



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 10TH EX - CO MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2017/18 HELD ON 7TH JANUARY 2018 AT THE RESIDANCE OF MR. SUSIRI DE SILVA.

Present:

Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi(President), Mr. Lal Premanath(Immediate Past President), Prof. Nihal Kodikara, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana (Jt. Secretary), Mr. Jayantha Kodikara, Mr. Raj De Silva, Mr. Gavesh Ginige(Vice President), Maj. Mahesh De Silva, Mr. Bandu De Silva, Mr. Hemantha De Silva, Dr. Deshapriya Wijethunga, Mr. Shammie Uyange, Mr. L. Channa De Silva, Mr. Susiri De Silva, Ms. Pubudu de Soyza, Dr. Mrs. Ranjula Gunawardana, Dr. Saveen Semage, Dr. P. Warusawithana (18 Members).

Late comers: Mr. Saman Warusawithana(Senior Vice President).

Regrets: Mr. Harish Guruge(Treasurer (Vice President), Mr. Udaya Sirisena (Vice President), Mrs. Kumari Wickramaratne(Editor),Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana(Jt. Secretary), Mrs. Samaji Seneviratne, (5 Members).

Absent: Mr. Rohan Liyanage, Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Mr. Nishantha de Soyza, Mr. Gaveshan Weerakkody, Mr. Dammika Kodikara, Mr. Channa Pushpamal, Mr. Mathalie Jayasekara, Mr. Hemadasa De Silva, Mrs. Yawwani Perera, Mr. K.M.G. Rohana Chaminda, Mr.Sudath Jinapriya, Rear Adm. Piyal De Silva, Air Vice. Mar. Thilan De Silva (13 Members).

Invitee: Mr. Wasantha Deshapriya, Secretary to Ministry of Telecommunication and Digital.

1. Meeting called to order at 10.45 am

2. Commenced the day's proceedings, by singing the College song.

3. Silent Tribute to deceased members: Mr. Premasiri, former teacher of the college and Brother in Law of Mr. Gaveshan Weerakkody.

4. Apologies for Absence: Above members informed, that they were unable to participate.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 07th October 2017:

Minutes were proposed as correct by Mr. Lal Premanath and seconded by Mr. Gavesh Ginige, subject to correction to item b, Fund Raiser, to read as LA Elections instead of PC Elections.

6. Matters arising from Last Meeting Minutes:

a. Funds with Centenary Account.

Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana to write a letter to Principal with copies to Trustees as soon as possible.

b. Fund Raiser:

Mr. Chandralal pointed out that, since the event cannot be held in February, the event to be decided by the Executive Committee to be elected at the next AGM in February 2018.

Mr. Lal Premanath suggested having the event in May 2018 and to include the planned events in the Annual Report for the next Executive Committee to continue.

d. Membership Drive

As per the accounts 100 new members have been enrolled during the year.

e. Re Union:

The committee discussed the outstanding to be recovered and banner contribution to be collected by Mrs. Samaji Seneviratne and to account for the actual amount can be collected.

f. Updating the DCPPA Web :

Mr. Shammie Uyange gave an in depth explanation of the current status and added features of the new web site.

The first phase of the development would be to complete the DCPPA. CB site and requested members support with information. He mentioned that web site could be launched at the next AGM

Further in reply to question raised by Mr. Lal Premanath with regard to the cost of the development and whether the Association has to incur the cost of the web development, he mentioned and that the website is developed by himself for the benefit of the association at no cost to the Association. He further mentioned the web hosting for the first year will be sponsored by him in his servers free of charge and the web hosting cost thereafter will be similar to the current charges, to be borne by the Association.

He reiterated that the email message sent to committee members was, only to educate the Exco Members of the development cost of such a website by a hired web developer.

Invitee Mr. Wasantha Deshapriya, expressed his views on the of the proposed website and importance of the comprehensive web site with social media to attract younger generation and described web will cost not Rs.300,000/- but Rs.1million. He mentioned that he will extend whatever the assistance he could provide. Further he mentioned that he will look into the possibility of providing a MicroBit computer system to the school which will be very helpful to children from grade 7 upwards.

The Executive Committee thanked him for his presence and his assistance to the association to improve the IT section of the school.

g. Trust Fund :

Mr. Lal Premanath mentioned that Principal and donor agreed to award the Gold Medal to the highest Z Score student with effect from next prize giving.

h. Status of Physical Activities:

i. Building Construction:

Mr. Lal Premanath read out a letter sent by the contractor by mail in the morning on 7th January 2018 explain status of the construction work. Accordingly, decided to settle the balance payment for the toilet construction work.

The total funds availability and to be received will be tabled at the next meeting.

Also, if any variations due to price escalations to be tabled at the next meeting and to be decided and settled.

Tiling matter delayed due to classrooms getting flooded due to leveling issue after tiling, to be discussed with donor Dr. Amal Harsha and Mr. Chandralal and Mr. Lal Premanath to meet him and discuss the matter.

ii. Erection of Statue

Mr. Lal Premanath reported a visit is planned on 20th January 2018 to inspect the statue and end of January 2018 to unleash the statue.

iii. Toilet work

It was agreed to settle the balance due on the toilet construction.

j. Educational Excellence:

Dr. Deshapriya Wijethunga mentioned that he is planning to conduct a workshop on Sustainable Development for the children above grade 10 and committee requested more details on the workshop to be provided for information.

k. Status of Sports Activities:

Mr Gavesh Ginige said that Olcott Cricket Tournament organized by Dharmasoka College past Cricketers Association was completed with great success and 8 well recognized ole boys in various sectors from each school were felicitated.

He also mentioned that student Susith Nipun a student has been elected as a permanent member of the Sri Lanka Chess Team and to participate in overseas tournaments.

Also, to provide documentation for the donation of Rs. 10,000/- requested by student who is a member of Sri Lanka Basket Ball .

7. Accounts for the last month

The Treasurer tabled the monthly accounts for the month of November 2017 and highlighted the outstanding's to be collected on the Re-Union.

8. Correspondence: None

9. Any Other Business: Matters on AGM.

Committee discussed on the arrangements on the AGM and it was decided to have the AGM at Light House Galley, Chaithya Road, Colombo 1 on the 24th February 2018 and decided to price the dinner ticket at Rs.1,000/-.

AAGM committee comprising following members were appointed to take care of the AGM.

Members of the Committee:

Treasurer Mr. Harish Guruge

Mrs. Pubudu de Soyza

Col. (Dr). Saveen demage

Asst. Treasurer Dr. Ranjula Gunawardena

Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana.

Also, decided to email the AGM notice and hard copies to be issues at requests and made copies available at the venue.

Membership applications.

Mr. Bandu de Silva handed over the original membership applications in his custody to Major Mahesh de Silva.

10. Vote of Thanks:

On behalf of the Ex- Co members, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana thanked Mr and Mrs. Susiri de Silva and family for arranging the Exco meeting at their residence and inviting Ex-Co members for the lunch.

Next Ex-co meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Thursday the 1st February 2018 at the residence of Dr. P. Warusawithana, at No. 11, De Silva Road, Kalubowila.

Palitha Widanapathirana

Jt. Secretary.

1st February 2018.