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 shortcomings.
- 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 what 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?