chairman Williams.

Chairman Williams greeted the membership and asked who would like to say the opening Prayer.

Opening Prayer: Chairman Williams

Reports:

Marylyn Stapleton
I usually send all emails and messages from everyone that is attending Conference to IAPMO. Would like to reiterate anyone attending and bringing your boyfriend, girlfriend, or companion they have to register. I already told Charlene Brathwaite she has to register.

Lester Peterson
How much is registration?

Marylyn Stapleton
It used to be $300, but it is now $400 plus.

Treasurer: Lester Peterson
The Financial Report is still the same $11,972.74. Also, I have the letter requesting the name change for Chairman Williams to sign and take to the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

Old business:

Chairman Williams
Last meeting we discussed getting a Chairperson for the Nomination Committee. Carlos Woods was doing it before, but according to the Bylaws, it should be the previous Chairperson of the Membership Committee. Sylvanus Bloice attended the last meeting via phone, and I asked him if he was willing to accept the position, and he responded yes.
The last election was 6/2017, so the next election would be 6/2019. Are there any discussions on that matter?

Lester Peterson
No.

Chairman Williams
Next thing on the agenda is Fundraising. At the last Board Meeting and also before, we discussed the need for fund raising to add to our limited funds enabling the Chapter to fulfill our expenses. Valerie Johnson is just getting back from a cruise, and I don't think she will make it to the meeting today. She is the Committee Chairperson responsible for fundraising. So far no Fundraising have been done.

Marilyn Stapleton
No fundraising has been done since I gave up the position.

Chairman Williams
This is something we have to make a priority.

Marilyn Stapleton
While we're talking about money. I am reading the minutes, and I am not too pleased by the way you all are spending IAPMO'S money. They sent us $20,000 that was supposed to be given to the Members, not just to the ones that were up to date with their dues in good standing with the Association. Any other money that is spent for anything else other than Hurricane, I will tell IAPMO. The Treasurer can tell us how much that is, that is why he is Treasurer.

Chairman Williams
Yes, and really if that is going to be an issue using IAPMO'S money because

Marilyn Stapleton
Mr Chairman wait a minute.

Chairman Williams
Wait a minute I am speaking.

Marilyn Stapleton
Don't raise your voice at me.

Joseph Williams
You're always raising your voice at People all the time. I am the Chairman and I am speaking, you need to wait until I'm done. I'm Chairing the meeting and you are interrupting my speech you need to wait.

Marilyn Stapleton
I am a Member.

Joseph Williams
If you were controlling it, you would have done whatever you wanted with it.

Marilyn Stapleton
That's not true.
I am a member, not only am I a Member, I work for IAPMO and if IAPMO'S money is used for anything other that Hurricane, I will tell them.

Joseph Williams
You had other things that you had allocated for that money, and anyone here can attest to that, if they are man enough to stand up and admit it. I don't care.
Marylyn Stapleton
That is not true.

Chairman Williams
Based on prior meetings and anyone here can attest to that. You had things that you were allocating the money to do.

Marylyn Stapleton
That is not true. I wanted to give to the Organizations that were helping the People through the two Hurricanes if there was anything left. That is what I said in the meeting and the minutes will show it.

Chairman Williams
Is that the Members?

Marylyn Stapleton
No, but they were a bunch of Non Profit Organizations out there trying to help the public.

Chairman Williams
That is not the point. The money was sent by IAPMO for the Members. If you want to be technical that is the case. Our Board Member Haldine Thomas said, if we had problems from prior meetings we should send back IAPMO’S money.

Marylyn Stapleton
That is right.

Chairman Williams
But your problem is. I am going to say it right now. Is that in the last Board Meeting a motion was made, and it’s in the Bylaws that the Association.

Marylyn Stapleton
And I have no problem with that.

Chairman Williams
Are you going to let me speak?

Marylyn Stapleton
And I have no problem with that.

Chairman Williams
Are you going to let me speak? In the Bylaws it states that the Chairman and the Secretary expenses will be paid to the National Meeting. Ok, so here it is now. A Board Member made a motion for Ms Dianne Gonzales Secretary of the Association that her Membership fees should be paid allowing her to attend Conference, and that is where your problem is.

Marylyn Stapleton
No that is not my problem.

Chairman Williams
That is exactly where your problem is. That would never have been brought up, money was spent to purchase a computer, you never asked if it was IAPMO’S money being spent. Then you could take that computer and give it back to IAPMO. Mr Treasurer, if that money is based on the amount of dues given since that IAPMO money came in, you could give back the computer, because that was not an issue at that time. But I know where the issue lies. We have to stop this hypocrisy and stop dealing with hypocrites in here and start being real. I do not have time for this. I came here to deal with this Organization to put it in a positive direction. If you want to deal with negativity, and not move in a positive direction we could
dismantle this whole thing, and you all can do whatever you all want to. I am not dealing with any hypocrisy, I am cutting straight through. That is how I am dealing. If you all want to vote for someone else or hire someone else to be the Chairperson, you all can do so. You have the floor Mr Henry.

Alston Henry
I think my solution is the best one. We should give all the money to the Members and let them put it and give it back. So it would not be IAPMO’S money anymore.

Chairman Williams
Well a portion of the Members have already done that, I gave my money back to the Association.

Alston Henry
I say we should give it out all, all and done.

Chairman Williams
The Treasurer and I could do that. We could find out who gave back and we could do the math, and the dues that have been paid, and the money that the Members gave back is not IAPMO’S money anymore.

Alston Henry
The first money that was sent from IAPMO we have to put it back.

Chairman Williams
The Board would have to make a decision on that.

Alston Henry
But you said give it to Non Profit. Here is my scenario, if a man is walking the street every day and you give him a car, and he sells the car. Would you be upset? That is my scenario. That is why I said, if IAPMO gives money and we do something contrary. That is why I said pay the money to all the Members, and you told me no, how could you trust the Members to put back the money, that is what you told me.

Marylyn Stapleton
But that is true.

Alston Henry
But you have to trust People.

Marylyn Stapleton
That is true too.

Alston Henry
When you made that statement it made me feel like you do not trust the Members. Pay everybody the money and let them put it back, everyone have choices in life to make.

Marylyn Stapleton
You mean everybody that needed help.

Alston Henry
They gave it to the Members. Everybody needed help, everybody had to spend money for generators, everybody need money to buy food, everybody did not work for weeks. It is from IAPMO, so pay all the Members across the Board and we would not be having this discussion today. Because they gave it to us to do what we want with it.

Marylyn Stapleton
You making a motion?

Alston Henry
We will do it with the Board first and then make a motion.

Chairman Williams
We will bring it up at the next Board Meeting. We are still on fundraising because Marylyn Stapleton intercepted it with this here. I know Board Members had ideas about doing fundraising. Are there any discussions about that? The Fundraising Committee could come up with ideas about fundraising. What I am really asking is, what are we going to put the money toward to be able to do for the Association.

Marylyn Stapleton
Mr Chairman, I do not know if you know it. When we did fundraisers I would go to Schneider Hospital. I do not know who goes to Queen Louise Home, but we donated a whole bunch of recliner chairs, and I know there is a door in Schneider Hospital with the Organization’s name. I used to do the Fundraising for two Organizations, and both of those Organizations have a door with their name on it at Schneider Hospital.

Haldine Thomas
In the past I keep saying over and over and my mouth have gotten me in trouble because People have been starting to take opposition, offense, and became upset. So just to hear my utterance, became a problem and I just say let me shut my mouth. One thing I have is endurance with patience, and when time advances and it reaches, what is going to happen is, things are going to self destruct if they are not planned from an original base of planning. When we were having the Percy Bus Stop Meetings, and we didn’t have a place of coming together, or having a class or a place to be at. We had a rush of honoring People and to honor People needs money. We had a lot of tickets here and there, and a lot of People were Getting honored when those People we’re not affiliated with being a Plumber or Mechanical official or a Member of local IAPMO. Those monies could not be made at a balance. Those days are long gone now. It was always spoken about getting a place for us. This place is a temporary shelter and it is the Government, and they could at any time say you have to get out of here. It was a very nice program that Marylyn Stapleton started. Maybe the linking with Marylyn Stapleton needs to be worked on. We need to have a place to gather, hang out, have hands on classes. When IAPMO used to come down for an honoring, it was not someone who was a Plumber or Mechanical Official. Then later if you want to honor someone it should have monies in the coffers to finish paying our bills. So I would say, whatever measures are taken to create monies again, a food sale, a raffle, even if it is $10, $15,$20 will go as dues right now. Anything to grow our account, pool monies, pool monies.

Marylyn Stapleton
In reference to what Haldine Thomas has been saying. I agree with Haldine Thomas. I have already been talking to IAPMO about the Organization and the state of affairs that were in. My plan is to ask Mr Chaney if he could send someone down here, we could have a meeting, like a workshop, or a small Conference to explain to us, because what I find is when you all attend Conference, you all do not attend the orginial national meetings that you should attend, I know because I attend. You go to probably Plumbing Meetings or for AC, and then you all go to party. There are other Meetings that you all should attend. Twenty years I have being going to Conference. I only missed last year because of the Hurricane, and remember it was not IAPMO alone, remember I was a PACC Member at one time. So yes I have already stated what you are saying. I have already talked to Mr Chaney, because I do not send a lot of reports anymore and he is going to ask me why.

Haldine Thomas
That is because our House is not in order. If you put your house in order we would not be having these issues. We need to focus on how can we grow collectively as a group, collaboratively as a group, so we need to work on that.

Marylyn Stapleton
I agree with everything you just said but that would have to be up to the Fundraising Committee, and as Chairman Williams just said she is just getting off of a cruise.

Chairman Williams
As Haldine Thomas was just speaking, something came to mind. As we get things in order, and I totally
agree with you. We need to try and find a place where we could really operate and use. I remember one time when you all came to St John a lot of People showed up. I think it was World Plumbing day. They were telling me, why don't our Organization do something? Maybe a workshop so that they could attend and we would be able to explain a pump system so they would have a basic idea. They could come and we could explain something as basic as a water pump for homeowners. This will do two things, it will help the Community, and help us to be Publicly known throughout the Community. We could say, we're holding a workshop about down spouts or just basic things that would be open to the Community. It could be the same thing for the air condition and refrigeration. It could be an idea for the future.

Marylyn Stapleton
Mr chairman, what you are saying is a good idea. While you were speaking I was thinking. How much does a trailer cost?

Haldine Thomas
There are certain features that you have to take into consideration, a 20 ft most likely would be better than a 40 ft.

Alston Henry
They have some that are about $30,000 empty, but you would have to set up a sanitary place.

Marylyn Stapleton
The alternative to that would be to rent a place.

Haldine Thomas
Not rent, buy a place.

Alston Henry
Because we are a none Profit Organization, maybe someone could donate the land.

Marylyn Stapleton
I could work on something, I will try. I have an idea I will try.

Haldine Thomas
If it is something that would be central of the Island, that would be good because some People come from East, some from West.

Marylyn Stapleton
So by the next meeting I will find out about the place. It is a nice place.

Chairman Williams
Next on the agenda is amending the Bylaws. The name and so forth.

Lester Peterson
Everything is ready.

Marylyn Stapleton
Chapter 7 Trade and Craft 261 to 375. Listen to this. The Chief Electrical Inspector and the Chief Plumbing Inspector.

Chairman Williams
The only people that I could see that could be on the Board are the People that are here. It has always been the license Plumbers that would be on the Board. Unless they are bringing a Contractor.
Collection of Dues:
None

Meeting adjourned: 4:20 p.m.

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