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## MINUTES OF THE PCM HELD ON 20-21 FEBRUARY 2015, IN PORT SHEPSTON

#	TOPIC, BRIEF DISCUSSION AND DECISION	ACTION AND DEADLINES
1	<p><b>OPENING DEVOTIONS</b></p> <p>The Chaplain (Rev Lulamile Tyali) led the Provincial Council into prayer at 14h10. In his opening remarks, the Chaplain drew the attention of Council to the book of Luke 9 verse 23</p>	
2	<p><b>WELCOMING</b></p> <p>Rev Dlodla, the President of diocese of Natal rose to welcome the PCM members to the diocese.</p>	
3	<p><b>CREDENTIAL</b></p> <p>a. The Council noted the apologies from Rev Sivuyile Myeko, the Provincial Training and Development Officer, and the diocese of False Bay.</p> <p>b. 154 Council Members were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.</p>	
4	<p><b>ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</b></p> <p>a. The Provincial Chairman led the council in reminiscence of our recently fallen brothers and members of the guild;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rev Msuthu, who departed as the serving members of the BMMG Provincial Council</li> <li>• Members from diocese of George</li> </ul> <p>b. The Chair welcomed the new members to PCM on behalf of PEXCO. He assured them that they are free to debate openly and as men of the church, he extended a word of welcome also to the returning members. They have to learn the PCM</p>	Noted

	<p>processes very fast.</p> <p>c. The new Provincial Executive Committee was introduced to the Council.</p> <p>The agenda was adopted without amendment, however a request was made by council to allocate and observe time frames.</p>	
5	<p><b>PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BY REV EM MASOKA</b></p> <p>The President addressed the new Council highlighting some of the priorities and focus areas for the guild in the next three years.</p> <p>The council indicated some interest to engage in the address, however it was AGREED that some time should be found within the portfolio discussion processes.</p>	For noting by portfolios
6	<p><b>WEARING OF JACKETS DURING THE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>Meeting also DECIDED that members can remain without jackets on the account of weather conditions, however when one is addressing council, he should be in full uniform. This decision will apply for the duration of the 3 year term.</p>	PCM members, for duration of term
7	<p><b>SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP</b></p> <p>During the meeting, the council received an urgent correspondence from the Archbishop. It contained a special appeal for the diocese of Niassa in Mozambique. The diocese was among the communities that were affected by the flooding that swept through some parts of the country.</p> <p>a. The council DECIDED to raise a special collection among the PCM members in the PCM. This was done immediately, and the collection amounted to R2535.50.</p> <p>b. Council further DECIDED that a special collection of minimum R20 must be conducted in all dioceses to support this cause. The Archbishop's letter must also be attached to the correspondence to dioceses.</p>	All dioceses, May 2015
8	<p><b>ADOPTION OF 6 YEAR PLAN</b></p> <p>a. The Provincial Secretary presented a proposed 6 year plan of meetings and provincial conferences. The February council meetings will be moved from February to March</p> <p>b. The PEXCO meetings will be hosted in the cluster of the next PCM hosting diocese. The cluster will be invited to the meeting for matters relating the cluster.</p> <p>The plan was adopted as presented.</p>	Noted  Noted

9	<p><b>EXECUTIVE REPORT</b></p> <p>The Secretary apologize that the report could not be send to dioceses because PEXCO did not meet as scheduled due to financial consideration.</p> <p><b>a. Angola appeal – (for consideration)</b> PEXCO reported that most dioceses have not paid the appeal as was decided. PCM must please consider and decide on the way forward on this matter.</p> <p>The DECISION was taken that the money that has been paid by some diocese must be paid over to Angola, and those that have not paid were given until September (next PCM) as the deadline for such payment.</p> <p>PEXCO further indicated that the President and Chairman will engage the Minister of Defence for assist in transporting the clothes that were donated to Angola. The meeting AGREED that this arrangement should not have any financial implication to the guild.</p> <p><b>b. Clergy are not paying the subscription fees – (for noting)</b> PEXCO has been made aware that our clergy members in some dioceses do not pay subscription fees and PEXCO would like remind all that this is the violation of the constitution and should not continue.</p> <p><b>c. Diocesan committees with vacancies – (for noting)</b> PEXCO noted that some diocese have not been able to elect incumbents in some portfolios due to various reasons. Dioceses with such vacancies are urged to inform PEXCO to facilitate assistance and progress in those areas.</p> <p><b>d. Canonization of BM – (for consideration)</b> This matter has been in our discussion for a long time now. PEXCO considered the process of canonisation and believes that the guild has no capacity and resources needed to achieve this goal.</p> <p>The meeting AGREED on putting this matter to bed based on the fact that the guild does not have the capacity to pursue it. It was also AGREED that the name will remain St Bernard Mizeki Men’s Guild as it has always been.</p> <p><b>e. Constitution – (for noting)</b> PEXCO is in the process of printing the new constitution for the guild. The new constitution will be distributed by the end of March 2015</p> <p><b>f. Number of council meetings per year - (for noting, to consider in future)</b></p>	<p>Treasurer, May 2015</p> <p>Pres+Chair, Mar 2015</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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10	<p><b>5 PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS</b></p> <p>Assistant Secretary presented the priority to PCM, and these are;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Social Development Officer</li> <li>b. Establishing a fund for educational purpose</li> <li>c. Writing a story about Bernard Miziki the man, and Bernard Mizeki the guild</li> <li>d. Archbishop’s car</li> <li>e. Attracting other race groups to join guild.</li> </ol> <p>The portfolios were paired to breakaway groups to discuss these strategic priorities and report back to council. The terms of reference to the groups were outlined as to discuss and develop a work plan with time frames, assign project leaders, and identify tools needed to achieve these strategic goals.</p>	<p>Portfolios</p>
	<p><b>DAY 2 EUCHARIST SERVICE AT 07h30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrant: Bishop of the host diocese</li> <li>• Collection was R1295.50</li> </ul>	

12	<p><b>FUNDRAISING PROJECT</b></p> <p>The President introduced a 'blanket jacket' as a possible income generating project that could be taken up by the dioceses that feel they are straggling with raising funds. Any diocese that is interested to take over the project could approach the President.</p> <p>Chaplain let PCM to prayer for our brothers (Fukweni and Maki) in our presence who have just lost their loved ones.</p>	<p>Dioceses</p> <p>Noted</p>
13	<p><b>FINANCES</b></p> <p><b>a. Budget</b></p> <p>Treasurer tabled the budget to council for consideration. Some discussion ensued with regards to;</p> <p>i. <u>Subscription</u></p> <p>Some dioceses believed that subscription had been raised to R50 per member in one of the Provincial Council Meeting during the last term. The meeting AGREED that this perception was misplaced, as no PCM is sanctioned to increase subs. The subs remain R30 until decided otherwise at conference. However there may be an appeal for the R30 difference to circumvent the challenge that may be faced.</p> <p>ii. <u>UIF</u></p> <p>There was a concern that the budgeted UIF amount was too high, or higher than the expected amounts. PEXCO must double check the correctness thereof.</p> <p>iii. <u>Portfolio budget</u></p> <p>Budget must also indicate some portion that is put aside for each portfolio.</p> <p><b>b. Financial report</b></p> <p>Some dioceses disputed the records reported in financial statement. These records included outstanding fees and conference fees that were alleged to be inaccurate on the report.</p> <p>Council resolved that PEXCO must go and audit the records and restructure the report for the next PCM in September 2015. The report was only noted by council pending corrections and internal audit by PEXCO.</p>	<p>Noting</p> <p>PEXCO, before next PCM</p> <p>Portfolio heads</p> <p>PEXCO, next PCM</p> <p>PEXCO, next PCM</p>
14	<p><b>PORTFOLIO REPORT</b></p> <p>Due to time constraints, the meeting DECIDED that the portfolio reports must be submitted to the secretariat</p>	<p>Portfolio leaders</p>

15	<p><b>CLOSURE</b>  The Provincial Chaplain led the council meeting to prayer at 11h50 as the meeting drew to a close.</p>	
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Secretary .....

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