



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 05TH EX – CO MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2016/17 HELD ON 04TH AUGUST, 2016, AT THE RESIDANCE OF DR.P WARUSAWITHANA, NO.11, DE SILVA ROAD KALUBOWILA, AT 6.30PM.

Present:

Mr. Lal Premanath (President), Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi (Senior Vice President), Mr. Jayantha Kodikara (Vice President), Dr. Mrs. Neela Gunasekara (Vice President), Mr. Saman Warusawithana (Vice President), Prof. Nihal Kodikara (Vice President), Mr. Susiri De Silva (Immediate Past President), Air Cdre Thilan De Silva, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana (Jt. Secretary), Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana (Jt. Secretary), Mr. Bandu De Silva, Dr.P. Warusawithana, Dr. Ranjula Gunawardana , Maj. Mahesh De Silva, Mr. Ayesha Madawa De Silva, Dr. Deshapriya Wijethunga, Mrs. Yawwani Perera, Mr. Raj De Silva, Mr. Ashoka Weerasinghe, Mr. M.B. Hemadasa, SP Nishantha Soysa, , Mr. L. Channa De Silva, Ms. Chabiesha Edirimuni, Mr. Channa Pushpamal De Silva, Mrs. Kumari Wickramaratne (25 members)

Regrets: Ms. Maubry Ginige, Mr. Harish Guruge, , Mr. Gaveshan Weerakkody(3 members)

Absent: Prof. Lalith De Silva, Mrs. Samaji Seneviratne, Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya , Brig. Bimal Widanage , Mr. Sudath Jinapriya, Mr. Udaya Sirisena, Mr. Hemantha De Silva, Mr. Mohan Wijeratne, Mr. Damitha Leelarathne, Mr. Nelson de Silva (10 members)

i. Meeting called to order at 6.30 pm

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

iii. Silent tribute to old Sokians who passed away during the last month: To Mr. Udaya Sirisena's mother who passed away last month.

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

v. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 07th July 2016.

The minutes were proposed by Mrs. Neela Gunasekera and seconded by Mr. Susiri De Silva as correct, subject to removing Mr. Channa Pushpakumara's name from Absentees list.

vi. Matters arising from the previous Meeting minutes.

a. Updated Membership Directory

Maj. Mahesh de Silva said that the prepared will be sent along with the Newsletter to all members by post as well as by email to obtain required additional details to update the Membership Directory.

He also said that he separated the names of deceased members list from the directory.

b. Update the DCPA Web

Prof. Kodikara said that the Web site is being updated and Mr. Sudath Jinapriya will take the lead role to bring the DCPA into social media net. Prof. Kodikara said that the details requested by Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana can be uploaded to the web while it is being done. Mr. Sudath Jinapriya to see whether all the information like annual reports financial reports etc. related to DCPA can be archived in the web, to enable anyone to retrieve information from the web.

c. Status of the Newsletter:

Draft News Letter received from Mr. Ayesh was discussed by the Ex-Co members. Final comments were made to the Newsletter by the EX- Co members and Editor was requested to add the Principal's message into it. Corrected Newsletter will also be circulated before it is sent for printing. It was decided to pay further 25% of advance payment to the printer and balance to be released after final printing.

d. Status of Physical Activities.

Foundation stone was laid on 21st July 2016 and President stated that, few members from Ex-Co attended the ceremony. President further mentioned, that there is a small delay due to re-designing of the foundation as it was found that the soil underneath is weak, only after the excavation.

President further said that the payment to the Building Dept was handed over to the Principal and the advance payment to the contractor was released on the same day.

Confirmation for the other works from the contractor is still pending. Mr. Janaka Pushpakumara was given the responsibility of supervising the construction work. Subcommittee decided to visit the site fortnightly, once the work is commenced.

e. Status of Education Excellence Activities

Subcommittee chairman, Mr. Susiri De Silva mentioned that the, Principal indicated what he expects from us through his speech given on 21st July, 2016. Therefore the subcommittee will try to fulfill the requirements of the school accordingly. Mr. Susiri De Silva further said that he will communicate with the Principal for his views.

f. Status of Sports Activities

In absence of Brig. Bimal Widanage, it was decided to get an update from him at the next meeting.

vii. Accounts for the last month

Since the Treasurer was absent for the meeting, Asst. Treasurer tabled the monthly accounts for the month of July 2016.

viii. Update on 30th Anniversary Celebration

The subcommittee chairman Mr. Jayantha Kodikara said that the committee decided the Menu and an Advance payment of Rs. 100,000/- to be paid to Eagle Lakeside at Attidiya.

He tabled the duty allocation for the subcommittee members and mentioned that the Army Western Band and dancing troops were booked.

He requested all the Ex- Co members to collect Advertisements and banners. Tickets were distributed among Ex- Co members. Chief Guest will be the Principal and his message to be obtained for the Souvenir.

ix. Finalization of Year Plan 2016/2017:

- October meeting will be hosted by Mr. Saman Warusawithana.
- November Refreshments will be provided by Dr. Mrs. Neela Gunasekara.
- December meeting will be held at OPA and refreshments will be provided by Prof. Nihal Kodikara.
- Channa De Silva showed interest of hosting the January Meeting.
- Mr. Sudath Jinapriya and Mr. Mohan Wijeratne too showed interest in hosting a meeting but a month to be decided.

xi. Correspondence:

None.

viii. Any Other Matters:

None.

iX. Vote of Thanks:

Vote of Thanks was given by Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana to Air Comm. Thilan De Silva for providing refreshments and for Dr. P. Warusawithana and Mrs. Warusawithana for accommodating the meeting at their residence and whole-hearted assistance as usual.

Next meeting will be held on 8th September, 2016 once again at the residence of Dr. Warusawithana, at 6.30 pm and refreshments will be provided by Mr.Chandralal Sooriyarachchi.

Shyama Gunawardana

Jt. Secretary

26th August 2016.