

Sam Ford Dennis Alumni Earmark US\$150,000 School Project

In an effort to revamp the Sam Ford Dennis High School which was destroyed during the Liberian civil war, the Alumni Association of the institution on Friday, November 29, 2013 hosted a Reunion and Home-coming Alumni



Day roundtable conference in Monrovia which is geared toward launching a fund drive to raise US\$ 150,000 for the reconstruction of the institution after 23 years of closure due to the civil crisis.

The program which was held in collaboration with the Sam Ford Dennis Alumni Association chapter in the United States and Liberia, and is intended to mobilize adequate resources from local and international organizations around the world for the reconstruction of the school within the next few years.

At the reunion program, the alumni association adopted a resolution which is geared toward ensuring that the institution is rebuilt for the education of Liberian youths. The association also took a strong decision to mobilize its members in

Liberia in order to begin the process of working along with the association in America in the interest of the body so as to ensure that the school is re-established to benefit thousands of Liberian children who are out of school.

During the alumni day, several committees were appointed by the association to implement some key projects for the re-opening process of the institution. Among the committees appointed are: a Land Committee headed by Mr. Arthur Redd, Mrs. Joyce Freeman Naigow and Mr. Thompson Yawelka and all members of the class of 78, a Building committee headed by Mrs. Lydia Fahnbulleh-Daku class of 78 and William F. Borbor, class of 81 and Johnny Sumo class of 89, Juah Towoley class of 83 as members, a Membership and

Recruitment Committee headed by Archie Nagbe class of 89, Mrs. Cecelia N. Allison class of 83, while Edmond N. Cojolo, Chris Zumogar both of the class of 86 and Joe F. Wollie class of 78 will serve on the Publicity Committee of the association.

The association also concluded on the month of March 2014 as official launching date to raise funds intended for the reopening of the school during the next academic activities of 2014/2015. At the same time, the association has designed series of activities to raise funds for the development of key projects in Liberia.

At the meeting, the Association President in America Mr. Molley C. Ballah, through a phone message to the body in Liberia, admonished his colleagues to work hard in the rebuilding process of the school. He reminded the association members that it was

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development, training for aviation employees at the Emirates Aviation College and promoting progress in the

EXPO 2020 in Paris, France, and with support from Liberia and other countries, the city of Dubai won the bid to host the Expo after an overwhelming vote. Other

World Expo 2020 which was held in Paris, France.

Sam Ford Dennis Alumni

necessary to give serious consideration to the reconstruction drive of the institution which is also the primary concern of the association members in America.

Mr. Ballah told the gathering that they too in America are working hard in the interest of the institution in ensuring that they solicit funding from donors and friends who are concerned with the development of education in Liberia. "Our efforts are intended to ensure that our alma mater is rebuilt in the shortest period of time", he said.

Also speaking, the association's Coordinator in Liberia, Mr. Silas A. Meahyen called on his colleagues to work together to ensure that the dream of

the association- the rebuilding process of the school is realized for the common good of Liberia's future. He challenged members of the association to seek the interest of the association that will bring about sustainable development in the educational sector of the country.

He said there is a serious need to pay attention to ensuring that practical steps are taken to rebuild our alma mater. He also disclosed that the association is working in collaboration with the America chapter to ensure sustainable management of the school project.

The reunion program brought together over 36 graduates of the school for the first time since the institution closed down 23 years ago.

Since 1990, the institution has not been reopened to the public

for academic activities. The school was badly damaged during the Liberian civil war, something that led to its closure.

The institution was established in the early 1970's and named after the Under Secretary of Public Instruction, now Ministry of Education, Rev. Sam Ford Dennis. Since its establishment, the institution has graduated thousands of Liberian and non- Liberian students who are serving in key positions in both public and private sector in Liberia and around the world.

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ALUMNI EMBARKS ON USD\$150,000 SCHOOL PROJECT



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