

Minutes of the NARAC Easter Get-Together. Bonn 2016

The Holy Mass began at 11.45am with Fr. Victor Anoka as the chief celebrant and Fr. Uchenna Aba as the homilist. There were about 15 Priests present at the Mass and many religious.

Opening prayer and welcome:

After the Mass, the members moved down to the hall where the opening prayer was said by Fr. Patrick Asomugha at 1.45pm. The NARAC of 2016 was hosted by the DDL Sisters. Sr. Chiazoka Obasi welcomed all the members on behalf of the DDL Sisters. She thanked God for journey mercies and prayed for a successful get-together. In place of kola nuts, she presented some homemade snacks in the name of the Hosts.

Opening remarks:

The president, Fr. Uchenna Aba once again welcomed and thanked all members for their sacrifices in coming. He narrated his experience upon calling some members to attend the meeting who in return questioned the motives behind the gathering. He thanked all present for accepting to identify themselves with the group. He also thanked the DDL Sisters for accepting to host the gathering.

Welcome of new members:

12 new members introduced themselves. 10 of them registered immediately and received the customary dictionary of German language annually given to new members. A total sum of 200, Euros was realized from the registration of the new members.

General introduction:

A general introduction of all members took place immediately after the welcome of new members.

Update of NARAC list

An update was made by passing a list around for members to update their details.

Election of new NARAC officials:

Fr. Josephat Obodo was appointed the returning officer. He invited Sr. Mary Idehe to assist him in organizing the elections.

Office of the president – Fr. Gerald Eze

Vice President – Sr. Oluoma Enebeli

Secretary – Fr. Kingsley Anagolu

Financial Secretary – Fr. Thaddeus Eze

Treasurer – Sr. Bernadette Chime

P.R.O/D.O.S – Fr. Stanley Ekwugha

The president-elect, Fr. Gerald Eze, thanked the members for the trust reposed in them. He saw their

new positions as a call to duty. He promised in the name of the elected officials to do their best to make NARAC better and perhaps take the association to new levels. With the acceptance speech, the election was concluded.

Lunch/Financial Report:

Lunch was served at 3.30pm. After Lunch, the financial report was given by the Treasurer, Sr. Veronica Ahamefule. Income/amount at hand – 3.908,20€; Total Expenditure – 599,93€; Balance – 3.308,27€

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The decision of who will host the gathering next year became the topic of discussion. The president explained why the Spiritans could not host the meeting this year. He appealed to our consciences, so that the issue of hosting will not be a problem. The Schönstatt congregation eventually agreed to host the meeting of 2017.

Fr. Marcel thanked the outgoing officers and ushered in the in-coming officers of NARAC. The outgoing officers handed over the paraphernalia of their different offices to the new officers and congratulated them on their elections. Fr. Wilfred Agubuchie was called upon to pray for the new team. Fr. Stephen Oranuba thanked the DDL Sisters on behalf of the association for hosting the get-together. The president then invited members to the floor for a last dance before departure. The closing prayer was said so that those who could not participate in the dance can leave.

Registered new members were:

Fr. Wilfred Agubuchie

Fr. Jude Ezimakor

Fr. Paul Gowok

Fr. Frankline Anyanwu

Fr. Jude Udochukwu

Fr. Ifedikwa

Fr. Anthony Onyeuwaoma

Fr. Stanley Ekwugha

Sr. Eunice Nnaji, DDL

Sr. Amogechukwu Okwara, DDL

Fr. Innocent Orji promised to send in his own registration fee later.

As compiled by Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Anoka (Former Secretary, Narac)

