



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 09TH EX – CO MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2017/18 HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER 2017 AT THE RESIDANCE OF MR. CHANDRALAL SOORIYAARCHCHI.

Present:

Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi(President), Mr. Lal Premanath(Immediate Past President), Prof. Nihal Kodikara, Mr. Saman Warusawithana(Senior Vice President), Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana (Jt. Secretary), Mr. Harish Guruge(Treasurer), Mr. Jayantha Kodikara, Mrs. Samaji Seneviratne, Mr. Raj De Silva, Mr. Udaya Sirisena (Vice President), Mr. Gavesh Ginige(Vice President), Maj. Mahesh De Silva, Mr. Bandu De Silva, Mr. Channa Pushpamal, Mr. Hemantha De Silva, Dr. Deshapriya Wijethunga, Mr. Shammie Uyange, Mrs. Kumari Wickramaratne(Editor), Mr. L. Channa De Silva, Mr. Susiri De Silva, Mr. Sudath Jinapriya, Ms. Pubudu de Soyza, Mr. Mathalie Jayasekara, Mr. Hemadasa De Silva. (24 Members).

Regrets: Dr. P. Warusawithana (Vice President),Rear Adm. Piyal De Silva., Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana(Jt. Secretary), Dr. Mrs. Ranjula Gunawardana, Dr. Saveen Semage, Mrs. Yawwani Perera, Mr. K.M.G. Rohana Chaminda (7 Members).

Absent: Mr. Rohan Liyanage, Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Mr. Nishantha de Soyza, Mr. Gaveshan Weerakkody, Air Vice. Mar. Thilan De Silva, Mr. Dammika Kodikara. (6 Members).

1. Meeting called to order at 7.00pm

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

3. Silent Tribute to deceased members: Mr. Lakshman (AGL) Perera - Founder Member, Vice President and the First Treasurer of the Trust of the DCPA, Colombo Branch, Mr. Upali de Silva and Dr. Arthur Perera - both former teachers of the school, Mr. Victor Pieris- member of DCPA-CB, Mr. P.J. Wasage father of Air Com. Dilshan and Most Venerable Sumangala Thero.

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. Jayantha Kodikara and seconded by Mr. Bandu De Silva, subject to correction of the **item f.iii.** Toilet Work to be corrected to read as "work on toilets were completed prior to H.E. President's visit to the school".

6. Matters arising from Last Meeting Minutes:

President informed that the Invitation letter was sent to the Principal to participate in Ex-Co meeting but not acknowledged and not present.

a. Funds with Centenary Account.

Mr. Susiri de Silva explained the current situation of the Centenary Trust Fund, the reason to create the Trust Fund and methodology of the trust. Accordingly, firstly the Principal as the patron has to agree and 5 other Trustees as well for the disbursements to settlers and the proceedings are to be in accordance with the Trust Deed.

Mr. Hemantha de Silva pointed out that the trust is created for specific objectives and funds can be released only for such objectives and if not to dissolve the Trust.

Mr. Saman Warusawithana suggested seeking legal advice on the matter and Mr. Lal Premanath immediately called Justice Mr. Chithrasiri for legal advice.

Justice Mr. Chithrasiri mentioned that the Trust has been idling from the inception without utilizing the funds for a worthy cause within objectives. Hence, it is better to dissolve the trust and disburse the funds to settlers and if required to create another trust in the future.

Mr. Chandralal suggested dissolving the trust and to write and visit Principal and the other trustees with a team to explain the situation and to obtain the consent of the other trustees to dissolve and disburse the funds to 3 settlers.

In case if the trustees disagree to dissolve the trust, to request for the release of Rs. 300,000/- payment within objectives of the trust.

Accordingly, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana to write a letter to Principal with copies to Trustees.

b. Fund Raiser:

President informed that, although the New Town Hall is already reserved for the 10th February 2018, it may be difficult to stage the show as scheduled due to PC Elections date is not yet announced and the elections may be in the middle of February 2018, it will be problematic to have the show in February 2018.

After productive dialogues by the members, it was decided to postpone the show, either to 10th or 17th March 2018 on the availability of the hall and the drama.

Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarchchi and Mr. Jayantha Kodikara agreed to take over the event and to finalize the date and print tickets.

Expected Income

1. Ticket sales:	80 seats at Rs.1500/-	= Rs. 120,000/-
	220 seats at Rs. 1000/-	= Rs. 220,000/-
	200 seats at Rs. 500/-	= Rs. 100,000/-
Total Income from Ticket Sales		= Rs. 440,000/-
	80%	= Rs. 352,000/-

2. Souvenir:

Inner and back cover pages at Rs. 25,000/-
Advertisements at Rs.5000/-, Rs. 10,000/- and Rs.15,000- each
Total expected income from Souvenir: Rs. 300,000/-

3. Cost: Drama and hall charges- Rs.200,000/- and printing Rs.6,000/-.

4. Expected next earnings from the event Rs. 446,000/-.

d. Membership Drive

Mr. Udaya Sirisena proudly mentioned that he has achieved the millstone of enrolling 100 new members as at 11th December 2017 and will continue new enrollments. The committee applauded his efforts and the achievement for the enhancement of membership of the association.

Major Mahesh de Silva mentioned that 5 scholarship holders were enrolled at the scholarship award ceremony.

New Members enrolled are as follows:

	Name	Introduced by
1	Dr. Tikiri Priyantha Wijethilaka	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
2	D.C.K. Wickramathilaka	Self at the Scholarship Ceremony
3	D.S.S.D. Pathinayake	Self at the Scholarship Ceremony
4	K.D.N.U. Deshpriya	Self at the Scholarship Ceremony
5	Miss. G.R. Thisari Kanchana	Self at the Scholarship Ceremony
6	Miss. M.H.D.D. Mendis	Self at the Scholarship Ceremony
7	Miss. T.H.S. Leelaratna	Self at the Scholarship Ceremony

e. Re Union:

Treasurer Mr. Harish Guruge tabled the accounts of the event and highlighted the outstanding's to be collected in order to finalize the accounts. He requested members to complete settlements at the earliest.

f. Updating the DCPA Web :

Although at the previous meeting the committee decided not to move forward with the new web development, with all due respect to Prof. Nihal Kodikara and Major. Mahesh de Silva for developing, updating and maintaining the current DCPA, CB website, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana explained and reiterated the necessity and the importance of an upgraded website, focusing future and usage of technology by many generations with efficient social media networks. Thereby attracting members and to maintain data bases for the reference of members, for easy and quick communication, to archive the 30 years of performances of DCPA with many additional features to help the membership.

Also, he mentioned that the ultimate intention is to bring the entire Sokian community under one platform with the initiative of the DCPA, Colombo Branch as its members have the capacity to achieve the end result.

He further mentioned that Mr. Shamie Uyange has already done the structure with a face lift and can obtain help from members who has the knowledge and knowhow.

There were no objections from the committee.

g. Trust Fund :

Mr. Lal Premanath said that although the initial number of scholarships were 21, at the ceremony they awarded 23 scholarships as one of the donors gave two additional awards at the ceremony itself.

Further, he mentioned that Justice Mr. Chithrasiri had the honor of inviting scholarship holder to award the scholarship on his behalf and the Principal appreciated the efforts of the Trust and requested scholarship holders to join hands with the Trust and DCPA, Colombo Branch.

As highlighted at the previous AGM of using monies of Trust to cover expenses of the Trust, Mr. Lal Premanath mentioned that in order to overcome such incidents in the future, few members volunteered to donate Rs. 10,000/- each and have that funds in a separate Fixed

Deposit and earned interest is sufficient enough to bear the expenses of the Trust. Thereby no expenses will be borne by the Trust in the future.

h. Status of Physical Activities:

i. Building Construction:

Ms. Kumari Wickramaratne commented on noncompliance of by the contractor for the requests made by DCPA, CB and requested for action plan with time lines for the construction. Mr. Chandralal said that the contractor agreed to give the projections with time lines and Mr. Lal Premanath mentioned that action can be taken on the contractor for the default of the Contractual Agreement.

Mr. Lal Premanath further mentioned the necessity of strengthening the ground work monitoring process of the construction and suggested to get the assistance of Mr. Dammika Kodikara and others stationed in Ambalangoda to closely follow-up the process.

Mr. Lal Premanath mentioned that the contractor to be given the balance payment of the toilet construction work enabling contractor to proceed with the construction of the building. He was requested to obtain a request form the contractor.

ii. Erection of Statue

Mr. Lal Premanath reported that the Base for the statue has already been constructed and take delivery of the statue and could be installed in the school by first week of January 2018.

iii. Toilet work

Mr. Premanath reported that the toilets were completed and balance to be paid as an on account payment to the contractor and suggested 75% of the balance. Treasurer Mr. Harish Guruge requested to obtain an invoice or a letter of request from the contractor.

j. Educational Excellence:

Mr. Susiri De Silva suggested meeting the Principal with a powerful team of the DCPA, CB to discuss the areas to be attended to.

Dr. Deshapriya Wijethunga mentioned that he will be conducting a program on Sustainable Development in school. Whilst the committee commended on the program, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana requested him to circulate literature of the program to Ex-co members for their awareness and understanding.

k. Status of Sports Activities:

Mr Gavesh Ginige said that there were significant activities.

Mr. Gavesh Ginige, as the President of Dharmasoka College Past Cricketers Association, mentioned that the Olcott Cricket Tournament hosted by Dharmasoka College will begin with dinner on 14th December followed by "6 a side" matches on the 15th and old boys matches on the 16th. There will be dinner on the 16th to recognize 8 prominent old boys from participating schools and Mr. Nelson Mendis will be the chief Guest at the dinner.

Final matches and award ceremony will be held on 17th December. President of DCPA, CB was invited for the dinner and Mr. Gavesh requested others to participate in the event. Dinner on 17th will be at Orenco Hotel, Main Street, Amablangoda and the dinner tickets area available at Rs.2,000/-.

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:

As decided at the last meeting, the book written by Mr. Kulasena to be handed over to Editor Ms. Kumari Wickramaratne to do the needful.

10. Vote of Thanks:

On behalf of the Ex- Co members, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana thanked Mr and Mrs. Chandralal Sooriyaarchchi and the family for arranging the Exco meeting at their residence and inviting Ex-Co members and their spouses for the fellowship dinner.

Next Ex-co meeting will be held on Saturday the 6th January 2018 at 10.00am at the residence of Mr. Susiri de Silva, at No. 14/2, Andiris de Silva Mawatha, Moratuwa, followed by lunch.

Palitha Widanapathirana

Jt. Secretary.

27th December 2017.