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Opening

The meeting started with a prayer by Angelique Chelo. The chairperson then welcomed all the members to the meeting.

Introductions

Three visitors introduced themselves. They had been invited by existing members and hope to become members of the group.

Submission of booklets for completed projects

Only one copy of the booklets was presented at the meeting for each completed project. Other booklets would be presented to Fr. Healey in the following few days.

The chair explained that unlike in the past, the members had not been given their final project to print in order to ensure that only the approved soft copies were used. After the general meeting, each member would receive it on their email to enable them to print the balance of nine booklets.

The Editorial Committee briefly highlighted to the members the challenges experienced during the editing period.

The members were congratulated for their achievements.

Uploading of E-books

Peter Kyalo, the Assistant Administrator was present at the meeting to facilitate this activity. E-books completed in the years 2016 and 2017 were uploaded onto the afriprov.org website.

These were:

Ethnic Language	Language No.	Member
1. Duruma (Mijikenda)	31	Margaret Wambere
2. Turkana	32	Gabriel Odhiambo
3. Teso	33	Gabriel Odhiambo
4. Makonde	34	Margaret Wambere
5. Bwisha	35	Cikuru Devotha Bishangi
6. Hemba	36	Atemu Ishiabwe
7. Kwele	37	Elias Bushiri
8. Tugen	38	Kevin Namatsi
9. Tachoni	39	Anastasi Oisebe
10. Nandi	40	Joseph Kai Kariuki
11. Nande	41	Alimas Kaluta
12. Rendille	42	Ricardo Benon Benjamin
13. Taabwa	43	Etoka Malisawa Peter
14. Chiga	44	Kevin Namatsi
15. Runyoro	45	Angelique Chelo
16. Saamia	46	Gabriel Odhiambo
17. Kele	47	Hondi Muhimanyi Placide
18. Sango	48	Laur Mwepu Luiza

This was the highest number of projects successfully done all at once.

Proverbs of the Month

The Moderator confirmed that the Proverbs of the Month had been delivered to him by the members. These would be posted for the next 15 months (June, 2017 to October, 2018).

Two Proverbs of the Month had not been approved yet, and therefore, their second half grant would be held temporarily. These were:

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| 1. Runyoro | Angelique Chelo |
| 2. Sango | Laur Mwepu |

Four members had not yet presented their Proverb of the Month, although they had completed their collection of 100 proverbs. These were:

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| 1. Joba/Zoba | Angela Riziki |
| 2. Kabwari | Sikitoka Mboni |
| 3. Hemba | Atemu Ishiabwe |
| 4. Kipsigis | Sr. Grace Njau |

Confirmation of Grants Payments

The second half grants would be given to the members who had met all the requirements.

A total of 11 Second Half Grants would be availed immediately.

10 Second Half Grants for the 2017 projects, and 1 for 2016 were confirmed by the Moderator

as follows:

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| 1. Makonde | Margaret Wambere |
| 2. Bwisha | Cikuru Devotha Bishangi |
| 3. Kwele | Elias Bushiri |
| 4. Tugen | Kevin Namatsi |
| 5. Tachoni | Anastasi Oisebe |
| 6. Nandi | Joseph Kai Kariuki |
| 7. Nande | Alimas Kaluta |
| 8. Rendille | Ricardo Benon Benjamin |
| 9. Taabwa | Etoka Malisawa Peter |
| 10. Saamia | Gabriel Odhiambo |

2016 Project

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| 1. Kele | Hondi Muhimanyi Placide |
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Funding for the following projects would be paid later after they their Proverbs of the Months had been approved.

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| 1. Runyoro | Angelique Chelo |
| 2. Hembra | Atemu Ishiabwe |

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. The members were encourage to read online and frequently remind themselves of the guidelines stipulated in the minutes.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

Report on 2017 Membership contributions

The Secretary confirmed that all members had paid their membership fees for 2017.

1. Fr Joe Healey 1,000
2. Cephas Agbemenu 1,000
3. Fr Don Sybertz 1,000
4. Eti Dayan 1,000

All the 16 members who had projects in 2017 had been charged directly from their Grant amount the Ksh.1,000.

Those receiving their 2016 second half grant will be charged before the grant is paid to them.

1. Hondi Muhimanyi (Kele Proverbs)

Others not paid yet:

1. John Mbiti Mbuvi
2. Rogers Adjomayi
3. And new members

New Research Proposals

The chairman reminded the members that all new proposals for collection of proverbs should be targeting ethnic languages from outside the East African region and DR Congo. Members would be required to venture into other regions of Africa.

Specialized proverbs on specific topics would also be approved.

The members were requested to send their choice of ethnic language and region of origin to the Secretary by 10 June 2017. Once approved, the proposals would be presented during a full members meeting as required by the Guidelines.

Any Other Business

1. Certificates

_The members proposed that a Certificate of Completion of African Proverbs writing be issued to members each time they complete a specific collection. This would be discussed in detail during the next meeting.

2. Fundraising Sub-Committee Report

_The Chair informed the members that they had made contact with the Bank of Africa seeking financial assistance from its Cultural Section to support the APWG work. Since Sr. Grace was away, he requested that Cephas and Margaret accompany them discuss the matter with the Manager of the bank.

The outcome of the meeting would be communicated to the members afterwards.

3. 2018 APWG Calendar

_The theme for the 2018 calendar would be Proverbs on "Youth/Young People."

4. Proverb Polls

_The July, August and September 2017 Proverb Poll on the website would be based on the "Youth/Young People." Members were encouraged to continue voting

5. Date of next meeting

_The next full members' meeting would be held at the Mazzoldi House (Apostles of Jesus Generalate) Karen, Nairobi, Kenya. The date of the meeting would be communicated once the list of proposals had been received.

Closure

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There being no other business the meeting ended at 4.30 p.m.