

Members Present

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Opening

The meeting started with a prayer by Sr. Grace Njau. The chairperson then welcomed all the members to the meeting. He introduced the agenda for the day by providing hard copies of the agenda to all members.

Introductions

A guest, Hugues Ilunga, introduced himself and was requested to make a decision whether he wished to become a regular member of the APWG or just is a visitor.

Reading the minutes of the previous meeting held on Saturday, 21 May 2016

The minutes had already been circulated on the website and therefore, they were not read at the meeting. However, the chairperson provided hard copies of the previous minutes for ease

of reference.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

a) The second half grants were given to the members who had completed their projects fully and met all the requirements:

1. Kevin Namatsi Okubo - Chiga (Uganda)
2. Angelique Chelo - Chonyi (Mijikenda – Kenya)

b) Feedback on incomplete projects:

The following members who are currently working on new projects have requested for more time to complete their works.

1. Hondi M. Placide - Kele (DRC) - *first half grant given on Saturday, 21 May 2016*
2. Rogers Adjomayi - Fon (Benin) – *first half grant given on Saturday, 27 February 2016*
3. Patricia Nderito – Maasai (Kenya) – *Had not presented proposal, but would do so immediately.*
4. Tyty Mukendi – Mashi (DRC) – *first half grant given in 2014. He had done the complete collection, but other sections of the booklet had not been completed.*
5. Elysee Meta -- Embu (Kenya) - *proxy said she was continuing with collection. She was requested to first present a correct proposal for the project.*

Fr Joseph Healey's 50th Anniversary

The Moderator explained that he had celebrated his Priestly Missionary Mission in Africa. Special prayers were led by Joseph Kai Kariuki in the Kikuyu language in celebrating his great achievement.

Internet User Workshop

Ricardo Benon and Elias Bushiri conducted the training. The members were taught how to access the Afriprov website resources such as polling for their favorite proverb of the month, Facebook postings, reading the minutes of meetings and how to access the Ebooks. The members confirmed that they have been using the www.afriprov.org website.

Continuity and Future of the African Proverbs Working Group (APWG)

The continuity of the APWG was deliberated. The moderator said he is going to retire in a few years' time, and therefore the need to deliberate on the continuity and survival of the group and the projects. The Chairman observed that transition was a normal process in every culture. However, we need to find the modalities for a smooth transition and survival of the group. It was noted that, the most important issue which needs immediate attention is the financial support for the group.

The Executive Committee informed the members that they had a meeting and agreed to open a bank account with the NIC Bank at the ABC Plaza on Wanyaki Way in Westlands, Nairobi. This would facilitate the transfer of funds directly from the benefactors into the members account using online banking via Mpesa. The account will be operated by a team of the executive committee members. The account is now officially opened under the name "Maryknoll Fathers – APWG." The first funds were deposited on 17 November, 2016. In order for the executive to be able to operate the account effectively and efficiently, the bank has arranged for a training workshop for the executive members concerned. This workshop is scheduled to take place on 23 November, 2016. Thereafter, members who qualify for their grants will be sent their money.

FUTURE SUPPORT FOR THE GROUP

The members proposed that a sub-committee be formed to deliberate further, and seek possible solutions to the matter of financial sustainability and sources of resources. The following members volunteered, or were nominated to, this *ad hoc* committee:

Chairman: Gabriel Odhiambo
Members: Joseph Kai Kariuki
Ricardo Benon
Patricia Nderito
Cikuru Devotha
Francis Njuguna

Revisiting the APWG Guidelines for Grants

Various guidelines were revisited and explained to the members.

1. **Attendance of meetings.** The members were required to attend a minimum of 2 full APWG meetings within a year. It was mandatory to attend on the day a member was being awarded the Grant, and to do the presentation of the Proposal for their research.
2. **Membership contributions.** All members would pay early in the year in cash or Mpesa on telephone number +254 723 307 992. Those receiving grants must pledge that the contribution of Ksh.1,000/= to be deducted before paying the first half-grant to the member.
3. The first half of the grant would only be paid out after the “Minutes” of the Full APWG meeting have been posted on the website (www.afriprov.org). This would inform the benefactors about approved, undertaken and completed projects.
4. The number of projects approved for grants has to fit the annual budget – the finances available at the particular time.

Submission of completed projects

The Moderator congratulated the members for successfully completing many projects within the year. He said the APWG Nairobi Chapter is the most successful in the production of proverb projects in Eastern Africa. The members submitted seven completed project booklets

to the Moderator. Grants would be given for those projects after the minutes of the meeting have been posted on the www.afriprov.org and the online banking set up.

The following have submitted their final projects to the moderator.

Project	Country	Collector	Grant
1. Bangubangu	DRC	Elias Bushiri	Full grant
2. Chiga	Uganda	Kevin Namatsi	2nd half grant
3. Chonyi	Kenya	Angela Chelo	2nd half grant
4. Duruma	Kenya	Margaret Wambere	Full grant
5. Runyankore	Uganda	Alimas Kaluta	Full grant
6. Teso	Kenya	Gabriel Odhiambo	Full grant
7. Nyanga	DRC	Sikitoka Mboni	Full grant

Presentation of new research proposals

As required by the new guidelines, 16 proposals were presented to the meeting. The executive committee would re-check and ensure all the members presenting them had met all the requirements before approval. They would check attendance of meetings, participation on internet, interest in other member's projects and payment of their annual membership dues. The members would then be informed to proceed with the collection of the proverbs.

1. Babwari	DRC	Sikitoka Mboni
2. Bakwele	DRC	Elias Bushiri
3. Banyabwisha	DRC	Cikuru Devotha B.
4. Hemba	DRC	Atemu Ishiabwe
5. Kipsigis	Kenya	Sr. Grace Njau -- new presentation
6. Makonde	Kenya	Margaret Wambere
7. Nande	DRC	Alimas Kaluta
8. Nandi	Kenya	Joseph Kai -- new presentation
9. Rendille	Kenya	Ricardo Benon

10. Sabaoti	Kenya	Jeremiah Sudi
11. Samia	Kenya	Gabriel Odhiambo
12. Sango	DRC	Laur Mwepu
13. Tachoni	Kenya	Annastasi Oisebe -- new presentation
14. Tambwa	DRC	Etoka Malisawa Peter -- new presentation
15. Tugen	Kenya	Kevin Namatsi
16. Zoba	DRC	Angela Riziki -- new presentation

Upcoming Proverbs of the Month for 2017

The list was read to the members.

1. January 2017	Chonyi (Mijikenda)	Kenya	Angela Chelo
2. February 2017	Bangubangu	DRC	Elias Bushiri
3. March 2017	Duruma	Kenya	Margaret Wambere
4. April 2017	Runyankore	Uganda	Alimas Kaluta
5. May 2017	Teso	Kenya	Gabriel Onyango

Other months of the year would be filled in at the next meeting.

Membership contributions

2016 outstanding membership fees:

The members who paid their outstanding 2016 membership fees Ksh.1,000.00 did so.

1. Ricardo Benon 1,000.00
2. Angela Riziki 1,000.00
3. Annastasi Oisebe 1,000.00

2017 Membership: advance fee payments

Members who paid their 2017 membership fees.

1. Fr. Joe Healey 1,000.00
2. Cephas Agbemenu 1,000.00
3. Fr. Don Sybertz 1,000.00

The members were encouraged to pledge to pay before the new project's first half grant was released to them.

Editorial costs

As resolved during the full APWG meeting held on Saturday, 7 February 2016, the committee members who edit individual projects will be rewarded with 10% or (\$50) of the total grant. This and the annual membership fees will be deducted from the grants before payment to the member. The committee will continue to edit the works by sending back their work with specific feedback and guidelines on how to correct their work to meet the required standards. However, stress was put on the need to produce high quality work. NOTE: The booklets should indicate the page numbers.

Any other business

There was no other business to be discussed.

Date of the next meeting

This will be communicated at a later date by the Executive Committee.

Lunch was provided by the host, the Assistant Moderator.

There being no other business, the meeting came to an end at 3 p.m.