



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 6TH EX – CO MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2017/18 HELD ON 09TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CHANNA DE SILVA AT 164, DANOWITA ROAD, WEWALDUWA, KELNIYA.

Present:

Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi(President), Mr. Lal Premanath(Immediate Past President), Mr. Saman Warusawithana(Senior Vice President) Dr. P. Warusawithana (Vice President), Mr. Gavesh Ginige(Vice President), Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana (Jt. Secretary), Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana(Jt. Secretary), Mr. Jayantha Kodikara, Mrs. Samaji Seneviratne, Mrs. Yawwani Perera, Dr. Mrs. Ranjula Gunawardana, Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Air Vice.Mar. Thilan De Silva, Mr. Shammie Uyange, Mr. Gaveshan Weerakkody, Ms. Pubudu de Zoysa, , Mr. Raj De Silva, Mr. Udaya Sirisena (Vice President), Mrs. Kumari Wickramaratne(Editor), Mr. L. Channa De Silva , Mr. Susiri De Silva, Maj. Mahesh De Silva , Mr. Mathalie Jayasekara. Rear Adm. Piyal De Silva. Mr. Rohana Chaminda (25 members).

Regrets: Prof. Nihal Kodikara), Mr. Harish Guruge(Treasurer), Mr. Hemadasa De Silva, , Mr. Bandu De Silva, Mr. Channa Pushpamal, Dr. Saveen Semage, Mr. Hemantha De Silva(7 members).

Absent: Mr. Rohan Liyanage, Mr. Nishantha de Soyza, Dr. Deshapriya Wijethunga, Mr. Sudath Jinapriya, Mr. Dammika Kodikara(5 members).

1. **Meeting called to order at 6.30 pm**
2. **Commenced the day's proceedings, by singing the College song.**
3. **Silent tribute to** Member of DCPA Colombo Branch, **Mr. Ananda Jayasinghe's** Mother in Law.
4. **Apologies for Absence:** Above members informed, that they were unable to participate.
5. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 05th August 2017:**
Minutes were proposed as correct by Mr. Jayantha Kodikara and seconded by Dr. Mrs. Ranjula Gunawardana subjected to following corrections.
Item No. 6 d. Re Union: should be corrected as The date is fixed for 23rd September 2017 at Grand Monarch at Thalawathugoda and all arrangements are finalized with them at a price of Rs. 2750/- per head. But the tickets are priced at Rs. 2500/-
Item No. 9 Any other matters: Should be corrected as; There was a Proposal made by Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya to stop giving scholarships to University students by DCPA /CB as , there is no money available for administration expenses. This was seconded by Mr.Sudath Jinapriya instead of Mr. Kasun de Soyza.

6. Matters arising from Last Meeting Minutes:

a. Fund Raiser:

Sub Committee met at Mr. Jayantha Kodikara's residence, decided to cancel the Sing Along event as the expected return is too low compared to the efforts and trouble organizing the event.

Instead the committee decided to organize a stage play at Lumbini Hall on 20th January 2018 and reserved the hall for the same day by paying an advance of Rs. 20,000/-. Mr. Mashinda Deshapriya said that most likely the Provincial Council Elections would be held during this period; therefore he requested to reschedule the event to 27th January 2017.

The President agreed to reserve the new date and transfer the advance already paid to new date. The committee members were requested to suggest good stage play to show on this day. Mr. Jayanatha Kodikara and Air Vice.Mar. Thilan De Silva to propose a drama.

b. Annual Trip:

Mr. Gavesh Ginige said that he has reserved bungalows at Diyathalawa Army camp for 30-35 people for 14th and 15th October 2017. The total cost would be around Rs. 3500/- per person and to meet at 5.30 am at Nugegoda. Gavesh said that 19 members/family members have confirmed their participation and only 11 slots are available and he agreed to prepare a letter to be sent to all members by Mj. Mahesh De Silva to get registrations as early as possible for the available 11 slots.

Following members confirmed their participation:

Mr. Cahandralal Sooriyarachchi – 3

Mr. Lal Premanath – 3

Mr. Jyantha Kodikara – 1

Dr. Mrs. Ranjula – 1

Mr. Gavesh – 1

Mrs. Samaji – 1

Mr. Raj -1

Mr. Shammi – 1

Mr. Palitha – 1

Mr. L Channa de Silva – 4

Mr. Berty & family - 2

c. Membership Drive:

Mr. Udaya Sirisena said that there are 24 new members will be registered from Air force. Rear Adm. Piyal De Silva agreed to help in this task. Mr. Udaya Sirisena requested Ex- Co members to introduce at least 2 new member. 2 new registrations were tabled.

d. Re Union:

The date is fixed for 23rd September 2017 at Grand Monarch at Thalawathugoda . Asst. Treasurer said that 50 books were distributed among Ex-Co members and another 30 books are remaining. Ms. Kumari Wickramaratne undertook to prepare a paper notice and a letter to be sent to all the members on the event announcing the participation of two national Cricket Captains and send to Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya on the 12th.Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya agreed to send this to all newspapers and members by post. Mj. Mahesh de Silva to send addresses to Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya.

Mr. Gavesh Ginige undertook to hand over Invitations to Mr. Upul Tharanga and Mr. Dinesh Chandimal.

Subcommittee decided to invite senior members of DCPA Colombo Branch, Mr. Chandrathilake, Mr. R G L De Silva, Mr. Jayasooriya, Mr. Lakshman Perera and Mr. Hettihawa. Mr, Mahinda Deshapriya requested to add, Past Principal Mr. Godwin Withana and Ms. Kumari Wickramaratne requested to add Mr. Charlie Jayawardane and to check with seniornmembers, whether there are more to be invited.

Mrs. Pubudu de Soyza to organize compere Ms. Bernadine Jayasinghe.

Mr. Jayantha Kodikara requested Exco members to collect banners and donations for the event.

e. Update the DCPPA Web :

Mr. Shammi Uyange has prepared a plan but the progress is very low due to non-availability of web developers. Decision was taken to see the possibility of finding web developers from old boys. Ex –Co decided that the DCPPA- CB cannot spend money on Web Development and decided Prof. Kodikara to handle this with the support of Mr. Shammi Uyange. Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana to follow up with prof. Kodikara.

f. Status of Physical Activities:

I. Building Construction:

Mr.Lal Premanath said that he went to the school with Mr. Chandralal and Mr. Hemadasa and sorted the issues had with The Education Dept. But now they have observed that there is a delay in construction due to inadequate supervision from the school side and he explained the Engineer Janaka Pushpakumara who was supervising the work, is busy with his job at KDU. He suggested that services of another engineer should be arranged to do the supervision and the contractor’s works to be expedited. Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya suggested that Mr. Sudath Jinapriya should be requested to find a suitable person to entrust this work. He said at the moment contractor has stopped work saying that there is a missing detail in staircase and Mr. Janaka will provide it to them by Monday(11.09.2017).

II. Mr. Lal Premanath reported that the Toilet work is in progress and there is no delay and satisfied with the progress.

III. Base for the statue will be started from Tomorrow(10.09.2017)

He further said that they have inspected the statue and it is almost completed and another payment can be released.

Further said that donor is willing to give the balance payment and President requested Mr. Susiri De Silva to remind it to the donor.

Mr. Lal Premanath was requested to follow up with Prof. Indraratne’s son for the agreed donation by Prof. Indraratne.

Mr. Jayatissa Bandaragoda already given Rs.200, 000 of his donation of Rs. 500,000 for the building fund and.

g. Status of Educational Excellence:

As Mr. Susiri De Silca said that they could not contact the principal and will report the progress at the next meeting.

h. Status of Sports Activities:

Mr Gavesh Ginige reported that at the National Schools sports meet, the best athlete was from Dharmasoka College,

National Chess Champion was also from the College.

From West Asia Chess tournament The College won 1 gold medal and 3 Silver Medals.

7. Accounts for the last month

The Asst. Treasurer tabled the monthly accounts for the month of August 2017.

8. Correspondence:

None.

Two membership Applications introduced by Mr. Udaya Sirisena were tabled by the Jt. Secretary Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana :

	New Member	Introduced by:
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1	Mrs. E.D Shyama Fernando	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
2	Mr. Passan Gallage	Mr. Udaya Sirisena

9. Any Other Matters:

It was decided to get down the Principal or a Deputy Principal for DCPA CB Ex- Co meetings and send letters to Main OBA and junior league to send representatives.

Mr. Lal Premanath requested Rear Adm. Piyal De Silva to find a suitable person who has done swimming, as the Chief Guest for the upcoming swimming meet.

February 2018 Ex- Co meeting will be hosted by Mr. Dhammika Kodikara at his Residence at Piliyandala.

10. Vote of Thanks:

Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana thanked Mr & Mrs L. Channa De Silva for arranging the venue for the meeting and hosting the fellowship dinner to the Ex-Co, on behalf of the Ex- Co members.

Next Ex- Co meeting will be held on 07th October 2017 at Light House Galley in Colombo Fort at 6.30PM hosted by Rear Adm. Piyal De Silva, followed by dinner.

Shyama Gunawardana

Jt. Secretary.

3rd October 2017.