

2008-2009 academic year



Student African American Brotherhood Meeting Agenda

Date:

Location: Indiana University, Purdue University- Indianapolis

Room:

Overview

- Silent Moment
- SAAB Affirmation
- Introduction & Welcome
- Old Business
- New Business
- Teachable Moment
- Props & Prayer
- Word of the Day
- Closing Remarks

Silent Moment

- This moment is dedicated to those who wish to honor and pay respect to entities.

SAAB Affirmation

- In order to empower ourselves, and promote brotherhood, we, the Brothers of Student African American Brotherhood embrace the principles of *ACCOUNTABILITY, PROACTIVE LEADERSHIP, SELF-DISCIPLINE, and INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT*. Through our beliefs and convictions we uphold this mission at all times.
- "I am my Brother's Keeper and Together We Will Rise!"

Introduction & Welcome

Old Business

- Financial report

New Business

Teachable Moment

- This portion of the meeting is designated to building ourselves up and together.

Are you a Boy or a Man?

See reverse side

Props, Venting & Prayer

- Before exiting brothers can take the opportunity to give appreciation to one another and pray to their respective deity.

Word of the Day:

Ideology (noun)

1. System of social beliefs

a closely organized system of beliefs, values, and ideas forming the basis of a social, economic, or political philosophy or program

2. Meaningful belief system

a set of beliefs, values, and opinions that shapes the way a person or a group such as a social class thinks, acts, and understands the world

Closing Remarks

NO MORE EXCUSES: Black Men Stand Up!

Chapter 1: Are you a Boy or a Man?

BOY:

- boys look to the women in their lives to come up with the bill money, then blame her for all of his short comings.
- boys take the easy road
- boys don't take care of their responsibility, but you can catch them at the club every week
- boys refuse to be proactive
- boys are bad examples to their (all) kids
- their material possessions define them
- they are consumed with they have and are obsessed with obtaining more, but refuse to bless others
- boys never honor their elders
- boys fight without thinking, don't control their emotions & don't try to find peace in bad situations

Man:

- A man learns from his mistakes and tries to correct them
- Real men act as father figures to kids who don't belong to them
- They step to the challenge to mentor & support other young men
- Men lift each other up instead of tearing each other down
- Doesn't ignore a boy doing boyish things & tries to help the young man by leading down the right path
- A man works hard to establish himself & attempts to work on his own flaws & his character
- When men make mistakes they apologize & try to make it right
- They don't continue to make the same excuses
- Men lead by example
- They don't forget where they come from
- Real men refrain from making excuses

Questions to ponder on:

- What is a boy?
- What is a man?
- Who defines you as a man?
- Does the world, community, or your family view as a man?
- Do you hang out with boys or men?
- How can we relate manhood to education and the classroom?

How can we take what we know as what a man is and apply them to the classroom, community, family or our homework?

How does a man act in the classroom? How does a boy?

How does a man handle his finances?

How does a man deal with homework?

How does a man act about his responsibility to another brother?

How does a man handle his future?

How does a man handle his success?