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### Opening

The meeting started with a prayer by Angelique Chelo in the Swahili language. The chairman then welcomed all the members to the meeting.

## **The Future of the African Proverbs Working Group**

### **Fr Joe Healey's Five Year Transition Plan (2019 – 2024)**

#### Doors that are closing

1. Funding Booklet projects

\_Funds for the 2019 projects had been received. This would be the last funding received towards the production of African Proverbs booklets (paper booklets). \$4,800.00 (Four thousand eight hundred dollars) had been received.

2. Maryknoll Society future funding

\_Future funding will be for the Internet and Website costs only. This would enable future publications to be sold online so that readers will be able to “print on demand” or buy the material online.

3. Free tea and lunch at meetings at Maryknoll Society would be phased out gradually.

#### Windows that are opening

1. The African Proverbs Website and Facebook Page will be migrated to the “AFRICANA” section at Tangaza University College, Karen, Nairobi, Kenya and hosted by the IT department.

2. The African Proverbs Website will be migrated from the **Joomla** content management system which was set up in 1998, to

**Word Press**

platform. The material held on Joomla platform would be formatted to Word Press version and would, therefore, not be lost.

3. Using new funding options provided by our Finance Sub-committee. The fund raising committee was making efforts to raise funds but it was difficult to achieve. The members proposed to write letters to educational institutions and universities dealing studies related to African Studies to appeal to them for funds to continue with publication of booklets and other materials. Ricardo Benon was given the mandate to write and send proposals to as many as possible.

Appeals would also be sent to other organizations which fund and support community activities.

1. New digital/online opportunities

The statement “Go digital or die” encouraged the change from paper production to digital/electronic publications. The proposal to sell them through **Amazon** online retailers was necessary.

It would require that a publication editor and a marketer be engaged to ensure the success of this venture. Members proposed that the African Proverbs Website be improved to allow for online sales (E-commerce) and payments. E-publishing training would be carried out before these projects could be undertaken.

**2020 APWG Calendar**

The theme of the year 2020 would be “Equality, Inclusiveness and Fairness” The proverbs carrying this theme will be from the 2019 - 2020 proverbs collection. These are Universal Values which embrace all communities of the world.

**Proverbs of the Month 2019 - 2020**

These were already being prepared and posted on the African Proverbs Website.

| <u>Month of posting</u> | <u>Proverb</u> | <u>Publisher</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|
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|                 |                   |                                 |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| April, 2019     | Soga (Uganda)     | Alimas Kaluta                   |
| May, 2019       | Gweno (Tanzania)  | Etoka Malisawa                  |
| June, 2019      | Sukuma (Tanzania) | Zakaria Kashinje                |
| July, 2019      | Gikuyu (Kenya)    | Francis Njuguna                 |
| September, 2019 | Haya (Tanzania)   | Rita Ishengoma                  |
| October, 2019   | Sukuma (Tanzania) | Donald Sybertz & Fr. Joe Healey |
| November, 2019  | Toro (Uganda)     | Kevin Namatsi Okubo             |
| December, 2019  | Pare (Tanzania)   | Annastasi Oisebe                |

#### YEAR 2020

|                |                     |                             |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| January, 2020  | Sukuma (Tanzania)   | Charles Bundu               |
| February, 2020 | Manyika (Zimbabwe)  | Elias Bushiri               |
| March, 2020    | Lopit (South Sudan) | Ricardo Benon               |
| April, 2020    | (Luhya sub-group)   | Stanislaus Agava            |
| May, 2020      | Yao (Malawi)        | Elias Bushiri               |
| June, 2020     | Sukuma (Tanzania)   | Donald Sybertz & Joe Healey |

#### July, 2020 to December, 2020

Proverbs of the month from the on-going projects would be used to cover this period.

#### 2018 -2019 Projects for the Collection of 100 African Proverbs

Out of 14 projects only 4 members had not yet submitted their first drafts. By the date of the members' meeting only two members had completed their projects fully. They would receive their second half grant before the end of the new week.

The other members were requested to complete their work and have them approved and print before the 8th May 2019. They would be presented to Fr J Healey before then.

The members reported that they had challenges with collaborators, who were not available always, and were often out of Kenya.

#### 2018 Membership Contributions

A few members had made their payments in cash. These were:

| <u>Member</u> | <u>Ksh.</u> |
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| 1. Fr Joe Healey     | 1000 |
| 2. Cephas Agbemenu   | 1000 |
| 3. Fr Don Sybertz    | 1000 |
| 4. Eti Dayan         | 1000 |
| 5. Francis Njuguna   | 1000 |
| 6. Zacharia Kashinje | 1000 |
| 7. Charles Bundu     | 1000 |
| 8. Jim Roy           | 1000 |
| 9. Ernie Brunelle    | 1000 |

It was resolved that members who had projects for 2019 would be charged directly from their Second Half Grant, the amount of Ksh.1,000 (\$10).

Some members still had arrears for 2017 and were requested to settle.

## **Other Responsibilities**

### **1. Fund Raising Appeals**

Ricardo Benon was proposed to handle the fund raising appeals, the related documentation for that communication, and do constant follow up. This will be a continuous procedure for as long a period as possible. He will liaise with the Executive Committee. This would be undertaken immediately.

### **2. Proverbs of the month editing**

Ben Mabuto has been editing the proverbs of the month. This would continue.

### **3. Coordination of electronic publications**

Some members would be trained on E-publishing when funds were available. They would collaborate with Peter Kyalo ensure that the E-books were correctly done and uploaded on the African Proverbs Website. They would also assist with the electronic posting and online sale of the published materials. The Executive Committee would finalize about the choice of the members to be trained.

### **4. 2020 African Proverbs Calendar**

Elias Bushiri has been preparing and publishing the annual calendar and would continue with the responsibility.

### **Any Other Business**

1. Date of next meeting

\_The next full members' meeting would be held in August, 2019 to allow for E-publishing training for all members.

### **Closure**

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