

## Minutes of Africa Speaks Continuation Committee meeting held via Skype on 28th January 2020

### Present:

Edward Elliott (Chair), Modupe Ehirim, John Gathuku, Jules Ouoba, Liz Patten, Tim Welch.

### 1. Prayer & Devotional Thought

Devotions were inspired by the book *A Praying Life* by Paul Miller (published by NAVPRESS). A testimony was shared from the book. The testimony served to underline the importance of continuing to pray for “small” things even when it appears that our prayers for “big” things have not been answered. We should also pray specifically, so that our prayers will “hit the target” and not fall “wide of the mark”. Elijah prayed for the rain and it came, he also prayed for the rain to cease and it ceased. Following the devotional thought, we prayed for the meeting.

### 2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January were approved.

### 3. Website Development

#### (a) Update

##### (i) OneSheep

Given the poor response times of OneSheep, it was proposed that we should “rest” OneSheep and pursue other alternatives. Everyone agreed. We will send an email to OneSheep explaining that we understand that they are busy and that we will be looking at other possibilities.

##### (ii) Alternative Suggestions

In a recent email, a member encouraged **Africa Speaks** to work with the company who can get the job done best, rather than give priority based on location. It was agreed to contact *Calvary Studio* (who prepared Anne Babu’s website), *Urban Kreative* and *Rob Huff* (developer of the Africa Leadership Study website).

##### (iii) Way Forward

We could ask all three mentioned in (ii) for an indication of their interest with a price quotation, also if they could tell us their estimate of how long it would take to complete the work. We will write to them and a maximum of three weeks will be given for a response, so that we can be ready to discuss the responses at our next meeting.

Among the top priorities of the new website are (a) the need to provide a platform that will encourage community building and (b) provide the forum for discussion which is so much desired by **Africa Speaks** members.

### 4. Discipleship Program

#### (a) Vincent Lele

At the time of our meeting on January 28th, a committee member had spoken with Vincent on the phone. However it was expressed that a committee member needs to contact Vincent and explain in more detail in French what the Continuation Committee expects from him concerning the discipleship training.

A member has already tried to do this but there was a technical difficulty preventing the connection. It was noted that Vincent prefers French although he does have some English language skills. We will keep trying to contact Vincent by whatever way possible prior to our next meeting.

### 5. Trust Deed

A member pointed out that we had raised some important questions, to which we still need to hear Anne Babu’s response. It was suggested that our attorney set aside the current first draft and

make a second draft for us to go through again, based on everyone's comments. In the meantime the first draft will still be open for comments until tomorrow. A member wanted to know if Ms. Babu had already incorporated any of our comments. The answer was yes. However, someone said that he noticed some important comments appeared *not* to have yet been responded to.

#### 6. New Business

One of the lead trainers in an organization in Nairobi called SINAPIS used to work for Keswick, the leading Christian bookshop in Kenya. John would like to arrange a meeting with them in the hope that this would enrich some of our concepts.

#### 7. Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th February at the same times.

It was suggested that at some point we will need to have a (probably 30 minute) Skype meeting with Anne Babu. Wednesday 5th February was earmarked for this, on the understanding that not all members would necessarily be available. It was anyway agreed that the participation of three members should be sufficient for that meeting.

#### 8. Prayer

The meeting closed in prayer.