

MINUTES OF GAMCHIX MEETING
VENUE: ZOOM ONLINE MEETING
DATE: FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2020
TIME: 1PM

ATTENDANCE

1. Esther King
2. Oumie Saine
3. Binta Saidy
4. Aunty Anna
5. Aunty Biran
6. Njugga Drammeh
7. Sunn Faye
8. Marie Ellen
9. Emily Mendy
10. Elizabeth Ndene
- 11. Fatou Secka**
- 12. Agi Fatou**
- 13. Anna Ndure**

MEETING AGENDA FOR FRIDAY, 29TH MAY 2020

1. Opening Prayers
2. Quick Recap of last meeting held on Sunday 1st December, 2019
3. Meetings and Membership – Way forward
4. COVID-19 Impact | Participation | Opportunities
5. Pending and New Projects Ideas
6. Financial Update
7. AOB

Opening Remarks

The meeting started with usual opening prayers.

Membership And Contribution Issues

- The Chairperson opened the online discussion with the emphasis on the membership and contribution issues. She re-emphasize that the contributions are important in sustaining GamChix activities.
- Another concerned issue was discussion on pending contributions of other members. The question raised was: what do we need to do for other members on arrears of their monthly contribution?
- Aunty Biran shared her opinion for GamChix to re-evaluate their activity plans and to tailor activities around their mandate. She further emphasized the need to re-evaluate and re-strategize our work plan, in order to stand better chance to get funding of women in tech activities from UN organizations like World Bank.
- GamChix have welcomed a new member in our midst, named **ANNA Ndure** from UTGITCA association. The chairperson seized the opportunity to review on the MoU between GamChix and UTGITCA association.

COVID-19 Impact | Participation | Opportunities

- Despite the pandemic period, as tech personnels and professionals, GamChix would like to engage in online activities in the form of webinar, tech talks etc as form of engagement in this lock-down of Covid 19.
- The chairperson, on behalf of GamChix have put forward some token to the “Gambia Chef Association” who had engaged on food distribution for frontline workers during this pandemic. The chairperson wrote an introductory letter to UNFPA which was positively received and they promise to get back to us to see how best they can work with us.

- Aunty Anna, also shared her opinion on the education aspect in public schools. She suggested for GamChix to hold an online forum channel, like google classroom or form whatsapp group and partner with atleast one high school to engage students in this pandemic. She lamented the timeliness to engage students online.

In addition, the following question would help to determine our readiness:

- How we able to reach out to them?
- What are the challenges involved at the moment?
- How do we keep the engagement during this pandemic?

Pending and New Projects Ideas

- The chairperson also commented to have engaged Latrikunda LBS to run a project, unfortunately the pandemic have struck down this opportunity
- One of GamChix`s projects has been selected to be part of the Teranga Tech Incub' program!
- The GamChix in-house training among the members. The chairperson lamented on Binta Saidy's effort to host the Database class has not been completed. She kindly urged members to make good use of the opportunity to train ourselves and build –up our IT skills to make us more relevant in the field.
- To start-up an online event for example training activity in July 2020 to boost our engagement during this pandemic. The preparation of flyers to advertise on social media platforms and brainstorm on relevant topics for the upcoming activity

Financial Update

- According to the treasurer, she would prepare statement of arrears and update member on their contributions

- According to Emily, she has given us updated of the dormancy of the account since January 2020 up to date.
- The current balance from the GamChix account is **D40, 282.85**

AOB

- Suun raised an opportunity for GamChix to collaborate with her to host a webinar session on the course Building Wireless Community Networks. She could serve as a host and GamChix as facilitators on Network related topics and share common knowledge and understanding of community networks during the webinar session. The proposed webinar date has been slated on Friday 5th June 2020. If members are interested in given out a presentation or participating kindly contact Sunn Faye
Furthermore, she has been addressed to atleast give long notice for such activities, notwithstanding this would be a good opportunity for GamChix to participate.
According to her she is currently developing a work plan and open to GamChix to participate in this session.
- Commitment is key in moving our agenda forward
- To create working groups to start-up our project ideas we intend to embark on. Volunteers kindly needed to prepare for our online activity during this pandemic.
- To keep engaged members who have been trained in our preceding and subsequent trainings.

NB: Next meeting to be slated on 26th June 2020 at 1pm