Minu	tes of the Meeting of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul (SSVP) Abuja Central Council Held on 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at Sacred Heart Conference, Airport, Abuja.
1.0	Attendance
	A total of 182 Vincentians were in attendance at the meeting. Details are as shown on pages 12,
	13, 14 and 15
2.0	Opening
	The meeting started at 10.30am with an opening prayer said by Bro. Chika Muobike of Holy Cross
	Conference, Gwarimpa.
3.0	Spiritual Reading
	The reading with the theme: "God's Interest Must Come First", from pages 84 and 48 of the new
	and old Manuals of the Society, respectively was read by Bro.Chika Mmuobike, the 1st Vice
	President. The reading was culled from what St. Vincent said at the meeting of the Council of
	Daughters of Charity, 19 June 1647.
	Reflecting on the reading, he noted that as members of the Society, we should always ask ourselves if we are serving God or ourselves and if Christ is here, how is he likely to approach this situation. In this way we are trying to put God's interest before anything else. Putting God's interest in anything we do should reflect in the way we treat our masters and the way we manage
	our ego which should be kept at bay. Don't Lord it over our masters and be humble, always consider God's interest first and in this way we may obtain the reward which Christ promises to those who care for the poor.
	In his contribution, Bro. Ugochukwu Okpala of St. Joseph Conference, Zone 7 Lugbe, noted that for us to be able to put God's interest first in our actions, we should have faith in God's word. Our faith depends on our interest in the word of God and our faith should be in constant check for those
	who serve humanity.
	Finally in her contribution, the Central Council President, Sis. Joy Ohiagu also added that we should form the habit of considering God's interest in all our activity.
4.0	Opening Remarks by the Council President.
	The Council President welcomed all present to the Council Meeting noting that despite the
	difficulty in locating the venue, a lot of Vincentians turned out on time. She equally commended
	the dedication of members to the Council activities.
5.0	Welcome Remarks by the Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish, Airport.
	In his welcome remarks, Rev. Fr. Anthony Onyeso, the Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish,
	welcomed the Council and appreciated the good work of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. He noted that he works hand-in-hand with the conference in all the parishes he had ever worked. He
	further noted that things are not moving well as it should be but the conference in his parish is
	trying to do things better. He assured the Council of his support to the conference. Finally he
	prayed for the Society and imparted his priestly blessings on the Council.
6.0	Welcome Remark by the President of the Host Conference.
	The Conference Vice President, Bro. Joseph Ifeanyichukwu Onu on behalf of the conference
	president and members welcomed the Council to the conference. He implored the Council to
	accept their level of hospitality then wished the Council successful deliberations.
7.0	Reading, Observation, Amendment & Adoption of Minutes.
	The minutes of the previous meeting held at Church of Annunciation Arab Road Kubwa on April 28, 2018 was studied by all present and the following observations/corrections were made:
	i. Page 1, Item 7.0, Adoption "Bro. Onome Okpu" corrected as "Sis. Onome Okpu"
	ii. Page 2, Item 9.4, Last Paragraph "virtually coopted" corrected as "virtually co-opted".
	iii. Page 3, Item 9.41, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Paragraph "the conferences of St. Kevin and St. Ephraim, all in

- Jikwoyi" corrected as "St. Kevin Conference and St. Ephraim Centre, all in Jikwoyi"
- iv. Page 6, item 9.45(b), "Sis Claire....." corrected as "Sis. Clara Emelife......"
- v. Page 7 Item 9.9: "Election at St. Raphael Police Chaplaincy, Garki" corrected as "Election at CKC Conference, Kurudu"
- vi. Page 7 Item 9.9: "Bro Samson Agbo elected as president in absentia" corrected as "Bro. Damisa Omokafe Samson elected as president in absentia"
- vii. Page 7 Item 9.8: Board members of OLQN Conference
  - i. Bro John Okoro –President
  - ii. Bro Benjamin Kekong Vice President
  - iii. Sis Djebah Emuejevoke Dorothy– Secretary
  - iv. Sis Stella Vianney Asst. Secretary
  - v. Bro Benjamin Akhuemonkhan Financial Secretary
  - vi. Bro. Matthew Poaty– Asst Financial Sec.
  - vii. Sis. Vivian Okeke Treasurer
  - viii. Sis Clara Emelife Asst. Treasurer
  - ix. Bro Abraham Zoko –Youth Coordinator
  - x. Sis. Nkechi Oriogu Asst. Youth Coordinator
  - xi. Bro Kolo Audu Outreach Coordinator
  - xii. Bro Vincent Uffoh Training Officer
  - xiii. Sis. Patricia Imoagene Welfare Officer

**Adoption** - In the absence of further corrections & observations, a motion for the adoption of the minutes was moved by Bro. Steve Obiwuzie of Guardian Angel Conference, Lugbe and seconded by Bro. Titus Igbila of St. Benedict Conference, Lokogoma.

#### 8.0 Apologies

- Sir. Emmanuel Ajewole Board Member
- Bro. John Okolo President OLQN Conference
- Bro. Augustine Ino Project Coordinator for Africa 1
- Bro. Jude Akubue Central Council PRO
- Sis. Margaret Egenti Special Board Member
- Bro. Syslvester Odogwu Special Board Member
- Bro. Emma Nnaemeka Twinning & Aggregation Officer
- Bro. James Ishom Training Officer
- Bro. Bonaventure Nwokpor Asst. Training Officer
- Bro. Linus Njoku Member
- Sis. Chinwe Okafor Asst. Financial Secretary
- Bro. Albert Nzekwu Metro Council Financial Secretary

#### 9.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

#### 9.1 Update on the Election of President of St. Linus Conference, Chika:

Bro. Kolo Audu reported that following the rejection of the president previously elected by the Parish Priest he was directed to conduct a fresh election for the conference.

He informed the Council that he has been attending their meetings every Saturday and had observed that about 11 members turn out for meetings but once an election date is announced, attendance will drop to about 2 members on the scheduled date. He has however fixed the election for the 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

He further reported that he observed that the past president, Jonathan Miyaki, has some influence on the members so he detailed him to galvanize members to ensure to the success of the election.

Responding to the report, the Council president advised that subsequently, he should not announce the date for the election.

#### 9.2 Update on the Awareness Campaign at 12 Apostles Conference.

Bro. John Okoro reported that the awareness campaign was carried out and a meeting was held afterwards where the presidents and secretaries of the Garki Zone conferences were in attendance.

He also reported that 98 persons indicated interest to be members of the Society amongst which 37 are full members and 53 are benefactors while 8 are members/benefactors. He also added that work is in progress.

The Central Council President thanked the Garki Zone for a job well done but however, instructed that the Garki monitoring team should follow up on the conference. All should be carried along.

#### 9.3 Update on Ozanam House Project:

Sis. Agatha Irabor on behalf of the Chairman of the committee, Sir. Ajewole, who was unavoidably absent, reported that following the reconstitution of the project committee, the committee visited the site and found out that the estate which we hoped to get access through has been blocked. They also went to the Area Council to get the original and clear access to the site.

At the Area Council, they were given a bill of N150,000 which covers

- i. Identification/charting/mapping of the access road from the major road which is about 700m
- ii. For printing of the drawing for the access road from the major road to the plot.

She further reported that for the access road to be created after the payment of the N150, 000.00, construction equipment such as Bulldozer should be readily available. The committee decided that the dry season will be a better time to carry out the assignment.

After various comments and suggestions on the issue, the Council president concluded that the committee will see to the decision on the way forward considering all the inputs made at the meeting and report to the Council.

# 9.4 Update on the Activities of St. Joseph Conference Gwagwa and St. Peter Conference, Jiwa

Bro. Chika Muobike, reported that the main parish center St. Peter Jiwa has seven outstations out of which St. Joseph is one. However, the alms box collection is done at St. Joseph and returned to St. Peter. They had a meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018. St. Peter Jiwa was the only conference that submitted their annual report.

They will also have another meeting on the 21st of July, 2018

#### 9.5 Update on St. Anthony & St. Fabian, Jabi:

Bro. Chika Mmuobike reported that they had to reschedule their meeting because of the Central Council meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. He also reported that the Parish Priest requested to meet with the Central Council officers who said that he is unaware that the conference does not submit reports. They have scheduled to meet with the priest on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

#### 9.6 Report of the Inauguration of St. Ephraim Conference Jikwoyi:

The President of St. Kevin Conference Jikwoyi, reported that the inauguration was carried out as scheduled on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 at 8.30am mass and was very successful. He however noted that the inauguration which ought to have taken place after the homily was later done during the thanksgiving due to the breakdown in communication between the conference and the officiating priest who is the assistant parish priest. The Council president had to pledge with the officiating priest to have the conference inaugurated.

Reporting also, the financial secretary of the conference, Sis. Nwosa Blessing, stated that they were surprised at what happened because they duly informed the parish priest of the inauguration but it seems he did not carry the assistant along.

The Council president however blamed the conference president of St. Kevin Jikwoyi for the

problem encountered saying that he should have approached the assistant parish priest before the mass to remind him of the process of the inauguration. She then warned the yet to be inaugurated centers not to learn from this mistake.

# 9.7 Report of the Central Council Training at Holy Cross, Gwarimpa as Presented By the Assistant Training Officer, Bro. Bonaventure Nwokpor:

The Central Council training held as scheduled on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at Holy Cross Conference, Gwarimpa at 9:00am. The training is In line with the training programme of **Society** to develop and equip all the Vincentians with the right leadership skills.

The first Topic of the training "Leadership and Accountability, the Essential Properties of Society" which was targeted at improving the leadership qualities of conference presidents and the leaders of tomorrow was delivered by Rev. Fr. Istifanus Sheyin- Associate Priest, Church of Assumption, Asokoro, Abuja.

The training outlined some essential qualities of a leader which includes but not limited to the following: Self-confidence, Creative and innovative thinking (openness to experience), Strong communication and management skills, Originality, Job knowledge, Honesty and integrity, Emotional intelligence, Levelheadedness (humility) and Concern for others. Etc.

Emphasis was more on accountability which according to the facilitator, builds trust, improves accountability, promotes ownership and inspires confidence and service delivery especially in the course of serving our masters.

In conclusion, we are urged as members of the society of St. Vincent De Paul to follow the good example of our Patron Saint whose life was essentially on charity, service and sacrifice, we must therefore genuinely be seen to be at the fore front of the practice of love, compassion, sincerity, honesty, service, selfless and sacrifice always bearing in mind that our reward for selfless leadership is greater in heaven. The greatest leadership position we must aspire for is that which is found in heaven which comes with fullness of satisfaction or fulfillment.

After the lecture there was room for question and answer session.

The second topic of the training "Comprehensive Annual Reporting Packaging and Observations on the 2017 Annual Report" was delivered by the CC General Secretary, Mr. Ugochukwu Anaedobe.

During this session some of the conferences who did not align their annual report to the acceptable Central Council annual reporting template were mentioned and corrections were made with a view to forestall repeating such mistake in the subsequent years.

The Council president in her remarks after the training frowned at the failure of some conferences in annual financial report preparation despite series of training on report writing by the Council. She therefore urged all the conference presidents to take it seriously.

#### **Challenges/Observation**

Some of the notable challenges were:

- Late coming
- Public address system. Due to the heavy downpour of rain that day some members were not hearing the lecture very well.
- We noticed that some conference presidents did not attend the training which is not good enough as the Presidents were the major targets.

#### Attendance:

52 conferences were in attendance with a total of 245 Vincentians.

#### Appreciation:

On behalf of the central council board members and the Training officer in particular we wish to thank all those who participated at the leadership training at Holy Cross Church Gwarinmpa on the

12<sup>th</sup> May 2018, despite the heavy down pour that day. To us it was a show of commitment and passion for the society. We pray God to bless us all in Jesus Name Amen.

#### 9.8 Report of Awareness Campaign at St. Aloysius Centre, Mpape:

Steve Mayor Agbata, the conference president of Holy Trinity Maitama, reported that the awareness campaign was very successful. Most of the Conferences within the area participated at awareness campaign. They went for the awareness with two buses filled to capacity and the parish priest spoke so much and glowingly about the Society. About 92 persons indicated interest in joining the society out of which includes 11 benefactors. The conference meets at 7.00pm on Saturdays and on Sunday after the last mass. He advised the coordinator of the center to send sms to those that indicated interest to notify them of the conference meeting on Saturday.

He equally reported that St. John Conference, Mpape was scheduled for awareness campaign on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of July but the information did not reach him on time to enable adequate preparation and as such had to be rescheduled. A new date will be fixed later.

The Council president thanked him and those that participated in the campaign for a job well done and also told him to follow up on the center and keep abreast of their activities. She equally enjoined him to keep reminding the Parish Priest of St. John Mpape about the date for the awareness campaign.

#### 9.9 Update on St John Centre, Ketti:

Bro. Titus Igbila, the conference secretary of St. Benedict Lokogoma, reported that the Centre is progressing but experiencing fluctuation in membership. He noted that few members are doing their best to ensure that the society activities are going on. The Parish Priest is also supportive and has approved 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the society. They have equally opened an account with the bank. They meet on Sundays by 4.00pm.

Responding to the report, the Council President prayed God to bless him for the work done and noted that she hoped that he is directing them on how to keep their account records and he should also provide account record booklet for them if they have none.

#### 9.10 Report on the Election of the President of St. Kelvin Conference, Jikwoyi:

The president of SS Peter & Paul Bro. Andrew Amaco, reported that the election held as scheduled on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, 2018 and saw to the emergence of Bro. Peter Amakihi as president and he has since appointed his board some of which are as follows:

Sis. Grace Attah: Vice President

Bro. Edwin Oguche: Financial Secretary

Bro. Chinedu Anyiam : Secretary Bro. Vincent Oba: Treasurer

The conference has 18 active members.

The Council president while congratulating the newly elected president, called on him to also appoint a Youth Coordinator and a Twinning Officer

#### 9.11 Report on the Election of the President of St. Kizito Conference, Kuje:

The president of OLQM Sabon Lugbe, Bro. Daniel Makavah, reported that the election held as scheduled on the 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. 24 eligible voters who participated in the keenly contested election. He further reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> round of voting saw the two contestants in the election having a tie of 12 votes each. To resolve this, the contestants were subjected to picking from two folded papers on which YES and NO was separately written.

At the end, Bro. Valentine Onwuegbu who picked the paper written "YES" emerged as the president of the conference which boasts of about 32 active members. He had already appointed his board members as follows:

- 1. Vice President: Bro. Stephen Adamu
- 2. Secretary: Bro. Gregory Ehimare
- 3. Asst. Secretary: Sis. Faustina Samuel

4. Treasurer: Sis. Monica Ehimare

5. Youth Coordinator: Bro. George Anyanwu

The Council president while congratulating the newly elected president also advised him to also appoint a Twinning Officer to his board.

#### 9.14 Report on the Election of the President of OLQM Conference, Sabon Lugbe:

The president of St. Paul Conference Gwagwalada, Bro. Ignatius Idemetor reported that he and the President of St. Martin Conference, Bro. Baba Oliver conducted the election of the president of OLQM conference on Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018. The election had in attendance 16 active members of the conference and also had the parish priest representative as an observer. Three (3) members were nominated for the election after which Bro. Henry Okonji emerged as the president having garnered 12 valid votes to beat the other contestants who got 3 and 1 votes respectively.

The new president had appointed his board as follows:

i. Bro. Henry Okonji President		vi. Bro.	Hansou Odo	Treasurer
ii. Bro. Righteous Oyibo V.President		vii. Bro.	Patrick Ibrahim	Store Keeper
iii. Sis. Chioma Onyeka	Secretary	viii.	Bro. Augustine Ino	Training Officer
iv. Bro. Ugochukwu Ohazulike	Asst. Secretary	ix.	Bro. Bege Shemang	PRO/Client Officer
v. Sis. Juliet Oyibo	Fin. Secretary			

# 9.15 Report on the Central Council Youth Training at Guardian Angel, Lugbe as Presented by the Youth Coordinator Bro. Fidelis Akomaye:

The training began at 9:00am with the registration of participants till 10:00am. 27 inaugurated conferences and 7 centers with 80 members and 18 members in attendance, respectively. Afterward the training commenced with an opening prayer, followed by welcome remarks from the Central Council Youth Coordinator represented by the Assistant CC Youth Coordinator, as well as the host Conference (Guardian Angel) President, Bro. Steve Obi. The Central Council President Sis. Joy Ohiagu and the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Julius Kabuk also gave their remarks.

The first talk of the training "Vincentian Youth Apostolate, a Call to serve with Faith in God in the Work of Charity" was given by Rev. Fr. Innocent Awulu – the Parish Priest of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Sabon-Lugbe. The speaker who did justice with the topic encouraged Vincentian youth in their faith for the Charity work they do, saying that the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are people who wants to get closer to God in their service to the poor, the needy and the less-privileged. He further reminded the youth of the need to remember their Creator in their youthful age by serving Him; as said by God Almighty in the Holy Bible in Eccl 12:1.

He went further to reminded the youth on the need to stay committed to God, and that their service should also be rooted in Christ. He also said that the youth should ensure that the work they do must show by their examples – living a simple and not ostentatious life style, noting that we are called to bring the message of Jesus to those we serve and our lives should be exemplary and portrait Jesus Himself.

Finally, he emphasized Charity as a practical Love, quoting that "in an objective act there is a subjective motive;" and also when expectations are not met, frustration sets in.

The second talk was given by Sister Stella Iguza, a Vincentian and a Marriage Counselor from Our Lady Queen of Nigeria Conference on the topic: "Love of Christ a Core for Successful Christian Marriage." The speaker who spoke with the youth as potential/marriage Brothers and Sisters, took the gathering to the origin of creation which she said God did everything out of love for creating the earth, the creation of first Man and Woman (Adam and Eve) and giving out His only Son Jesus

Christ; and also pointed-out three core areas of Love of Christ for a successful marriage to include Praying and studying the scriptures together as a Family, Eating together as a family and giving out love together as a family — which she said it gives divine wisdom and divine guidance for support for each other, its invites God to take charge of the union, and love of Christ which is patient, kind, not jealous, not proud, not selfish, not happy with evil, but with the truth and never gives up since love never gives-up.

There were questions and answers and the training came to a close at 14:35 hours.

#### **Financial Report:**

The sum of Sixteen Thousand (N16, 000.00) Naira only was allocated by the Central Council for the said purpose.

27 inaugurated conferences registered @ N4,000 each totaling — N106,000 7 un-inaugurated centres registered @ N2,000 each totaling — N14,000 (Except Sacred Heart conference Gwagwalada that is yet to balance N2,000)

SBC Collected - N3,680 **Total:** - **N123,680** 

The total amount has been remitted to the Central Council Account.

#### **Observations**

The major observation as observed by the committee was that, most Vincentians Youth does not keep to time during training.

The youth is therefore enjoined to always keep to time as part of their personal commitment and dedication as good Vincentians.

The committee is appealing to conference presidents to always support the youth by sending their youth for training.

Responding to the report, the Council president decried the poor turnout of youth at the training saying that all conferences have youth members and sees no reason why only 98 members should be in attendance out of the over 50 conferences and about 38 centres in the Council. He enjoined he Conference presidents to always see it as a duty to support their youth activities as they are the engine of the Society.

#### 10.0 OTHER MATTERS

#### **10.1** Benue Intervention Report:

The Council president reported that at the Council Training in Holy Cross Gwarimpa, the Benue Intervention Committee was inaugurated to plan for the donation of material and money for the assistance of the Internally Displaced Persons in Benue State. She further reported that the Council is glad about the response from 44 conferences and 13 centers. This is evident through the report of the committee which states as follows:

The Council, in May 2018, constituted a ten-man committee and mandated them to raise relief materials from all the conferences and centers of St. Vincent de Paul in the Archdiocese. The committee was given one month to conclude the assignment due to the urgency in the condition of IDP Camps.

The committee was to raise food items, toiletries, clothing and money (but as low as the conference can afford). The following items were contributed by some (57) of the conferences and centers in the Council.

ITEM	MATERIALS	QUANTITY
1.	Rice	14 bags (50kg)
2.	Beans	10 bags
3.	Garri	9 bags

4.	Salt	5 bags
5.	Maggi	35 packets
6.	Mosquito Net	15 pcs
7.	Detergents	6 bags
8.	Bar Soap	6 cartons
9.	Indomie Noodle	9 cartons
10.	Slippers	5 bags
11.	Tinned	18 cartons
	Tomatoes	
12.	Power Oil	11 cartons + 25 liters
13.	Beverage	5 ½ cartons
14.	Clothing Items	160 bags
15.	NAN	14 pcs
16.	Sponge	2 sacks
17.	Toilet Soap	5 cartons
CASH	N413,500.00	

Some items like toilet soap, beverages, bags, etc were purchased from the money raised. Other logistics like transportation, loading and off-loading were taken out of the money contributed.

We were also able to envelop N140, 000.00 cash to be used to provide routine drugs, barbing etc. for the IDPs.

The items were conveyed to Benue State with a truck and were handed over to the Makurdi Central Council President of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. A letter was also written to that effect and the Bishop of Makurdi Diocese was copied also.

The Council President praised the committee for their hard work and dedication and prayed God to reward them abundantly. She however, condemned the action of some conferences that brought clothes that are almost decaying thereby creating additional work for the committee who had to spend a lot of time and energy sorting out the clothes. She pleaded that conferences should sort their clothes and washes them before giving it out and never to give out what you cannot wear. She pleaded that such should not be repeated.

Also responding to the report, Sir. P. Ebhojie, commended the Council for the timely and well thought out Benue Intervention. Lending his voice to the Council President, he decried the attitude packaging condemned clothes for our masters and enjoined conferences to always sort out their clothes destroy the bad ones and possibly dry-clean them from the purse of the conference before passing it on. "Do not give out what is bad enough to the masters".

#### 10.2 Alms Box:

The Council president informed the Council that it has been observed that various conferences utilized various colors to paint their alms boxes which cannot be differentiated from the boxes of other pious societies in the church. As such, the board has decided that all conferences should ensure that they utilize a uniform colour for their boxes distinct from the colour utilized by other pious societies for their boxes. However, conferences are to strictly utilize the Society's colours of Blue, Yellow or White

#### 10.3 Attitude of conferences and members to Council activities:

The Council president decried the preparations of conferences and members towards attending Society's activities as witnessed today. The host conference failed to prepare and kept the Council hanging without any sign of visible activity.

She also said that Vincentians should be turning up at the meeting early enough and decried the lateness syndrome.

She further enjoined members to always wear their Uniform to Council events

#### 10.4 St. Augustine Suncity Estate:

The Council president also informed the Council of the existence of a centre at the St. Augustine

# Parish, Suncity Estate and as such she appointed the Presidents of St. Christopher Games Village, Our Lady Queen of Nigeria and St. Benedict Lokogoma to coordinate and nurture the centre. The centre meets on every Saturday after morning mass. Project Coordinator, Abuja Central Council: The Council President informed the Council that Sir. Emmanuel Ajewole, the Chairman, Ozanam House Project Committee has been appointed the Project Coordinator of Abuja Central Council.

#### 10.6 St. Johnmary Vianney Centre, Trademore Estate:

The appointment is with immediate effect.

The Conference president of Guardian Angel Police Chapel, Lugbe, Bro. Steve Obiwuzie, formally introduced to the Council St. Johnmary Vianney Centre, Trademore Estate which they have been nurturing. The Coordinator of the centre is Mrs. Juli Olisa who is at the meeting with Sis. Eugenia Eugenia Hirnyam, the Assist. Secretary; Sis. Augustina Anulunko; the secretary and a member, Sis. Mary Jude-Onuoha

He further noted that they have about 13 members and have been doing well in their activities. Responding, the Council President thanked the Bro. Steve Obiwuzie for his efforts at nurturing the new Center and also thanked the new center for their contribution towards the Benue Intervention programme.

#### 10.7 Archangel Chapel Centre, Nyanya:

The conference president of SS Peter & Paul Conference Nyanya, informed the Council of the election of the coordinator of the Archangel Chapel Center, Nyanya on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. He introduced Mrs. Chinyere Dike as the new Coordinator who has equally appointed members of her board some of which include Bro. Okeme Peter A., the Asst. Coordinator and Sis. Amaegwu Stella O., as the Financial Secretary. The Centre currently has about 10 active members.

He also apologized to the Council for the failure to inform it of the election.

The Council President while thanking him for conducting the election also warned that such slip should not happen again. She also used the opportunity to inform the Council that it has been observed that SS Peter & Paul are in very close proximity without clear cut jurisdiction thus providing opportunity for master to be shopping between the two.

She therefore mandated the Karu Zonal Monitoring team to, as soon as possible; create a clear cut jurisdiction between the conference and the centre.

#### 10.8 Metro Youth Rally:

The youth Coordinator informed the Council of the oncoming metro youth rally to be hosted Oturkpo Central Council at St. Mary's College Ohimini. Each delegate to the rally is to pay 12,000 for registration and transportation.

#### 10.9 National Youth Rally:

The youth Coordinator also informed the Council of the oncoming National youth rally coming up on 23 – 26 August, 2018 and hosted by Okigwe Central Council in Owerri Metro Council. Abuja Central Council has 30 delegates' slots and each delegate to the rally is to pay 18,000 for registration and transportation.

Each conference is expected to send at least 2 delegates to the event.

Responding to the information from the youth coordinator, the Council president instructed that grade A conferences and others are to sponsor 3 youth and 2-youth to the metro Youth Rally Oturkpo respectively.

And for the National Youth Rally at Okigwe, each conference is to sponsor only 1 youth member.

#### 11.0 A.O.B

#### 11.1 Youth Meeting:

The youth coordinator announced that there will be a youth meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at St. Mary's Parish, Karu at 12 noon.

#### 11.2 Remarks from Rev. Fr. Solomon Uko:

In his remarks, Rev. Fr. Solomon Uko, the parish priest of St. Martin Parish, a member of the Conference of St. Martins and the Dean of Lugbe Deanery, while welcoming all Vincentians to the Deanery, appreciated the work of the Society especially at this period of extreme poverty pervading the Country.

He further remarked that the Society still have a lot of work to do to bring people out of this extreme poverty. He urged all to be committed and consistent in the work of helping the poor and the needy in our society and prayed all the saints to intercede on our behalf.

Responding, the Council President thanked Fr. Solomon for his support and encouragement to the Society, saying that he has always been to most of our activities and participates actively in his conference meetings proffering his ideas and supporting the conference hugely.

#### 11.3 Remarks from the Patron of the Council:

In his remarks, Bro. Chibuzor Ezeani, the immediate past president of the Council noted that conference presidents should always know the name of the President of the twinned conference. There should always be collaboration between the two conferences through visitations, sharing ideas, experiences and challenges to see how to grow both conferences.

He also noted that the outgoing conference presidents have abandoned their duty to introduce the new president to the Council. He stressed that it is the duty of the outgoing president to come to the Council and introduce the new president.

He further remarked that many conferences does not have a clear cut jurisdiction and as such providing opportunity for masters to shuttle between conferences. He urged conferences caught up in this situation to establish a defined boundary between them and restrict themselves to their own jurisdictions.

#### 11.4 Remarks from the ITVP Africa 1:

The International Territorial Vice President for Africa1 appealed o conference president to take as a necessary duty to have youth members in their conferences. He also informed the Council of the International competitions for youths open to all conferences apart from the International Youth Council. He enjoined all conferences to participate in this competition which he said will attract some prizes for the conference.

The Competitions include:

- 1. **An essay competition:** The youth are expected to write an essay on one of the founders of the Society. It should be recalled that the Society has seven (7) founders apart from Blessed Frederick Ozanam. It is required that an essay be written on the life and history of any of them. Prizes are attached to it. Includes 1000, 750 and 500 euros for the first, second and third prizes respectively.
- 2. The 7 Founders Festival: The International Youth Delegate for Africa 1, Bro. Gbege Joseph, informed the Council that the film festival is a film competition which requires conferences to put together a drama depicting the life and history of one of the founders of the Society. This is to create awareness on the other founders of the Society which before now projects only Blessed Frederick Ozanam.

The Basis for the Competition: In 2019, the International Council General (CGI) of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul SSVP) will celebrate 180 years since its foundation. To celebrate this occasion the international board has decided to launch a competition called "THE SEVEN FOUNDERS". In this way, the Council General hopes to simulate and expand understanding and research, in a fun and creative way, about the seven founders of the SSVP namely: Antoine Frederick Ozanam, Auguste Le Taillandier, Jules Delvaux, Paul Lamache, Francois Lallier, Felix Clave and Emmanuel Bailly. They were the precursors of what today is an organization with a presence in more than 150 countries and around 800,000 members.

The makers of the best three works will receive the first, second and third prizes of 2,000.00, 1,500.00 and 1,000 euros respectively.

The deadline for the submission is 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 for the Nigeria National Council

#### 11.5 Our Lady of Fatima Kalmajigi - Request for Inauguration:

The Our Lady of Fatima Kalmajigi centre having 32 members out of which they claimed 25 are active, and nurtured by Garki Zone, and also believing that they are matured enough, requested for inauguration.

The Council president responding told them to be patience to allow the Council carry out some background checks

### 11.6 Bro. Paul Unongo from the Conference of St. Rita Dakwo suggested the following:

- i. That the P.R.O of the Council should step up in dissemination of information from the Council as many Council members do not receive the notifications for meetings.
- ii. That the P.R.O to coordinate the sitting arrangement at every Council meeting, estimate the population that may be in attendance and also work in conjunction with the host conference to arrange meetings
- iii. He equally suggested that the Council should direct that Vincentians not on the uniform should refrain from attending Council meetings

Responding the Council President noted that those who activated the "DO NOT DISTURB" on their cell phones may not be getting the bulk messages sent by the PRO. Also, the PRO also posts all information on Council activities on the Whatsapp platform.

She enjoined those who are yet to be on the platform to contact the PRO. She also utilized the opportunity to warn that posting of wrong messages on the platform will not be tolerated as this act discourages a lot of people from visiting the platform.

On the arrangement of meetings, she noted that the Council had not been having problems with the arrangement of meetings with the host conference and that what happened at the Sacred heart Airport is really an exception.

On the uniform, she also noted that the Council has been hammering on the need for members to be on their uniform at every Council activity but it seems some are not willing to cooperate. She however noted that the Council will take action as the next option to make members comply.

#### 12.0 ANNOUNCEMENT:

## 12.1 Wedding Invitation:

The Council received a wedding Invitation from the former treasurer, Sis. Dorcas Angya. She will be wedding on the 28th of July at Makurdi.

#### 12.2 Notification of Deaths:

- i. Rev. Sis. Ndidiamaka Elvis Eze who died of breast cancer on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at the National Hospital. Until her death she was a member of the St. Peters conference, Abaji.
- ii. Mrs. Oluchi Odoh wife of Bro. Jude Odoh, a member of Archangel Raphael Police Chaplaincy, Garki, who died during child birth on July 3, 2018

Resurrection prayer was said for the repose of the soul of the dead and conferences were reminded of their obligation to book masses.

13.0	FINANCIAL REPORT.				
	Breakdown of funds realized at the Central Council Meeting.				
		INCOME ANALYSIS			
	S/No	Description	Amount		
	1	Payments by conferences	202,450.00		
	2	SBC	10,840.00		
	3	Sales of 3 prayer booklets	1,500.00		
	4	Sale of 47 T-shirts	94,000.00		
	5	Sale of 1 account booklet	2,000.00		
	6	SBC on 10 <sup>th</sup> June at St. Ephraim	5,340.00		
	7	Online transfer from conferences	71,000.00		
		TOTAL:	387,130.00		
14.0	<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>				
	Bro. Bro. Chika Muobuike, the 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Council, in his vote of thanks, expressed his				
	appreciation on behalf of the Council to the host Conference for their hospitality. He prayed for				
	journey mercies upon all present back to their various destinations.				
15.0	CLOSING REMARK:				
		n her remark thanked all the members ar	<del>-</del>	always plan to	
	come to meetings early and take the Society's activities seriously.				
16.0	NEXT MEETING:				
	Next meeting is scheduled to take place at CKC Conference, Kurudu on 10 <sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at				
	10.00am prompt.				
17.0	ADJOURNMENT AND	CLOSING:			
	Motion for adjournm	ent was moved by Bro. Ignatius Ide	metor of St. Paul'	's Conference.	
	•	seconded by Sis. Eunice Akpolu of Holy F		•	
	said by Bro. G.P Ebhojie, KSM brought the meeting to a close by 3.15pm.				

## **Attendance:**

S/N	NAME	POSITION	PHONE NO.	CONFERENCE
1	Sis. Agatha Irabor	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	07068733071	St. Mary Karu
2	Sis. Joy Ohiagu	President	08036231140	St. Lukes Kubwa
3	Bro. Chika Muobuike	1 <sup>st</sup> V/President	08034517872	St. Lukes Kubwa
4	Bro. G.P Ebhojie, Ksm	National Patron	08033496303	OLQM S/Lugbe
5	Chibuzo Ezeani	Patron	08037031990	OLQN Garki
6	Kolo Daniel Audu	Special Board Member	08034517650	OLQN Garki
7	Jayne Ladi Okoh	Cc Asst. Secretary	08168738877	Church of Assumption, Asokoro
8	Steve Obiwuzie	President	08033298514	Guardian Angel Lugbe
9	Ogwu James	Vice President	07033422182	St. Anthony Kabusa
10	Bro. Terhemba Igbila T.	Secretary	08025182641	St. Benedict, Lokogoma
11	Henry Okonji	President	08038284574	OLQM S/Lugbe
12	Valentine Onwuegbu	President	07034711640	St. Kizito Kuje
13	Folorunsho Nicholas	Secretary	08068117335	St. Martins Lugbe
14	Ehimare Gregory	Secretary	09030542326	St. Kizito Kuje
15	Ehimare Monica	Treasurer	08035994932	St. Kizito Kuje
16	Elizabeth Adesanya	Vice President	08033073299	St. Martins Lugbe
17	Amaa Godwin	President	07064609781	Holy Family Gosa
18	Diejomaoh Ena	Secretary	08098290074	Holy Trinity Maitama
19	Ifeyinwa Okafor	Member	08023775503	Holy Trinity Maitama
20	Steve-Mayor Agbata	President	08037099399	Holy Trinity Maitama
21	Damisah O. Samson	President	08065340437	CKC Kurudu
22	Onyeibe Hyacinth	President	08051755038	Giri

23	Okafor Amaka Patience	Coordinator	08061680646	St. Peters Abaji
24		Secretary	07067357549	St. Mary's Karu
	Wilfred Mary Offor	•		
25	Peter Amakihi	President	08023617483	St. Kelvin Jikwoyi
26	Okorie Tobias	Secretary	09077774568	Holy Family Life Camp
27	Grace Adie	Member	07034821108	St. Donalds Karu
28	Grace Attah	Vice President	08035801413	St. Kelvin Jikwoyi
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31	Ogunezi Kenenna C.	Secretary	08163747875	St. Anthony Kabusa
32	Anao Josephine	Member	07036426244	St. Anthony Kabusa
33	Bro. Ugochukwu Okpala	Member	07036016778	St. Joseph Zone 7 Lugbe
34	Bro. Stephen Adamu	Member	08091317160	St. Kizito Kuje
35	Williams Elisha	Out Station	08072637486	Sacred Heart Gwagwalada
36	Bro. Akpofi Morgan	Coordinator	08059065153	CKC Kurudu
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37	Sis. Ifeoma Onuigbo	Ag. Coordinator	08039325095	St. Francis Galadimawa
38	Bro. Ambrose Eguare	Secretary	08068523159	St. Francis Galadimawa
39	Bro. Johnson Felix	Member	08065860377	St. Francis Galadimawa
40	Sis Patience Maga	Member	08143233938	St. Francis Galadimawa
41	Sis Solomon Celestina	Member	07055275062	St. Linus Chika
42	Taulu M. Zaf	Member	07089308186	St. Mary Tudunwada
43	Sis. Ogechi Onuegbu	Treasurer	08082961045	St. Mary Tudunwada
44	Bro. George Anyanwu	Youth Coordinator	08101375522	St. Kizito
45	Asongo Faustina	Asst. Secretary	08136023619	St. Kizito
46	Ogboma Ebuka C.	P.R.O	08087635228	St. Charles Lwanga Apo
47	Yomi Wilfred	Secretary	08065688573	St. Charles Lwanga Apo
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50	Onyebuchi Mamah	Member	08057866189	St. Benedict Lokogoma
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91	Ursula Timayi	Member	07088878222	Arc. Angel Gaduwa
92	Amaka Azu	Secretary	08139733313	St. Monica Lugbe
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94	Ugah Emmanuel	Member	09036624415	All Saint Dutse Alhaji
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155	Catherine Obinna	President	08165785421	St. Anthony Jabi Parish
156	Ali Emmanuel	Member	07063584107	St. Donald Karu
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172	Charity Omelora	Member	08068934794	Sacred Heart Airport
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179	Michael Numbe	Member	08056283634	Sacred Heart Airport
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