

Independence Day Planning Committee Meeting (IDPC)
 Acquaaah Residence
 August 12, 2007

Present: Matilda Aidam, Kwame Acquaaah, Evans Mends, Donna Milton, Matanah Buoh.
 Absent: Godwin Aggrey-Fynn, Osam Brown

The first meeting was a brainstorming session designed to flush out a theme for the next independence day celebration scheduled for March 29, 2008 at California State University, Sacramento, Union Ballroom. Another item was to identify possible activities that will compliment the theme.

1. It was agreed that the theme will be about children. Three tentative themes were presented:

- a. Ghana's Children: Our Most Valuable Resource
- b. Ghana's Children: Tomorrow's Leaders
- c. Ghana Through a Child's Eye

The team will work further on fine-tuning the theme with a possible flavor of 'finale' (somewhere in there.....).

- 2. Donna will be contacting the parents of children who will be participating in the program
- 3. There will be no key note speaker. The winner of the essay competition will read his speech instead. This will be a truncated version of a Speech and Prize Giving Day (similar to Ghana).
- 4. Visual display of Ghanaian kids in different scenarios.
- 5. Will contact Osam to help in teaching Gas kids learn cultural dancing and drumming.

Summary of activities

Activity	Owner
Drill Team	Matanah
GAS kids cultural dancing	Osam
Speech and Prize Giving Day	Matilda
Recitals	Donna
Buttercup Scotch	Matanah
Pictures (Slide show of old GAS pics)	Matanah/ Kwame
Sheldon High, Sac High participation	Matabah
34 th Street Dancers	Matanah
Arts/ Craft display by GAS kids/ other Sacramento kids	Open

Next meeting is September 2, 2007.