

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF ST. AUGUSTINE CHOIR

Held on: Thursday, 13th March 2025

Venue: Church Premise

1. OPENING

The meeting commenced with an opening prayer led by the Choir Master, Bro. Emmanuel Audu, at 7:07 PM. There was no correspondence from any executive member.

2. OPENING REMARKS

The Choir Master, Bro. Emmanuel Audu, thanked members present and assured that the meeting would be brief. He encouraged active participation from all members.

3. AGENDA AND DISCUSSIONS

3.1. Appointment of Robe Committee

A five-member committee was appointed to oversee the robe project:

- Sis. Chinoso
- Bro. Ubong Udofia
- Sis. Franca K.
- Sis. Racheal Nwobodo
- Bro. Polycarp Abuchi (Chairman)

It was proposed that the committee present its findings and launch the robes by May/June.

Sis. Franca O. suggested the robe launching coincide with the St. Augustine Feast Day.

Bro. Henry recommended the committee present the cost per robe and that the Exco should consider subsidizing costs for members.

The Choir Master advised that the committee seek sponsorship and support from members, possibly supplemented by proceeds from the 30th Anniversary celebration.

3.2. MUSIC SEMINAR & INSTRUMENT TRAINING

a. Instrument Training:

Bro. Henry identified the need for a consistent keyboardist and drummer. A one-month training period was agreed upon, beginning in the last week of March. Bro. Leo Etuk was appointed as the trainer while Bro. Emeka will train interested members in jazz drumming. Sis. Ify suggested compiling a list of all interested participants.

b. Music Seminar:

Bro. Emmanuel Audu proposed two facilitators: Bro. Charles Urua and Bro. Emmanuel Ekechukwu. It was agreed that: Bro. Emmanuel Ekechukwu would handle beginner-level training (e.g., solfa notation, time signatures) while Bro. Charles Urua would facilitate advanced-level training.

3.3. Hosting of Parish General Meeting

St. Augustine Choir is scheduled to host the Parish General Meeting. A freewill donation was agreed upon to fund the hosting. Sis. Franca O. was tasked with preparing a budget for cooking rice and providing drinks on Sunday, 15th March 2025.

3.4. Stolen Phone Incident – Sis. Chineyere Nkechi

The Exco agreed to initiate a freewill donation for a replacement phone. The fundraising would be announced on the general St. Augustine Choir WhatsApp group starting 13th March 2025 and would run for two weeks. The Initial contributions started with:

- Sis. Franca K. – ₦2,000
- Bro. Uche – ₦3,000
- Bro. Ubong – ₦2,000
- Bro. Emmanuel Audu – ₦5,000
- Sis. Franca O. – ₦5,000
- Bro. Henry Martins – ₦3,000
- Bro. Oscar – ₦3,000

4. A.O.B. (Any Other Business)

Choir Robe Washing:

Bro. Ubong Udofia raised the need to wash the choir robes. Sis. Ify volunteered to take responsibility.

Sunday Selections:

Bro. Henry Martins stressed the importance of timely posting of Sunday music selections. The Choir Master assured members he would improve on this.

Mother's Day Participation:

Sis. Franca O. announced that the CWO would sing on Mother's Day and requested male choristers assist during Mass.

Assistant Choir Master Position:

Bro. Uche inquired about the vacant Assistant Choir Master position. The Choir Master informed the Exco that both the elected and second candidate (Bro. Ubong Udofia) had declined the role.

The Exco requested that the Choir Master announce the vacancy to the general choir.

Choir Welfare and Decorum:

Bro. Henry Martins raised concerns regarding members wearing leg chains and nose rings during Mass and rehearsals. The Disciplinary Committee was tasked with addressing the issue in line with the choir constitution.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM following a motion by Bro. Henry Martins, seconded by Sis. Ify. The closing prayer was led by Sis. Franca O.