



# Former St. Francis Malole Students Association

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 AT 10HRS

### 1.0 SALUTATIONS AND WELCOMING REMARKS

Fellow Alumni, greetings to all of you. Indeed, it is my pleasure to welcome you to this annual gathering, the FSFMSA General Meeting. Thank you for being in attendance and thereby helping us fulfill a key part of our Articles of Association. Article No. 20, part 37... says and I quote "**An Annual General Meeting shall be held at such places as the Members may agree, not later than three months after the end of the financial year.**"

Fellow Alumni, this is our 4th Annual General Meeting (AGM) since the Association was founded and registered. Though we are past COVID-19 times, it is good to observe that it has bequeathed us not only tools but also a robust culture around the virtual platform. Last year as the space was opening up more we had a physical meeting which of course comes with an opportunity to fellowship in other dimensions such as the breaking of bread and partaking in cheerful drinks. In fact, to that end I invite you to pause and observe a minute of silence for those who are now departed such as the physical host of the 2023 FSFMSA, our late elder Brother Mr. Bernard Chisanga, him and many others. *A minute of silence, please.*

Now to the business of the day, I urge you all to feel free to participate in the deliberations and proceedings of this meeting. May I remind you all that this sitting is the supreme organ of our Association. Important decisions and resolutions concerning the development of our Association are to be made here. Therefore, the significance of your suggestions, proposals and active participation in matters that will be discussed in this gathering cannot be overemphasized.

## **2.0 PROJECTS**

During the year under review the following projects were earmarked to be executed by the

Association:

### **2.1 Design of the School Website**

The project has finally been launched and those eligible can get their related email addresses too. Training of users especially those at Trainer of Trainer levels has been prioritized to increase website utility. These will include faculty, head cohorts, Parent Teachers Committee (PTC, formerly PTA) members and ExCo. As stated earlier, the website is meant to unify the Alumni across the 7 decade expanse here represented and as well as ensure coordination for members, cohorts and those in the diaspora.

### **2.2 Review of our Articles of Association**

This activity has taken off and the details of the progress will be specifically reported on by Vice Chair Administration.

### **2.3 Working with Focus while Allowing Diversity**

The Association has continued to place the rehabilitation of the ageing school infrastructure at the top of its priority list in supporting the school and its core business of learning.

Ever since the Association was muted 4 years ago, it has replaced the dining tables with new ones, replaced two classroom roofs, assisted in improving water reticulation and is now in the process of doing Dormitory Rehabilitation. For the latter, detailed site assessments have been completed and the results show that it is no longer a facelift but a major infrastructure rehabilitation that is overdue. While the total amount of Four Million Three Hundred Thousand Kwacha (ZMW4,300,000) is staggering, we are bolstered by the fact that the founders of the school already helped by arranging to divide the living

quarters into 11 distinct buildings and so we can set about the task by regarding them as 11 projects with their own nuanced merits even as we remain acutely conscious that the core business of learning must not be affected as the repair activities are carried out. That said, the works must commence with Mwamba Hostel, which is in the most dire need of attention having experienced a pyro incident in its ceiling board a few years ago. Once again you will note this is in no way a biased choice as peculiar circumstances have guided in this instance too. The budget will be Three Hundred and Eighty Three Thousand as guided by the Bill of Quantities/Schedule of Works earlier shared on the Ba Malole WhatsApp group.

We are firmly persuaded that commencing with the one hostel should provide proof of ability to rehabilitate and so open the floodgates of goodwill to contribute to the restoration of the other dorms and infrastructure at St. Francis. The fundraising activities will involve sports tournaments, dinner dances, fun runs etc. where branded material will be on sale too.

In all these activities, the Alumni has committed to contributing to the efforts that School Admin and its PTC are already making and thus as far as key stakeholders are concerned, we are in synchronism and complementary. I must say this unity is currency in itself to the fundraising effort.

### **3.0 MILESTONES ATTAINED**

My fellow Alumni, let me also share some achievements that we have scored together during the tenure of the current ExCo:

3.1 Built the first ever school website. You will agree with me that this presents a special

platform for promoting the visibility of the school widely and also for educational purposes;

3.2. In our endeavor to fund-raise, we have initiated the production of Branded Material in the form of caps, shirts, T-shirts and sweatshirts;

3.3. We are maintaining the 2 hectare piece of land in Kafulafuta area for the Association to use for commercial investments. The process of obtaining title deeds is ongoing;

3.4. We have gradually incorporated the blowing of the trumpet at the juncture of interment for our departed members. The feedback we have gotten from grieving families is so encouraging that we intend to formalize this ritual as a befitting send off signal;

3.5. That we have run a flexible(ad hoc) regime of contributions away from benevolent fund is pragmatic but also a source of concern. For equitableness, we need to grow the fund to provide decent support to the Alumni in times of need.

#### **4.0 CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Besides the challenges of apathy and lack of follow through on commitments to the cause of the Association, the other major hurdle that our Association faces is that of wider range in intakes. The intakes span from the 60's intakes up to that of the 21<sup>st</sup> century intakes. The headache that this scenario poses is that there is huge disparity in preferred activities and priorities for the various generations.

While members from the older intakes may desire to make contributions and participate in the affairs of the Association it would seem resources and physical exertion may often not permit.

On the other hand, we have an opportunity in the members from younger intakes that are currently in the prime of their careers and most of them hold influential positions both in Government and Private Sector that make them better placed to make effective and meaningful

contributions to the growth of our Association. For some unexplained reasons most of our members belonging to these age groups are proving hard to align in efforts to undertake projects on scale. To emphasize, key infrastructure projects cannot be undertaken by fragmented efforts.

Nonetheless, one must also recognize that the mix of wisdom from the elders and the energy from the youth presents an exciting combination and it cannot be "Katende kandi shimpa ulubilo..." or "Abakulu tabapusa kebo..." but rather a synergy between wisdom and the agility of the more youthful members that navigates our turbulent spaces and inexorably propels us forward and yes it may be that the leap required is as specific and exacting as a quantum. So you will understand when I say am excited to be in leadership at a time such as this.

## **5.0 EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION**

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciations to the Association in general and to all of you in particular that are in attendance at this AGM today. I also extend like to express my sincere appreciations to all the hardworking members of the current Executive Committee. You are a great team making contributions towards the uplifting of the essence of our former school and giving dignity to the face of the Alumni. I say a big thank you to you all, let us keep the focus and make a difference.

**Clement Silavwe**

**Chairperson**

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Date	Exam
05/29/2022 TO 06/29/2022	end of term(Grade BA)

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