

THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE ST JOHN'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL ILE IFE
OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION (SJOBA) HELD ON SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2021 AT 14.20 HRS GMT BY
ZOOM

1.0 ATTENDANCE

1. Festus Oshoba --- Chairman
2. Gbenga Adefaye
3. Olatunde Arayela
4. Ayodele Alabi
5. Abiodun Adeniyi
6. Olusegun Ajagunna
7. Ike Diaku
8. Gabriel Oshoba
9. Wole Obawole
10. Adekunle Eludire
11. Adewuyi Adetogun
12. Joseph Adedire
13. Olayinka Afolabi
14. Olufidipe Anthony
15. Stephen Ofonikot
16. Seyi Adefisan
17. Babajide Ilori
18. Julius Adebawale
19. Olajide Makinde
20. Olapade Ilorin
21. Adebayo
22. Olawale Omisade
23. Abiodun Adeniyi

24. Ayodeji Babaranti
25. John Adebawale
26. Olaolu Omifare
27. Yomi Layinka
28. Kola Olayode
29. Abiodun Adeniyi
30. Bisi Obawole
31. Solomon Adeyeni
32. Kehinde Bamigbetan
33. Ayodeji Babaranti
34. Sunday Idonije
35. Soji Adeyeni
36. Fola Adebawale
37. Adefioye Oladele Israel
38. Adereti Samson
39. Femi Aletan
40. Kolawole Abiola
41. Adelanke Bakare
42. Bayo Ogunkunle
43. Kunle Omisore
44. Debo Adefisan -----Secretary

2.0 AGENDA

1. Nigerian National Anthem 1st stanza
2. National prayer- National Anthem 2nd stanza
3. School Anthem
4. Presidents' opening remarks by Chief Dr. Festus Oshoba
5. Report on the projects inaugurated in 2020
6. A. Registration of SJOBA with CAC

7. B. Nomination of Legal Advisers
8. C. Establishment of the National Secretariat
9. D. Launching of State/City Chapters
10. Report on the EXLESIOR COMPEDIUM
11. Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the St. John's Grammar School, Ile-Ife in January 2022.
12. Fund raising for projects to be executed at the school in 2021.
13. Financial report (Financial Secretary and Treasurer's combined report)
14. Report from Standing Committees
 - i. Capital Projects/ Infrastructure Monitoring Committee
 - ii. Academic Excellence Committee
 - iii. Finance & Fund-Raising Committee
 - iv. Johnian's Networking & Collaboration Committee
 - v. SJOBA Publicity Committee
 - vi. Independent Electoral Committee
15. Report from Ad-hoc committees
 - I. JEDI
 - II. Health professionals
 - III. Legal professionals
 - IV. Finance professionals
 - V. Engineering professionals
16. Election of 4th Vice President
17. OJAJA Football club and the use of the Staff quarters of St John's Grammar School Ile-Ife.
18. Any other business
19. Adjournment
20. Closing prayer.

3.0 OPENING

The meeting was presided over by the SJOBA president Festus Oshoba. The meeting was called to order at exactly 2.20pm. The president was grateful to almighty God for making the meeting possible. He

thanked all members for sacrificing their time and busy schedule to attend the meeting. The circulated agenda was followed to the letter as stated below.

I. Nigerian National Anthem 1st stanza was read jointly by all

II. The National Anthem

Arise, O compatriots, Nigeria's call obey

To serve our fatherland

With love and strength and faith

The labor of our hero's past

Shall never be in vain

To serve with heart and might

One nation bound in freedom, peace, and unity.

III. National prayer- National Anthem 2nd stanza was jointly recited by all.

Oh God of creation, direct our noble cause

Guide our leaders right

Help our youth and truth to know

In love and honesty to grow

And living just and true

Great lofty heights attain

To build a nation where peace and justice shall reign.

IV. School Anthem was jointly sung by all.

O dear St. John, the young, the brave,

Who Fearless stood when strong men fled,

Teach us that love defies the grave

And seek Christ risen from the dead.

With wisdom from the Holy Ghost,

With Mary's shining purity

St. John true son will be a host

'Gainst evil till eternity.

AGENDA 2.5. REPORT ON THE PROJECTS INAUGURATED IN 2020

The president thanked all members for the projects inaugurated in 2020 including the following:

1. SCHOOL PERIMETER FENCE

(undertaken by SJOBA NATIONAL)

2. Renovated (including re-roofing with long span aluminum sheets) the school Block D, with students furniture.(undertaken by JOHNIANS 1973/1977 set)

3. Renovated first half of Block B fixed with sliding glass window (undertaken by JOHNIAN Engineer Ayodele Alabi 1974/1979 set)

4. Renovated (including re-roofing with long span aluminum sheets) the second half of Block B (undertaken by JOHNIANS 1976/1981 set)

5. Two Lawn Mowers (donated by JOHNIANS 1975/1980 set)

6.Multi Million Modern water system Toilet for students (undertaken by JOHNIANS 1975/1980 set)

7. Renovated (including re-roofing with long span aluminium sheets) the school library building furnished with books, ceiling fans and furniture.(undertaken by JOHNIANS 1979/1984 set)

8. Four prepaid electricity meters; wiring and installation (supplied by JOHNIANS 1977/1982 set) 77/82 set: and payment of N430,000.00 to clear the accumulated "nepa" bills.

9. Renovated school sports field Grand Stand. (undertaken by JOHNIANS 1978/1983 set)

10. Renovated (including re-roofing with long span aluminum sheets) the school Administration Building (undertaken by JOHNIAN Senator Babajide OMOWORARE 1979/1984 set)

11. Bronze statue of Reverend Father Fabian Cloutier undertaken by JOHNIAN Engineer Ayo Alabi 1974/1979 set)

12. Staff Quarter 4 re- roofed with long span aluminum sheet (undertaken by JOHNIANS 1979/1984 set)

13. A new water pump and the restored school water supply system (undertaken by JOHNIAN Barrister Sola Oyeyemi 1976/81 set)

14. A modern public address system and a combined computer printer and photostat machine (supplied by JOHNIAN IKE DIAKU 1979/1984 set)

AGENDA 2.6 REGISTRATION OF SJOBA WITH CAC

Barrister Sunday Idonije informed the AGM that the process for the registration of SJOBA with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), had started and would brief members about the progress from time to time. He was highly appreciated by members when he informed the house that he was carrying out the duty free of charge to the association.

AGENDA 2.7. NOMINATION OF LEGAL ADVISERS

The president briefed the AGM on the matter. The decision of the EXCO and JNWC was that the legal advisers should be appointed when the situation arises for their need. Justice Yinka Afolabi advised that the time to appoint legal advisers is now so that they can be abreast of issues. He suggested we appoint two and nominated Barrister Femi Alade. The nomination was seconded by Seyi Adefisan.

The second person nominated was Barrister Sunday Idonije. His name was proposed by Ayodeji Babaranti, and seconded by Olaolu Omifare.

A point of order was raised by Honourable Kehinde Bamigbetan that the proposal by Justice Afolabi should first be adopted before nominations are considered. This was supported by Yomi Layinka who emphasized proper procedure. The president concurred and asked for proper debate on the matter. Solomon Adeyeni JP from London agreed with the submission of Justice Yinka Afolabi. Reverend Father Stephen Ofonikot suggested that the name of the Legal Advisers should be on the letter Head of the association and supported the motion to have the legal advisers appointed at the AGM. In the absence of any counter-motion it was considered unanimously adopted.

AGENDA 2.8. C. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

The national secretary general Debo Adefisan briefed the AGM on the items needed to make the national secretariat located within the administrative block of the school at Ile-Ife building functional; costing N1,730,000.00. Members are requested and enjoined to donate the items in cash or kind. The president asked the secretary to post the requirements to the various Johnian platforms.

AGENDA 2.9. D. LAUNCHING OF STATE/CITY CHAPTERS

The secretary general briefed the AGM that efforts are on to ensure that the constitutional provision is properly executed. The following chapters are in the offing:

1. Abuja Chapter
2. Ibadan Chapter
3. Port Harcourt Chapter
4. Lagos Chapter

Engineer Adewuyi Adetogun informed the AGM that the Abuja Chapter was inaugurated on Saturday 13th February 2021 at the residence of Senator Omoworare with 7 members in attendance. A WhatsApp group was established which has a current membership of 24. Monthly meeting was scheduled. The chapter has adopted to provide the electricity transformer for the school.

AGENDA 2.10. REPORT ON THE EXLESIOR COMPEDIUM

Debo Adefisan briefed the AGM. The last 20 pages of the compendium had to be revised to remove house address and phone number of members as directed by the JNWC based on the fact that exposure of such information may put members at security risk. 50copies was printed. The printer made variation in cost of printing 1000 copies. The matter is therefore put-on hold.

Justice Afolabi Olayinka wondered how much was realized during the launching. The president asked that the matter be referred back to the EXCO and JNWC before being presented again to the AGM.

AGENDA 2.11. CELEBRATION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. JOHN'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, ILE-IFE IN JANUARY 2022.

The president presented the proposal approved by the EXCO and JNWC as follows:

SJOBA 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PROPOSALS

1. One-week long event from Monday 17th January 2022 to Saturday 22nd January 2022.

2. Monday 17th to Tuesday 18th January 2022: Academic activities among the students such as literary debate among the students with award of prizes
3. Alumni talks, guidance and counselling to the students.
4. Wednesday 19th to Thursday 20th January 2022: To feature inter- house sporting competition with prizes; including Chess and indoor sports competition as well as football, Lawn Tennis and other outdoor activities.
5. Friday 21st January 2022- Jumaat service and prize awards to the students
6. Saturday 22nd January 2022- Anniversary symposium: Secondary School Education and National Wealth Creation and Development.
7. Recognitions and Awards
8. Commissioning of projects
9. Luncheon and anniversary get together
10. An evening to remember
11. Sunday 23rd January 2022 Thanksgiving service at the Catholic Church

One member suggested inviting other schools, and having a mass at the school during the week day where students and teachers can participate. Debo Adefisan suggested a Wednesday mass and round robbing tournament. Donation of best student awards in cash and or books. Vocational entrepreneurship inculcation such as barbing and others.

Engineer Alabi suggested we put a committee in place. The president informed that members should send all their proposals to the EXCO for consideration by various committees.

AGENDA 2.12. FUND RAISING FOR PROJECTS TO BE EXECUTED AT THE SCHOOL IN 2021.

The president presented the memorandum below to the AGM

MEMORANDUM TO THE SJOBA AGM FOR FUND RAISING

The Capital Projects and Infrastructure Monitoring Committee ably led by Johnian Dr. Olajide Makinde met severally and recommended that in order to maintain the current upgrade of our Alma Mata that we have already started, there are many aspects of the school that require our attention.

This includes the following:

The School laboratory block: The roof has undergone the aging process with decay of the wood members, roofing sheets corroded and blown off. The Laboratory is currently abandoned. After due diligence we request that the AGM approves the following budgetary proposal to reverse the decay.

1. Completely change the roof using steel elements and Aluminum roofing sheets @ five million, five hundred- and eighty-million-naira N5,580,000.00

2. Completely change the doors and windows at an estimated cost of one million, three hundred thousand naira only N1,300,000.00
3. Provide 80 to 120 seats at the Assembly hall at a cost of two million seven hundred thousand naira only N2,700,000.00
4. Roof repairs of three buildings at two hundred thousand naira each with total cost of six hundred thousand naira only N600,000.00
5. Procurement of 300KVA Electricity transformer to the school at a cost of two million seven hundred and fifty thousand naira only N2,750,000.00

Total estimated cost of projects to be executed for commissioning January 2022:

1. N5,580,000.00
 2. N1,300,000.00
 3. N2,700,000.00
 4. N600,000.00
 5. N2,750,000.00
- N12,930,000.00

The 4- year development program 2022 to 2026 include:

- A. Staff Quarters renovation: It is projected that an estimated cost of two million two hundred naira only N2,200,000.00 each and total estimate for 3 staff quarters at N6,600,000. Only.
- B. Construction of Football pitch and pulverized cinder tract At N31,172,821.50 using GEMSPORTS CONSULTANTS.
- C. Construction of Spectators stand estimated at N28,641,170.00
- C. Drainage and Access Road was estimated at a cost of N29,592,500.00
- D. Library development

The annual general meeting of SJOBA is invited to note that the National Executive Committee and the Johnian National Working Committee have deliberated on these matters and request that the AGM approve the following fund-raising proposals:

1. Payment of N130,000.00 as 60th anniversary levy by individuals.
2. Payment of N1,300,000.00 by sets
3. Payment of a minimum of N13,000 naira and multiples thereof by individuals.
4. Execution of projects by chapters, sets and individuals.
5. Any other fund-raising modality proposed by a member and adopted by the AGM

Engineer Ayodele Alabi drew the attention of the AGM to the fact that as we develop the physical assets of the school, the human assets – the student’s development must be ensured. The issue of staff and student development need to be tackled by the Academic Excellence Committee. Justice Yinka Afolabi suggested tripartite arrangement of human development through collaboration between Parents, Government and SJOBA. Parents should be encouraged to participate.

Justice Yinka Afolabi moved the motion to approve fund raising as submitted to the AGM. Mr. Gbenga Adefaye seconded the motion. In the absence of any opposition, the motion was unanimously adopted for implementation.

AGENDA 2.13. FINANCIAL REPORT (FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER’S COMBINED REPORT)

The treasurer Olaolu Omifare informed the AGM that the statement of account had been shared to all before the meeting. 3.3million is the balance in the account presently. The notes to the accounts shall be sent to the platforms by the Tuesday after the AGM. He urged members to pay their annual dues.

AGENDA 2.14. Report from Standing Committees

i. Capital Projects/ Infrastructure Monitoring Committee: The president already presented the report and Dr. Makinde emphasized that SJOBA should commit to the 4-year program.

ii. Academic Excellence Committee- No report

iii. Finance & Fund-Raising Committee. Done by the treasurer.

iv. Johnian’s Networking & Collaboration Committee. No report.

v. SJOBA PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Honourable Kehinde Bamigbetan informed the house that the website development has been paid for and hopefully it would be launched by 1st March 2021. All Facebook platforms should be collapsed so as to allow the new one to serve the interest of all. All other social platforms shall be available on the website. Babajide Ilori wondered if intranet can be incorporated into the website. Ike Diaku is happy that payment platform is one of the features of the website.

vi. INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMITTEE: The AGM deliberated on the matter extensively and decided that their tenure should extend to 2022 when the tenure of the current EXCO would lapse. Dr Femi Aletan, Seyi Adefisan, Yinka Afolabi all made suggestions. Motion to reaffirm the membership of the committee was moved by Seyi Adefisan and seconded by Sunday Idonije.

AGENDA 2.15. REPORT FROM AD-HOC COMMITTEES

I. Johnian Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JEDI) – Mr. Debo Adefisan briefed the AGM on the activities of the Johnian Entrepreneurship Development Institute highlighting that the initial starting

blast has slowed down. He has developed a modus operandi to be submitted to the EXCO and JNWC for deliberations before further considerations by the AGM.

II. Health professionals - No report

III. Legal professionals - No report

IV. Finance professionals - No report

V. Engineering professionals - No report

AGENDA 2.16. ELECTION OF 4TH VICE PRESIDENT:

The AGM unanimously decided that the current 3rd Vice President, Ike Diaku, should perform the functions of the 4th Vice President until when the tenure of the current EXCO is over and we have new elections. This position was adumbrated by Engineer Adewuyi Adetogun and supported by Wole Obawole.

AGENDA 2.17. OJAJA Football club and the use of the Staff quarters of St John's Grammar School Ile-Ife.

Seyi Adefisan reiterated the position which he already sent to the various SJOBA platforms which is stated below:

“Recently we learnt that some men were carrying out some development work on The Principal's residence in the school premises and the road to the residence. On further inquiry, we learnt that the works were commissioned by HIM Ooni, Enitan Ogunwusi under the approval of the Ministry of Education following application received through the school principal. The application and proposal by HIM Ooni, Enitan Ogunwusi is to use the school premises as a base for his Ojaja Football club.

There has been no formal communication of events by either the school Principal or the Alumni President to what exactly the situation is. St Johns was founded by Fr. Cloutier to be a premiere academic school that excels in everything, our historical sterling achievement in sports was a by-product. Some concerned old students of St John's Grammar School have reservations about the use of the school premises for the specified purpose for a few salient reasons.

1. In the past few years, SJOBA has emerged as one of the strongest stakeholders of the institution, it is quite disheartening that a development of this magnitude has not been deemed fit and appropriate to discuss with the alumni

2. No formal impact and risk assessment has been conducted to ascertain whether a sporting club would conflict with the school vision and mission and to what extent, especially now that there are serious concerns about quality of education and performance of students of the school at NECO and WAEC examinations

3. We understand that the proposal will be, or has already been approved by the state government through the Ministry of Education. Sequel to approval, it is pertinent to mention that a formal Terms of Engagement (agreement) should be developed if the results of a risk assessment is favourable, with a few members of SJOBA on the team to make sure that interests of SJOBA are given due consideration in the engagement terms which will then be passed on to relevant parties for signature. The school is held in trust by the state government on the basis of public use as a secondary school, the Land Use decree 1978 only gives power to the Governor to acquire land for public interest, it does not confer power on the Governor to convert land in public use to a private person. The Governor does not have the power to acquire or allocate land in public use for private use, this may expose the school, HIM the Ooni and other stakeholders to litigation.

4. Bearing (2) and (3) above in mind, the use of the premises could be structured in a certain manner to remain compliant and within grounds permitted by law, but this is only possible after careful consideration of terms of the engagement and underpinning contracts

5. This development and the perceived uncertainty may discourage many members to participate in the continued development of the school through financial assistance and sacrifice of other resources, especially members in diaspora who are already locationally disadvantaged and receive information unofficially

We therefore request that HIM, the Ooni, be notified that all development works on site should cease and all workers leave the premises pending the outcome of a detailed impact and risk assessment.”

After extensive deliberations by most members present including Olaolu Omifare, Ayodeji Babaranti, Wole Obawole, Anthony Olufidipe, Femi Aletan, Kehinde Bamigbetan, Ayodele Alabi, Yomi Layinka, Ike Diaku, Dr. Olajide Makinde, Thomas Obishakin, the AGM adopted the following position:

1. Deal with the matter in a reconciliatory and diplomatic way by sending a fact finding and conflict resolution delegation to Kabiyesi.
2. Respect our Grand Patron
3. Academic Activities must be preserved and the school land must be preserved.
4. Volunteers who want to be part of the delegation should send in their names.

AGENDA 2.18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Ike Diaku suggested that the minutes of the last AGM needs to adopted after corrections.

The corrections include duplication of many names in the attendance column such as Yomi Layinka, Yinka Afolabi, Babajide Ilori and others.

Line 278: the only objection was by Ike Diaku. This should be corrected to read that “The 79/84 set were not agitating on age but based on principle.”

Seyi Adefisan moved the motion for the adoption of the minutes of the last AGM, while Babajide Ilori seconded it based on making the necessary corrections.

B. Yomi Layinka noted that the national secretary general had left the current AGM meeting and this was curious. The AGM noted with displeasure that Debo Adefisan left the AGM zoom meeting without getting permission from the president especially as his role was crucial to the AGM and the association.

C. Yomi Layinka informed the AGM, that he received the notice of meeting and other documents relating to the AGM from the president. This according to the SJOBA constitution should have been done by the national secretary. He then wondered if the president was preventing the secretary from doing his job or was it that the secretary not doing his job?

The president drew the attention of the AGM to the fact Debo Adefisan has issues with laptop and he had requested for N1.73million to equip the secretariat and buy a laptop.

Yomi Layinka advised that if the secretary was having challenges in performing his duties, he should let the SJOBA know. He opined that if people cannot perform their duties, they should let the AGM know so that appropriate actions can be taken.

Wole Obawole noted that promises were made in the manifesto by all EXCO members and there should be no excuse for non-performance. He advised that the secretary should be called to order by his set mates who sponsored him.

Adetogun Adewuyi asked about the assistant secretary. The president replied that he was absent and he has not been attending most meetings. He suggested that the secretary should get a memo from the president about the displeasure of the AGM on his conduct and performance.

Gbenga Adefaye wondered if we can raise resources to support the secretary especially by giving him a fairly used laptop while advising the secretary to buckle up. Babajide Ilori was of the opinion that we should not start indulging officers of the association. He wondered how a busy businessman does not own a laptop. Anthony Olufidipe suggested we should talk to him. He presented a bill of 1.73million naira to the AGM. He was not happy that Debo Adefisan left the AGM after making presentations soliciting for funding and donations to the secretariat which he heads. The issue is voluntary. Those who sponsored him should help him.

Stephen Ofonikot reiterated that there was no room for excuse. Many EXCO members have sacrificed a lot. “I am against buying a laptop for the secretary”.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

At 17.20 hours, the motion for the adjournment of the meeting was moved by Soji Adeyeni while Fola Adebawale seconded.

4.0 CLOSING PRAYER

The closing prayer was said at 17.25 hours by Reverend Father Stephen Ofonikot.

5.0 ACCOUNT DETAILS

The Account Details of the Association is:

ST JOHN'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

BANK: UNION BANK PLC

ACCOUNT NUMBER : 0007100043A