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# Pan lovers form pressure group

A GROUP of "pan lovers" met at the Soca Boat in the Cruise Ship Complex, Wrightson Road, Port-of-Spain, on Sunday, September 17, to discuss "ways and means of uplifting the steelband."

The meeting, attended by more than 30 persons, was called by pan enthusiast, Daryl Joseph, and stemmed from reports that the programme "Caribbean Vibrations," hosted by Eddie Yearwood on Caribbean Radio Tempo 105 FM, was likely to be discontinued due to lack of sponsorship.

Sunday nights airing of the programme deal exclusively with subjects pertaining to the national musical instrument. Noted figures from the steelband fraternity are invited on the programme to share their knowledge and experience with listeners. Feedback from the listening audience suggests that the programme is both informative and topical and needs to be further expanded.

Those present at the meeting agreed there was a dire need for "the framing of a constitution" in order to advance and enhance the status of the steelbandsman. It was suggested the group could be termed a "Pan Lovers Association", and act as a pressure group, aimed at getting things done in the interest of panmen.

It was unanimously agreed, however, that whatever the outcome, the group must augment the efforts of the recognised steelband body, Pan Trinbago, and not do anything that would come in direct opposition to that organisation's plans and programmes.

A steering committee was elected with the following persons assuming office: Eddie Yearwood, chairman; Esmond King, vice-chairman; Daryl Joseph, secretary; Grace Aguiton, treasurer; Jackie McKell, assistant secretary/treasurer; and Neville John and Carlyle Houlder, trustees.

The next meeting is planned for the Soca Boat on Sunday, October 8, at 2 pm. (DC)

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