

MINUTES

OF



ZERO INTEREST

MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVES SOCIETY

**ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
(OGM)**

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY, 2017

AT

**ADEYEMI BERO AUDITORIUM,
ALAUSA-IKEJA, LAGOS.**

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- 1.0 **ATTENDANCE:** as attached
- 2.0 **COMMENCEMENT:** The meeting was chaired by the President and it commenced at 3pm with an opening prayer by Mr. Wale Yaqub.
- 2.1 **AGENDA**
- i. Arrival and Accreditation of Members
 - ii. Presidential Welcome Address
 - iii. Presentation of Prospectus on University of Ilorin Project
 - iv. Remark from Cooperative Office
 - v. Reactions
 - vi. Resolutions
 - vii. Call for Nomination
 - viii. Conclusion
 - ix. Adjournment
 - x. Closing Prayer.
- 2.2 **ARRIVAL & ACCREDITATION OF MEMBERS:**
- 2.2.1 Members were accredited on arrival.
- 2.3 **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME ADDRESS:** The President welcomed all members to the meeting despite the short notice. He applauded the members for their continuous loyalty, support and believe in the society. He stated that the need for the meeting is to address some urgent issues as directed by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives (Cooperatives Office).
- 2.4 **PRESENTATION OF PROSPECTUS ON UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN PROJECT:**
- 2.4.1 The President reported that construction of 360 rooms hostel accommodation (1,440 bed spaces) at the University of Ilorin has commenced with foundation works on the first phase at 90% completion. He stated that the sale of shares for capital investment is in partnership with other interest-free co-operative societies, in the construction of 360 rooms hostel accommodation at University of Ilorin. He added that the Project is on BOT (Build, Operate and Transfer) arrangement with the management of the institution and is expected to generate up to 200% return on investment.
- 2.4.2 He stressed that the involvement of the Society will not affect the delivery of its statutory functions (loans, savings, part-withdrawals) to members, but the returns on investment will be used for the recurrent/overheads of the society. He then enjoined all members to invest in the project by buying the shares, so as to enjoy dividend in the future.
- 2.4.3 The President drew the attention of members to the fact that the Cooperative Law requires each Cooperative outfit to sell shares to members. This is where business activities of the society are funded and not from member's savings. He stated that members of the cooperative society are in three categories:
- (i) **A Shareholder:** every member
 - (ii) **A Debtor:** one that is servicing loan in the society

- (iii) **A Creditor:** one that has savings without any outstanding loan.

Hence, the importance of the purchase of shares by members for capital investment cannot be over-emphasised. He reiterated the resolution of members at the OGM meeting held on 24th January, 2017, which empowers the society to deduct 10% of savings or N10,000 only from members for shares in the ongoing project. He further stated that the meeting is initiated to affirm member's decision.

2.5 **REMARK FROM COOPERATIVE OFFICE**

The Area Officer of the Cooperative (Mrs. Giwa) remarked that aside from disbursing loans to members, a multipurpose cooperative society is expected to engage in business activities for its survival. Hence, the practise of using members savings for business activities will no longer be allowed. She enjoined members to invest in shares with the society in order to enable its access funds for business purposes which will result in payment of dividends in the future. She added that upon exit from service or withdrawal of membership, a member is entitled to refund of his/her contribution and value of shareholdings.

2.6 **REACTIONS:** After a brief deliberation on the aforesaid and clarifications provided by Area Officer of the Cooperative.

- (i) Members unanimously agreed that the sale of shares should be for Zero Interest Multipurpose Cooperative Society and not for the project alone;
- (ii) Members advised the Exco's to identify other profitable ventures and invest on them accordingly;
- (iii) Investment in the Unilorin Hostel Project should be left to interested individuals within and outside the society.

2.7 **RESOLUTIONS:** While appreciating the ExcOs for their faithfulness and doggedness in handling the activities of the society, members unanimously resolved as follows:

- (i) that the sum of N400million be raised for investment purposes through compulsory sale of shares to members at N12.50 per share and 1,000 unit minimum;
- (ii) that a minimum of N12,500 be paid/deducted for shares spread over a maximum period of 6 months;
- (iii) that each registered members are to indicate whether the sum should be deducted from their current savings or part of their subsequent monthly savings.
- (iv) that all intending members should be compelled to subscribe to shares in the society.
- (v) that the application form should be modified to reflect the aforesaid.

2.8 **CALL FOR NOMINATION:**

The President stated that more nominees will be required to offer free services in the various committees (e.g. Building, Investment etc) of the Society. He then enjoined members to collect the nomination forms from the

secretariat on the stand outside or better still visit any of the franchise or the Head Office.

- 3.0 **CONCLUSION:** The members appreciated the efforts of the Exco of the Society and prayed that Almighty Allah will continue to guide them.
- 4.0 **ADJOURNMENT:** The motion for the adjournment of the meeting was moved by Mr. Rasheed O. and seconded by Alhaja A. Kazeem.
- 5.0 **CLOSING:** The meeting came to an end at 4.45pm with a closing prayer led by Mr. Qasim Alade

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