

LCC – FCI holds first general assembly and election for S.Y. 2022-2023

In the past two years, the pandemic has silenced all the nooks, halls and corridors of the great institution of La Concolacion College Caloocan. Today is not quite the same. The gates are now open, corridors and hallways – polished. The curtains and upholstered chairs of the Mo. Consuelo Convention Center were dusted off. Illuminating light now fills the former dark spaces of the dignified place. Something is stirring ahead of this optimistic day.

A handful of parents and teachers was early that morning on October 8, 2022 making last few touches. Some of them seated sparsely on the chairs. Moments passed by when what seemed to be trickles of parents and teachers arriving had become multitudes swarming the registration area. Silence was overwhelmed with ramblings. Chaos of conversations ensued. It meant only one thing: they were ready.

Everything was set and settled. Mr. John Charles Tragantin, the master of ceremony, warmly greeted the crowd. Mrs. Jennifer Duanan, the incumbent FCI secretary, commenced the gathering with a meaningful invocation.

Sr. Marie A. Garcia, OSA, the new school president, cordially welcomed everyone with an inspiring and heart-felt words of welcome. Sister Marie made sure that everyone at the convention felt her gladness to them being there and finally having the chance to come back and safely visit LCC.

She explained the value of the partnership between the parents, guardians, and the school. Additionally, she emphasized that consistent line of communication among stakeholders is one of the keys to the development and success of learners. Finally, she concluded that the spirit and guidance of the Lord will become the missing piece to bind this parent-school partnership tightly enduring possible hindrance and challenges.

As what would normally be in a meeting, various reports were presented. The emcee, Mr. Tragantin, took control of the proceedings and called those involved to present their reports one at a time. Mrs. Marites Luna, incumbent FCI Treasurer, presented the financial report of the council highlighting its productivity and efficiency.

Equally vital, Mrs. Katherine A. Tariman, incumbent FCI auditor, presented the scholars that the council has been supporting and helping even amidst the on-going pandemic. This endeavor, one of the best program of FCI, truly proved its capability and compassion to serve and reach out to those children, who despite financial limits, can persevere and aspire in their studies.

More prominently, Mrs. Leeneth T. Martinez' president's report became the highlight of all presentations when she narrated some of her experiences and encounters as the leader of the FCI.

“Isang malaking responsibilidad ang naiatang sa akin ng mahalal ako bilang pangulo ng FCI. Noong una palagi akong napapaisip kung makakaya ko nga ba ang responsibilidad na ito, sa kadahilanang alam ko na hindi sapat ang aking mga kaalaman at kakayahan sa posisyon,” she said.

“Subalit napagnilayan ko na ayokong sayangin ang tiwala ng mga taong bumoto sa akin. Ito ang nagbigay sa akin ng lakas ng loob na tanggapin at harapin ang hamon na ito. Ang takot na aking nararamdaman ay unti-unti ring nawala at ito ay napalitan ng saya dahil nakilala ko na ang bawat isa,” she added.

Moreover, she added that through the trust, support, unity, and strength they got from one another, all the challenges had been overcome. That was the primary reason why she took pride in being part of the team.

Mrs. Martinez also explained all the council’s accomplishments, contributions and successes. During her terms, they have been able to build projects such as the FCI Scholarship, Film Viewing for a Cause, SOS kit, Family Days, Parents’ retreats, and Teacher’s day Gift Giving. In times of need, they also donated supplies to victims of disasters such as typhoon and volcanic eruption and joined in organizing the LCC community pantry. Similarly, the council donated the images of the Virgin Mary, and St. Monica to LCC chapel. Finally, she surprised the school by donating a drone with a vision of helping the institution improve ways of televising online events.

In an interview, other incumbent officers of the council also narrated their experiences and future aspirations for the team and the school.

Mrs. Duanan re-counted, “I describe my experience as an FCI officer as being both challenging and inspirational, because as a plain housewife and a mother to my five kids, napakahirap pagsabayin ang mga projects at activities sa school pero with the help of my co-officers, nagagawa namin ang mga projects ng masaya at ng may nagkakaisa.”

“The council change my life in so many ways. Lalo akong napalapit kay God. Siguro, the reason we are so closed to each other now is because of our spiritual retreats. The way we treat each other – showing respect and working as one. Importante talaga lagi yong nagkakaunawaan kayo sa lahat ng bagay lalo na kung ang welfare nyo ay para sa lahat,” Mrs. Calleja on how she described the impact of FCI in her life.

Likewise, Mrs. Martinez stated, Gusto ko rin magkaroon ng proyekto na makakatulong upang masuportahan ang mga talented LCCians sa larangan ng music at sports sa pamamagitan ng pagdonate ng mga musical instruments at sports equipments na maari nilang hiram.

“Naway ang FCI ay patuloy na gabayan ng poong maykapal upang maisakatuparan ang aming layunin na tumulong sa mga pangangailangan ng aming kapwa magulang, mga mag-aaral, mga guro at ng LCCC para sa ika-uunlad at tagumpay ng bawat isa,” she concluded.

The entire convention was filled with emotions and exultations and only the ones can describe the sincerity of hard work and sacrifices the officers have offered to the school and its stakeholders.

The moment had arrived

Mr. Roy A. Gonzalez, election chairperson, introduced the process of election. As with most elections of FCI officers, it was met with small amount of reluctance. The nominees would resist with few successes but most would embrace the challenge. The election went smoothly and successfully and the FCI elected its officers:

President: Mrs. Leeneth T. Martinez
Vice- President: Mrs. Dorothy F. Calleja
Parent-Secretary: Mrs. Maritess Luna
Teacher-Secretary: Ms. Angelu Templonuevo
Parent-Treasurer: Ms. Jennifer Duanan
Teacher-Treasurer: Ms. Jerramae Guillen
Auditor: Mr. Ferdinand Justo
Parent- PIO: Mrs. Ruth Mandi
Teacher-PIO: Ms. Liana Deniega

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Meanwhile, the officers promised, “Hangad ng FCI na makatulong lagi sa paaralan, mga guro, mga mag-aaral at sa komunidad sa lahat ng pagkakataon at sa abot n gaming makakaya.

Organizations are relatively intricate and vibrant, with their own unique aspects such as human behavior, beliefs, and culture. While others succeed, others may fail. At the end of the day, no matter how willing and eager the people in serving, the full support and cooperation of those they serve play a major role in the success of the organization.

The FCI is such a dignified and honorable organization aiming to help and support its target beneficiary – the students. Truly, school – parent partnership shall always prevail as we firmly believe that one of the most vital and necessary key to a child’s development and success is the positive involvement and reassurance of their community.

