



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 11th EX – CO MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2017/18 HELD ON 01ST FEBRUARY 2018 AT THE RESIDENCE OF DR. P. WARUSAWITHANA AT NO. 11, DE SILVA ROAD, KALUBOWILA

Present:

Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi(President), Mr. Lal Premanath(Immediate Past President), Dr. P. Warusawithana (Vice President), Mr. Gavesh Ginige(Vice President), Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana (Jt. Secretary), Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana(Jt. Secretary), Mr. Harish Guruge(Treasurer), Mrs. Kumari Wickramaratne(Editor), Mr. Jayantha Kodikara, , Mr. Hemantha De Silva, Mr. Raj De Silva , Mr. Bandu De Silva, Dr. Deshapriya Wijethunga, Dr. Mrs. Ranjula Gunawardana, , Mr. Susiri De Silva, , Mr. Shammie Uyange, Ms. Pubudu de Zoysa, (17 members).

Regrets: Prof. Nihal Kodikara , Mj. Mahesh De Silva, Mr. Udaya Sirisena, Col. Dr. Saveen Semage, Mr. Saman Warusawithana(5 members).

Absent: Mr. Rohan Liyanage, , Mr. Nishantha de Soyza. Mrs. Samaji Seneviratne, Mrs. Yawwani Perera, Mr. L. Channa De Silva ,Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Mr. Mathalie Jayasekara, Mr. Channa Pushpamal , Mr. Gaveshan Weerakkody, Mr. Dhammika Kodikara, Mr. Hemadasa De Silva, Mr. K.M.G. Rohana Chaminda, Mr. Sudath Jinapriya, Rear Admiral Piyal De Silva, Air Vice Marshal Thilan De Silva. (15 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 Members who passed away: Father of Mr. Kanishka Kulasuriya, a member of DCPA- CB.**
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 January 2018:**
Last meeting minutes were proposed by Mr. Lal Premanath as correct and seconded by Mr. Bandu De silva.
6. **Matters arising from Previous Meeting Minutes:**
 - a). **Funds in Centenary Account:**
Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana said that he and Mr. Susiri de Silva met Principal in the school and Principal's intention to continue with the Centenary fund.

Mr. Lal Premanath pointed out that the last meeting decision was to write a letter to the Principal with copies to permanent trustees by the Jt. Secretary Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana, therefore the letter has to be sent to the above people informing the money is needed for the Infrastructure Development Project. Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana agreed to send the letter.

Mr. Susiri De Silva suggested that a meeting will be called among the permanent trustees and the Principal and a decision can be taken then there.

b). Fund Raiser:

It was proposed to have the stage play in May 2018 as the advances have already been paid to the drama and the hall.

c). Membership Drive:

The Jt. Secretary read out the letter sent by Mr. Udaya Sirisena stating that he has increased the membership enrolments to 104 new members within this year and he has thanked all the Ex- Co members for their support towards achieving this milestone.

The Ex-Co commended and applauded his dedication and achievement over the membership drive.

New members enrolled during the month.

New member	Introduced by
Sq. Ldr. K.C. Fernando	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
Sq Ldr. R.N.D. Senadheera	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
Mr. Sudath Rohana Fernando	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
Ms. Udayanthi Isha Wasage.	Mr. Udaya Sirisena

c. Update on Re Union Expenses:

The treasurer updated the final accounts of the Reunion and said that he has neither received money nor written confirmation from Ms. Samaji Seneviratne for the contribution on the banner displayed. Therefore he had to finalize accounts without considering the contribution from Ms. Samaji Seneviratne on the banner displayed. He further said that the money due from Mr. Gaveshan Werakkody was settled. Total loss from the event is Rs. 112,741/- and the total deficit of final accounts of the year is Rs. 53,737/-

d. DCPPA –CB Web Development:

Mr. Shammi Uyange said that they have already developed the web site and now in the process of collecting data to update the site. He said main problem is with the membership directory and has requested for the details form Major. Mahesh de Silva. Ms. Kumari Wickramaratne said that the committee would like to view the site to enable Exco members to give their comments and views before the launch at the AGM. Mr. Shammi Uyange agreed to email the URL to all committee members asap.

e. Status of Physical Activities

The chairman of the sub-committee for Infrastructure Development, Mr. Lal premanath briefed the progress of the activities undertaken by the DCPPA-CB. He said that the toilet project was completed and the expenses were about 15% more than what was approved due to price escalation and change of scope of work.

The building project is in progress and first floor slab is completed and columns are being raised. The sub-committee reviewed the 1st year progress and losses attributed with price escalations and variations due to unavoidable circumstances and due to issues with the Ministry of Education delaying the work.

Therefore committee decided to give an extension for the completion. Contractor suggested completing the building in September 2018 but after negotiations, agreed to complete in mid July 2018 and the requestor 20% increase was agreed at 15%.

The statue of Thomas De Silva was to be completed on 28th February but delayed due to personal issues with the contractor. However, statue will be finished by 15th March and erection will be done before the end of March 2018.

Mr. Lal Premanath highlighted the statues of the finances for above works as follows:

Estimated Cost -	Rs. 11 million
Already paid -	Rs. 3.65 million
Balance to be paid	Rs. 7.35 million
Cash in hand -	Rs. 6 million
Shortfall -	Rs. 1.35 million
Committed contribution to be collected –	Rs. 0.75 million
Deficit -	Rs. 0.60 million

f. Status of Trust Fund

Trust fund accounts were audited and included in the final accounts.

g. Status of Educational Excellence:

Mr. Susiri De Silva and Ms. Pubudu De Zoysa explained the outcome of the meeting had with Principal and teachers with Mr. Wasantha Deshapriya, at the school on 27th January 2018.

She explained the proposals made by Mr. Wasantha Deshapriya to uplift the ICT sector of the college and his efforts to obtain MicroBit computer system which is a new technology introduced to non-national schools and also to upgrade one computer lab, exclusively to facilitate the AL students. Further, proposal of a long term plan to develop the overall ICT sector of the school is being prepared.

Dr. Deshapriya Wijethunga stated that he will be doing sustainable Development program for the students of O level and A Level in May 2018 and he was requested to inform the Ex-Co for the details of the program.

h. Status of Sports Activities:

Mr Gavesh Ginige said that this year the Big Match will be organized by Devananda College and will be held on 1st and 2nd April 2018 at Tyrone Fernando stadium, Moratuwa. Further, if they are not going to do the live streaming of the match, DCPA CB will undertake to do and Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana was requested to submit a proposal to the Ex-Co and obtain the approval.

e. Accounts for the last month

The Treasurer tabled the monthly accounts for the month of January 2018.

7. Matters pertaining to AGM

It was decided to post notice of AGM to all the members. The president took the responsibility of posting it. Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana to send an invitation to the Principal and Paper notice to be published.

Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana proposed to formulate a “Senior Advisory Committee” to obtain services of the outgoing senior members and also to create opportunities to the young members to join the Exco for which the Ex-Co gave the consent.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. Any Other Matters:

Ms. Kumari Wickramaratne donated Rs. 10,000/- to the Association to cover part of the printing cost of the News Letter and the committee commended her hard work to complete and print the News Letter by herself.

10. Vote of Thanks:

Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana thanked Dr. and Dr. Mrs. Warusawithana for giving their premises to have the meeting and serving tea for the committee and thanked Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana for providing Refreshments for the meeting.

Shyama Gunawardana

Jt. Secretary

6th February, 2018.