

## Minutes of the NDC Constituency Branch on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Branch Mr. Karl Benjamin at 8:00 pm. He then invited Mr. Devon Joseph to lead us in an opening prayer which he did. Mr. Benjamin then welcomed all present and thanked them for coming.

The minutes of the last meeting were circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting and it was adapted and confirmed by Mr. Bob Adams and seconded by Miss. Genelle Shade without corrections.

The Chairman then reported on the activities of the Executive over the past month. It included a report on the BBQ held at Lauriston where a profit of \$467.80 were made, the BBQ at Hillsborough, where \$473.00 profit were made and the BBQ at Beausejour where \$483.00 profit were made. He further informed members of the upcoming award ceremony on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at CHS. Mr. Benjamin ended by informing members of the need to re-organize the village groups and a scheduled will be put in place to go around to the different polling divisions to get these groups going.

We then had reports from some of the outreach officers, on their job within the Ministry. Miss Genelle Shade reported on her work at Public Works which includes building a data base of persons interested in the road maintenance program, the de-bushing program, scholarships and employment opportunities. Miss Shanel Edmund whose job includes assisting Miss Joyce Mc Intosh as the Accounts Clerk in Public works where her duties include preparing and processing all pay sheets within Public Works. Miss Rhean Fleary reported on her role within Public Work as part of the team working on the data base. Monitoring Officer within the Youth Empowerment Department, Miss June Paul reported on the work which includes monitoring the persons within the Grenada Youth Upliftment Program. Sixty persons did the orientation and twenty-nine has been given placement in the on the job training aspect of the program. Miss Paul also reported on the Youth Parliament to be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> June at CHS. The Youth Department is also in the process of re-organizing or forming youth groups in the different villages in Carriacou.

It was then time for the report from Minister George Prime. Minister Prime began his report by encouraging all to attend and support the youth Parliament. He also reported on the opening of the new tuff wicket at the stadium and promised to have tuff wickets built in Mt. Pleasant and Petite Martinique. He further invited all to the fete match of the Ministry's eleven verses the domestic champions Mt. Royal on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at the stadium. Minister Prime also informed member of the handing over of the G-REP projects. The Paradise beach facility on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, The BBH Human Development Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> July and the Petite Martinique Resource Center on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. All were invited to these ceremonies. Minister Prime also reported on his meeting with all staff within the ministry for the first time. The Belair plant propagation station which has started selling plants and is doing well. The road from Top Hill to Belair has not started because of difficulties encountered with the bidding process. Minister Prime ended his presentation then opened the floor for discussions.

The meeting ended at 10:00 PM with a prayer by Mr. Henry Lambert.