**MINUTES OF THE YABA DEANERY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH OF AUGUST 2015.**

VENUE: ST. PAUL’S CATHOLIC CHURCH EBUTTE-METTA

ATTENDANCE: 79 MEMBERS

**Commencement** – Meeting commenced with prayer led by Mrs. Elizabeth Anjola Ewoigbokhan the 1st Vice President of ST. Paul’s Ebutte-metta at about 2.00pm.

**Opening Remark**: The Coordinator, Mrs. Theresa Ohumaegbulem welcomed Mrs. Fashaki siwoku, the social secretary of Lepcwo to the high table. Besides, she welcomed a member of C.C.M. in our midst. In her usual manner, she appreciated and welcomed all members present at the meeting and called for reading of the minutes.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the last month meeting held at ST. Gabriel Church Ladi-Lak was read by the Asst. Secretary.

**Corrections/Omissions:** There was no correction made on the minutes.

**Adoption:**  Adoption was moved by Mrs. Maku, seconded by Mrs. Igologba, the president of ST. Paul’s Ebutte-metta. At this juncture our guest joined the meeting

**Guest**: The C.M.O representatives, Mr. Felix .O. Ogunbamowo, the vice chairman and Mr. Alexander Ayo-Vaughan, the Asst. Secretary joined the meeting to welcome the women to their parish. Mr. Alexander Ayo-Vaughan in his brief speech appreciated the women for holding their meeting in their parish and wished them happy deliberation. Furthermore, he advised them to love their husband pray for their children and allow their daughter to marry a husband of their choice.

In Conclusion, he encouraged members to associate themselves with one another. He wished us happy deliberation. At this juncture, Rev. Fr. Charles Epetuku a visiting priest at the parish and the laity chairman, Mr. Obiefuna .E. Michael joined the meeting to welcome the members. Rev. FR. Charles Epetuku, in his brief speech praised his parish members for coming out in emasse for the meeting. On the other hand, he was disappointed, hearing that his parish members are owing. He said that none payment of dues and levies draws deanery backwards. In fairness, he promised to create a means to offset their bills and bought 10 pieces of caps for his parish members.

Furthermore, he warned against bearing grudges in our hearts for God hears us more. In conclusion, he prayed and blessed us. He supported us with some amount.

**Vote of Thanks**: Coordinator welcomed the guests in our midst; she appreciated their kind hospitality, advice and financial support and prayed for them.
Furthermore, she appealed to them to be faithful to their wives irrespective of their age. Besides, she highlighted that the N150, 000 Laccwo levied on all parishes is for the development of our Lala land at Epe. In essence, she informed the house that C.W.O of Yaba Deanery on the 7th day of December 2014, during our end of year party surprisingly was blessed with a parcel of land from the Baale of Makoko and his team of elders. The land is located at Oyadiran Estate. So far, the architectural design of the building has been completed. To the Glory of the Lord, no parish has been levied for the project. She thanked them and prayed that God will give them good health. Kola was offered to them.

**Matters arising:**

**Seminar:** Lepcwo seminar comes up on the 13th – 16th of August 2015, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Egbin Ijede, Ikorodu-lagos. All parish presidents are required to attend the seminar. Fee is N15, 000.

**Laccwo Seminar**

This will take place on the 3rd – 6th September 2015 at Derogoes Academy – Iyanuipaja Lagos. Parishes are to bring a minimum of 2 persons. Fee is N10, 000 per person. Yaba Deanery during the Gala-night would entertain the guest with Edo dance and exhibit the type of food they eat.

**Deanery Report**

Update of Deanery Day: Mrs. P. Eziukwu the chairperson committee reported as follows:

1. Deanery Day Celebration comes up on the 30th day of August 2015 at our Lady Queen of Nigeria Clegg – Ojuelegba – Lagos.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF EVENTS**

1. Novelty Football Match Competition between C.M.O and C.W.O of Yaba Deanery: This will take place on the 22nd day of August 2015 at ST. Finbarr’s College field.

Time: 7am – 10am

Members to be in their sportswear.

Caps are available for sales at N300 each.

1. March Past Competition: Maximum of 20 women from each parish is required. Presidents have already picked from the ballots the native attire they would exhibit during the march past on the Deanery Day.
2. Three (3) days Novena prayer for the success of the Deanery Day celebration: This comes up on the 24th – 26th day of August 2015. Venue is at our Lady Queen of Nigeria. Time is 5pm to end with mass at 6.30pm. Members to be on their national C.W.O uniform with keep Right blouse.
3. Novena Prayer Talk: On the 24th of August 2015, Mrs. Ezeumeh will speak on “Love”. On the 25th of August, Mrs. /Bar. Ugwu will speak on “Prayer”.

On the 26th of August 2015, our coordinator will speak on “Self Piety”

1. Thanksgiving Items: Parishes will purchase and dance to the altar with the thanksgiving items they have already picked from the ballot. Remember to give to God the best of your flock and be blessed.
2. Grand Finale of our Football Competition: This comes up on the 25th day of August 2015, at ST. Finbarr’s field Akoka. Selected players from all parishes will play the march and form Yaba Deanery team. Time is 7am – 10am. Members will be in their sports attire. Group pictures will be taken. Submission of names and adverts end on the 11th day of August 2015.
3. Queenship Contest Competition: The beauty Queenship contest competition was between three registered parishes namely; Our Lady Queen of Nigeria Clegg, ST. Paul’s Catholic Church Ebutte-Metta and ST. Dominic’s Catholic Church Yaba. Only five contestants were present for the competition namely; Mrs. Chinenye Umeh from Our Lady Queen of Nigeria, Mrs. Adigue Angela and Mrs. Amaka Onyeboisi from ST. Dominic’s Parish Yaba, Mrs. Florence Osuji and Mrs. Okere Ifeyinwa from ST.Paul’s Ebutte-metta.

At the end of the contest Our Deputy director Mrs. /Bar. Ugwu, who was the head of the panel of judges, announced the result as follows

Mrs. Florence Osuji of ST. Paul’s Ebutte-Metta came up as the 3rd Runner-up, Mrs. Adigue of ST. Dominic’s church Taba came up as the 2nd Runner-up while Mrs. Chinenye Umeh from Our Lady Queen of Nigeria emerge the winner of the contest. Hence she would be crowned the Queen of Yaba Deanery on the 30th day of August 2015 with the sum of N20, 000 and she will maintain the crown for one year.

Coordinator gave her speech concerning the contestants and encourages them to be of good conduct.

**GROUP PHOTOGRAPH**

Group photograph was taken in this order:-

1. Coordinator with the Queen of Yaba Deanery
2. Mrs. Fashakin with the contestants
3. Parish Presidents with the contestants
4. Yaba Deanery Excos with the contestants

**AOB**

Parish Presidents were reminded to remit their appeal cards proceeds.

Parish Presidents were mandated to photocopy the leaflet of the health talk attached to the minute’s sheets and share it to their members.

Next Host Parish -; ST. Dominic’s Parish Yaba will host the next general meeting coming up on the 13th of September 2015.

**Roll Call**:-

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| ST. Denis - 6 | ST. Thomas Moore Unilag - Nil | Our Lady Queen of Nigeria - 5 |
| ST. Dominic’s - 14 | ST. Augustine Chaplaincy - Nil | ST. Gabriel Parish Unilag - 4 |
| ST. Paul Ebutte-Metta - 39 | SS Peter & Paul Shomolu- 10 | ST. Stephen - Nil |
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**Adjournment:**

In the absence of any other issues to be discussed Mrs. Stella Ugo of ST. SS Peter& Paul Shomolu moved for the adjournment of the meeting and was supported by Mrs. Umeh Chinenye, the parish Queen.

**Closing Prayer** – Mrs. Umeh Chinenye led the closing prayer. Meeting closed by 5:30pm

 **THROUGH MARY OUR MOTHER WE SUCCEED.**

 Coordinator Asst. Secretary