**GENERAL REPORT OF THE 2019/2020 ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF AUTHORS IN SCHOOL (AiS) CREATIVE CLUB/TWO YEARS ANNIVERSARY (ONLINE)**

**18th JULY, 2020**

(1).The opening prayer was said by the Co-founder, Rev. Fr. Reginald Adogamhe. **(ANNEXTURE 1)**

(2). The moderators in the persons of Joshua Idogho and Kennedy Erhedi, President and Vice President respectively were introduced by Paul Ibafidon, the Financial Secretary.

(3). Miss Hope Onomale and Miss Destiny Adams, Assistant Financial Secretary and Ex-Official respectively coordinated the presentation sessions while Sarah Aliu and Cos-kenny Osigbemhe, Secretary and PRO respectively took note of the convention.

(4). Following the addition of guests to the platform at 10:00am, the co-founder, Lois Adams appreciated members and congratulated those who participated in several quiz Competitions prior to the convention.

(5). In commemoration of the two years anniversary of the club, photographs of past events were uploaded and members celebrated success and congratulated one another.

(6). At regular intervals, Guests, Advisors and supporters were acknowledged for their patience for staying online for six (6) hours.

(7). The Advisors, Chief Richard Lamai, Mr. Joseph Okhakia, Rev. Fr. Innocent Elogie, Comrade Chris' Oboh and Barr. (Mrs.) Josephine Ozekhome and the Key Note Speaker Sir. Eriata Oribhabor were sincerely appreciated.

(8). The presentation stages featured past and recent works done by members like write ups, book, single albums, music, poems, essays, paintings, exhibitions, published works, etc., amongst these members are Lisa Okwilagwe, Cos-Kenny Osigbemhe, Theophilus Ayonote, Ernest Ikalumhe, Joshua Idogho, James Olajide, Fortune Dako, Sarah Aliu, etc. **(ANNEXTURE 2)**

(9). The Key Note Speaker, Sir Eriata Oribhabor (Di Poet), is a civil servant with tremendous interest in literary creativity and its promotion via Poets in Nigeria Initiative. A former Chairman, Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA) Abuja, who has written more than 20 books and co-authored several others covering the three genres of literature, and promotes Naija pidgin as a language of literary expression delivered a paper with the theme, WHAT IS CREATIVITY?

The astute poet and creative mind laced minds of members with creativity and several questions were channeled to him. **(ANNEXURE 3)**

(10). INSPIRATIONAL PRESENTATION BY CLUB ADVISOR, CHIEF RICHARD LAMAI ON 'STAYING STRENGHT OF GROWTH: DISCIPLINE'

**Excerpts:**'But with discipline and Focus enhanced, day dreams become VISION.

Discipline will enable one stay the course as every worthy reward takes some time. Putting down your goals where you can see them often is also key as they say SEEING IS BELIEVING'. **(ANNEXURE 4)**

(11). The Co-founder and members appreciated him for his life strengthening and his inspirational talk. He was also acknowledged as a great father to the Club who is a vision Pathfinder, a man full of wisdom and knowledge, as they just experienced him to be an elite with stunning qualities.

(12). INSURANCE PAPER WAS DELIVERED BY ITS ADVISOR, JOSEPH OKHAKIA ON 'INSURANCE: A VIRGIN LAND FOR WRITERS TO EXPLORE'

Because of time the house agreed to organize a seminar to further understand the detailed paper, questions were channeled to him. **(ANNEXURE 5)**

(13). PRESENTATION OF A PAPER BY ITS ADVISOR, COMRADE CHRIS' OBOH: ON 'CREATIVELY EXPLORING THE 21ST CENTURY TECHNOLOGY FOR SELF-RELIANCE'

"Channelling our minds to positive thinking as against involvement in planning how to engage in anti-social behaviours is counter-productive." **(ANNEXURE 6)**

(14). AN ADVISOR, REV. FR. INNOCENT ELOGIE'S PRESENTED A PAPER ON 'DIE EMPTY'

After his Presentation he admonished all members of this club, especially for those who are already book authors, poem composers, music composers and many other talents displayed, while also expressing confidence and in the ability of all members to excel against all odds. **(ANNEXURE 7)**

(15). The President unveiled the achievement of the club in the past two years.

(16). Part of it achievements is the drafting of the constitution that was endorsed by the house in an executive meeting with all chapters, with aims and challenges. The Club also registered enterprises for so deserving members to explore more and earn a living while in school**. (ANNEXURE 8)**

(17). Fr. Ferdinand who joined from the United States was acknowledged for accepting the club while he was in Nigeria as the Rector of Immaculate Minor Seminary in Agenebode. He was also thanked for his consistent and unusual moral support after he left.

(18). In return he was highly fascinated by the enthusiasm of founders and the pioneering members of the club, especially his students, whom he introduced into the club. He also prayed the Udukhotse Foundation will receive the attention of the Government and International Organisations.

(19). Winners of the Grand Finale online quiz Competition were announced and Club issues were also discussed by members. **(ANNEXURE 9)**

(20). Co-founder who also delivered an inspiring  note, titled "WHO IS A SUCCESSFUL PERSON?" thanked Guests and hinted them that they would be called again in subsequent major events, and appealed for quick response to subsequent invitations and requests by the club. **(ANNEXURE 10)**

She urged guests not to hesitate to support any of the members who have taken out time to create one thing or the other to move the club forward. She also added that the Club Anthology of Stories needs to be supported to come to limelight to encourage other members. While she thanked and expressed joy over several efforts made by various people to ensure the rapid growth of the club, she admonished the patience displayed by Guests.

The President gave the vote of thanks while the Co-founder Lois Otse Adams gave the closing prayer that led to the close of the 2019/2020 Convention.

     **Sarah Aliu**

National Secretary