

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY PRESENTED TO THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ST. JOHN'S OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION, HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 ON ZOOM.

Great Johnian Eagles,

I crave your indulgence to stand on existing protocols.

It is with a great sense of responsibility and pride that I stand before you today to present this report. Responsibility stems from being in charge of the Secretariat of this noble Association which has proven to be a foremost stakeholder in the education sector of Osun State and pride coming from the realization of SJOBA being the flagship for all other Old Student Association in the entire Southwest geopolitical zone of Nigeria as severally confirmed by the Osun State Ministry of Education. I feel a high sense of honour and privilege to be of service at this auspicious time. Thank you All for the great opportunity.

The Year 2023 started with a lot of apprehension about the dwindling economic fortunes of Nigeria and the forthcoming February Presidential elections which the naysayers and most Spiritual Fathers predicted will be bloody, inconclusive and anarchical. The truth we witnessed was a peaceful election and all the usual political, legal and quasi legal intrigues which heralded in the administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu and a tumultuous set of reforms that saw Year on Year inflation soaring through the roof and over 500% devaluation of the Naira. The initial artificial scarcity of PMS and the eventual fixing of Pump price above N600 in most part of the Nation affected all business operations including ours. Despite these challenges, we must commend your commitment, your responsibility, your dedication to the vision of our Association and the ideals of our Founding Father, Reverend Father Fabian Cloutier.

#### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Mother Chapter, SJOBA IFE CHAPTER is now fully operational under the leadership of Johnian Eagle Adekunle Adeyeni, as Chairman, Johnian Eagle Kosa Amusan as Vice Chairman and Johnian Eagle Gbolahan Omidiora as Secretary. There are over 2500 Members resident in Ile-Ife and Three of our Members are Chairmen of the Local Council Development Areas created by the Osun State

Government. It is expected that the mother chapter will be the front runner of all activities in Ile-Ife.

The 1999/2000 Sets have formed a formidable Association and are working with the National Secretariat to register a formidable presence in SJOBA. Ably led by Oladimeji Ebenezer and Eze Sunday as Coordinator and Asst. Coordinator, Adefioye Bayo as Secretary and Awowole Sunday as Public Relations Officer, Members of the Sets are professionals and are ready to contribute to our quest for academic excellence.

There are ongoing plans to form a steering committee for the Oyo State Stanza of the Association. Outside Ile-Ife and Oshogbo, the largest pool of Johnian Eagles resides in Ibadan. There is expected to be a congregation of the steering Committee around the Easter Yuletide. The National Secretariat will liaise with Engineer Ayodele Alabi and Johnian Eagle Yomi Layinka to make the renaissance a reality.

We are happy to note the emergence of the 1976 Set as the highest Donor Set in the 2023 Project Fund drive. Their record setting **CASH** donation of over N2.7m for Chemistry and Biology Sciences Laboratory is highly commendable. We look forward to Sets shattering this record in earnest this year.

Our hearty congratulations to Professor Saka Opeloye and Professor Gabriel Oshoba who delivered their inaugural Lectures at FUTA and LASU respectively. Their fountain of knowledge will forever remain evergreen.

We thank the God for the recovery of our dear Johnian Eagle Professor Elujoba. We pray that God will continue to strengthen him.

We pray that the Lord almighty Father will accord families and friends of our departed Members the fortitude to bear the irreparable losses.

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

At our AGM in 2022, you approved a budgetary sum of N125million for the execution of Capital Projects within St. John's Grammar School, Ile-Ife towards the ideal of creating a conducive atmosphere for learning and development of prayer attitude in accordance with the vision of Rev. Father Fabian Cloutier.

We are pleased to inform you that without exceeding your approved sources of income which include Membership Annual dues, Voluntary Individual donations,

Set Project Levies, Set Donations and Individual Project donations, we were able to execute the following approved projects.

<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT N</b>		<b>REMARKS</b>
Renovation of 1 unit Staff Quarters	456,320		
Provision of 135-meter Industrial Borehole	2,328,000		Sponsored by Dr. Festus Oshoba
Reticulation of Water to the entire Community	910,000		
Johnian Agriculture Teaching Farm	730,000		
Remedial works on modern Toilet built by the 1980 Set	609,360		
Procurement of equipment for Physics Laboratory	535,500		Sponsored by the 1978/83 Set.
Procurement of equipment for Chemistry and Biology Laboratory	3,052,800		N2.7m of this sum donated by the 1971/76 Set
Remedial works including Electrical installations and security on the New Borehole	300,000		
Procurement of security gadgets and employment of security guards.	720,000		
Repair of Lockers and Chairs in Classrooms	83,500		
Furniture for Physics, Chemistry and Biology Labs	1, 252,500		
Construction of speed breakers in front of the School Gate	50,000		
Cost of delivery, Granite, Materials and other miscellaneous works	441,000		

Cash Provision for Variation of the final phase of execution	257,283		
Clearing of Bush along Perimeter Fence wall	150,000		
<b>TOTAL N</b>	<b>10,623,763</b>		

## **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

The confidence of our students and their reading culture is greatly improved as we are witnessing a new crop of Students who can read, write and speak English Language. This was a herculean task before 2021 when we had Teachers who cannot express themselves in the language of Instruction. The Board of Governing Council led by Engineer Ayodele Alabi as Chairman insisted on rigorous teaching and zero tolerance for examination malpractices. Consequently, students who couldn't cope with the rigorous academic exercise withdrew leaving only about 360 Students who raised our hope that the days of 100% performance in external examinations. Today, St. John's Grammar School has become the school of choice for discerning Parents in Ile-Ife. Now, we can beat our chests that our Alma Mater is the only school where Science Practical will be taught in the entire Osun East Education District.

Chief Jibola Awoseyi annual Debate and Table Tennis Competitions was held with funfair and a new Set of Confident Students were revealed. They participated in the Odunayo Olagbaju Memorial Quiz Competition where they came Third position in the entire 3 Local Governments in Ile-Ife.

Captain Mukaila Adeniyi Ademiju sponsored the renaissance of the Boys Scout and the Red Cross Society in our Alma Mater. He sponsored complete Kits for 40 Students and 4 Teacher Coordinators. These earned us another Golden Feather in the Osun State Ministry of Education where a directive was issued instantly that all schools in the State should sponsor at least 5 students each as members of the Boys Scout Association and Red Cross Society. We pray that more members will come forward to sponsor Clubs and Associations in reminiscence of our school days where intensive academic rivalry are stimulated by participation in clubs and societies.

It is on record that our Alma Mater is the only School in Osun State that held her Inter House sports competition in 2023. We commend all Members who supported the School Management and plead for more involvement of SJOBA in future.

## FINANCE

We hereby express gratitude to all Members who paid their annual dues in 2023. Equally, we give kudos to all the Set Coordinators who drove the payment of annual dues and project levy at Set levels. We count on your continuous support. To all our individual Donors, we pray that God will expand your earnings. Despite the upheavals of the Global Economy, we generated a total revenue of NXX,XXX,XXX and as at today, the Bank Balance is NX,XXX,XXX after spending NX.XXX,XXX on Capital and concurrent expenditures.

The Finance Team will give a comprehensive report in the course of this meeting.

## ELECTION 2024

As we are all aware that the tenure of this administration will lapse on October 1, 2024, we implore you all to prepare for Leadership by presenting yourselves for Election into our various offices or sponsoring candidates who will serve diligently moving the ideals of SJOBA towards greater heights. We have all worked as a big family and the fruits of our labour has given birth to a new St. John's Grammar School where discipline, diligence, merit and true service to humanity reigns. The vision of our Founding Father is unrelentless in moulding Men of valour and Integrity. We all have histories waiting to be written by posterity.

## OUR PRAYERS

We seek the approval of the AGM to source funds and appropriate same for the execution of the following capital and concurrent projects in the year 2024.

1. The Construction of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Drainage Line to curb gully erosion which has undermined the integrity of our Basketball, Lawn Tennis and Handball Courts and the access Road in and out of our School.
2. To reconstruct the Basketball, Lawn Tennis and Handball Courts
3. To reconstruct the 5 Table Tennis Concrete Slab for practise of Table Tennis by our Students.

4. To reconstruct our athletes track and the Perimeter Facilities of our Mini Olympic Size stadium
5. To employ 2 Security Men towards safeguarding our huge investments in SJGS.
6. To employ Teachers to teach the following subjects towards utilizing facilities
  - a. ICT
  - b. Chemistry
  - c. Biology
  - d. Agricultural Science
  - e. Yoruba
  - f. Government

This will complement the 21 Teaching Staff provided by the Government

7. To reward education stakeholders and students whose sterling performances made our remarkable efforts pronounced by the Osun State Government.
8. To procure all materials including Data, Annual registration, Airtime and Hardware and employ an Administrator, necessary for the smooth running of the SJOBA NATIONAL SECRETARIAT.
9. To repair, reconstruct, replace, install windows and Doors for security purposes in all classrooms and offices in St. John's Grammar School, Ile -Ife.

Standing on your mandate, we pray and hope that the rest of the tenure of this administration will be delivered satisfactorily.

Thank you and wishing you a happy deliberation.

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GENERAL SECRETARY