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Jumuiya ya Afrika

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Year In Review

SEPTEMBER 18, 2020 - AUGUST 2021

POST REGISTRATION SET-UP

Immediately after registration, the founding Trustees of the Charity (Jumuiya) set about to put things in place for the smooth running of the Charity. The first task was to set up a website to make it easy to disseminate the purpose and object of the Charity as well as for interested persons to register their interest in joining as members.

The next task was to open a bank account to assist with our financial transaction by providing a verifiable trail and ease for members to make payments other than by cash. After some let, we succeeded in opening an account with Butterfield Bank.

The final task was to bring onboard key people with interest in the aims and objects of Jumuiya to assist with its running. There were two groups in this category; Trustees and Patrons.

LAUNCH

With everything in place as projected, Jumuiya was formally launched on the 1st of January 2021 with its website www.jumuiya.bm also outdoored on that day. From that day, Jumuiya formally started inviting memberships with a Trustee designated to specifically in charge of memberships. Whilst interests have not been very encouraging, it is fair to attribute it to the pandemic which has restricted in-person canvassing and interactions.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Our first major event was the donation made in March to SCARS and the Family Centre on behalf of Paul Njoroge who is a member of the Charity. In consultation with Mr Njoroge, the Jumuiya recommended the two charities and facilitated the payment of \$444,600 from a Boeing fund which had been made available to Mr Njoroge. This event received very good press coverage.

We are grateful to our brother for considering Bermudian causes for this donation and we have no doubt that it would go a long way to further the wonderful work that these two organisations do in the community.



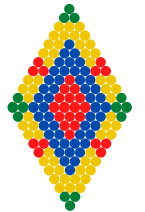
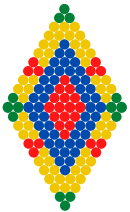
On the 16th of May, Jumuiya participated in a Cultural Heritage Conference at the invitation of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs. The event was meant to highlight the different cultural segments of Bermuda and also to introduce Jumuiya and what it offers.

Jumuiya then organised a Virtual African Music event on the 5th of June. This was initially planned to coincide with the May holiday and is intended to be an annual affair as it is round the same time as Africa Day which falls on the 25th of May every year. The event was well attended by a cross section of Bermuda and awarded prizes for quizzes on Africa.



The highlight of our activities for the year was our collaboration with the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs through Dr. Kim Dismount-Robinson, to organize an event as part of their Emancipation series prior to the Cup Match celebrations. The event was held in the auditorium of the Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute and was attended by the Governor Rena Lalgie, Minister Dr. Ernest Peets and Permanent Secretary Dr. Jennifer Attride-Stirling of the Ministry of Youth Culture and Sports, and a cross section of the Bermuda public. Under the theme "The resilience of the African Spirit", Jumuiya displayed the similarities and current state of play between Africa and Bermuda as seen through the resilience of the African spirit.

The event captured the origins and current global reach of traditional African clothing worn by the Ashanti, the Yoruba, the Zulu and the Maasai. Examples of these clothing which were curated by Jumuiya were worn and displayed by models to give the audience a real feel of these clothes.



There was also a presentation on the uses of salted fish and cassava in Bermuda and Africa as well as comparison between Bermuda's Spanish Rice and West Africa's Jollof Rice. The final segment of the event captured the Ethiopian origins of Coffee and the very elaborate and intriguing Ethiopian coffee ceremony which in real life, takes a couple of hours. The event ended with a selection of Ethiopian food being served and music of comparative Bermudian and African genre being played.

To cap off the year prior to our annual reporting month, the Trustees of Jumuiya organized a barbecue for its members, Trustees, patrons and those who took part in the 23rd of June event. This was a very successful event.

FINANCES

Our financial statements as submitted with this report, reflect our difficulties in recruiting and mostly expenses related to banking and the website. Some of our collaborations are also set to bring us some income and that is very encouraging. It may be heartwarming to note that the Trustees, Patrons and Members have volunteered their time and money to make Jumuiya as active as it has been in the year in review. This commitment is set to continue and can only see Jumuiya growing from strength to strength.

CONCLUSION

It is not farfetched that the previous year has been an eventful year for Bermuda and the entire world due to the pandemic. To all of us and for some amongst us, perhaps a year to forget. It had been much like Okonkwo's worst farming year in Achebe's "Things Fall Apart". That year, nothing happened at its proper time and the year had gone mad. Harvest was sad, like a funeral, and many farmers wept as they dug up the miserable and rotting yams. Okonkwo knew he was a fierce fighter, but that year had been enough to break the heart of a lion. "Since I survived that year" he always said, "I shall survive anything". We dared to say since we have survived to this point, we will survive anything else that gets thrown at us in the future.

We have no doubt that Jumuiya fills a unique void in the Bermudian Charity landscape and we hope that our activities over a very challenging year will assist to prove this point. Indeed the symbiotic collaborations it has started with the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs will make it more relevant and better placed to bring out the synergies between Africa and Bermuda in the years ahead. This collaboration means that Jumuiya would on an annual basis, be able to offer some content especially when it comes to the emancipation celebrations and tentative plans are afoot to explore the story and history of Gombeys in the next year.

We trust that you will be persuaded by this report and all the other documents submitted, to offer Jumuiya a new lease of life to continue serving the people of Bermuda for a length as long as permissible.

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Accounts

SEPTEMBER 18, 2020 - AUGUST 2021

Summary

\$1.83

Current Ratio/
Working Capital
Ratio

476.14

Days Cash
On Hand

159.2%

Self Sufficiency
Ratio

\$0.55%

Debt Ratio

59.2%

Savings Ratio

Statement of Financial Position

AS AT AUGUST 31, 2021

	2021
	\$
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash	<u>2,125</u>
Total assets	<u>2,125</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Accounts payable	<u>1,160</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,160</u>
<u>Surplus</u>	
Opening surplus	0
Result for the period	<u>965</u>
Total surplus	<u>965</u>
Total liabilities and surplus	<u><u>2,125</u></u>

Henry Thomas, Chair

Date

Priscilla Ogamba, Treasurer

Statement of Income

SEPTEMBER 18, 2020 (COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS) - AUGUST 31, 2021.

	2021
	\$
<u>Revenues</u>	
Membership fees	2,450
Donated expenses paid by trustees	<u>144</u>
Total revenue	<u>2,594</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Website expenses	1,387
Annual fee	110
Bank fees	75
Stationery	29
Warwick Post Office	22
Envelops	<u>6</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,629</u>
Net income	<u><u>965</u></u>