



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 07TH EX – CO MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2016/17 HELD ON 08TH OCTOBER 2016, AT SUSILARAMA ROAD, MALABE, THE RESIDANCE OF MR. SAMAN P WARUSAWITHANA AT 6.30PM

Present:

Mr. Lal Premanath (President), Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi (Senior Vice President), Dr. Mrs. Neela Gunasekara (Vice President), Mr. Jayantha Kodikara (Vice President), Prof. Nihal Kodikara (Vice President), Mr. Saman Warusawithana (Vice President), Air Cdre Thilan De Silva, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana (Jt. Secretary), Mr. Bandu De Silva, Dr. Ranjula Gunawardana, Maj. Mahesh De Silva, Mrs. Yawwani Perera, Mr. Hemadasa De Silva, Mr. Channa Pushpakumara, Mrs. Samaji Seneviratne, Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Dr. Deshapriya Wijethunga, Brig. Bimal Widanage, Mr. Sudath Jinapriya, Mr. Udaya Sirisena, Mr. Harish Guruge, Mr. Mohan Wijeratne (22 members)

Regrets: Mr. Susiri De Silva (Immediate Past President), Ms. Maubry Ginige, Mr. Ayesch Madawa De Silva, Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana, Mr. Damitha Leelaratne, Mrs. Kumari Wickramaratne, Mr. Raj De Silva, Mr. Hemantha De Silva, Dr. P. Warusawithana (9 members)

Absent: Prof. Lalith De Silva, Mr. Gaveshan Weerakkody, Mr. Ashoka Weerasinghe, Mrs. Chabeisha Edirimuni, Mr. L. Channa De Silva, Mr. Nishantha de Soya (6 members)

Meeting called to order at 7.00 pm

1. **Commenced the day's proceedings, by singing the College song.**
2. **Silent tribute to old Sokians who passed away during the last month: Not Reported**
3. **Apologies for Absence:** Above members informed, that they were unable to participate.
4. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 02nd June 2016.**
The minutes were proposed by Mr. Bandu de Silva and seconded by Dr. Mrs. Neela Gunasekara as correct.
5. **Matters arising from the previous Meeting minutes.**
 - a) **Updated Membership Directory**
Maj. Mahesh de Silva mentioned that around 75 responses were received for the changes after the distribution of the News Letter and members register is updated and sent to Prof. Nihal Kodikara to update the website accordingly
 - b) **Update the DCPPA Web**
Mr. Sudath Jinapriya informed that two meetings were held to develop a comprehensive website. The structure of the website will be almost similar but for the regular updates, the committee shall appoint teams from DCPPA and the school. This will be discussed in detail at the next committee meeting.

6. Status of Physical Activities:

- Design issues were resolved and the construction work would be commenced from Thursday the
- A cheque for Rs. 250,000/- was received from Mr. R.G.L. De Silva for the Infrastructure Development Fund.
- Prof. Indraratna donated Rs.500,000/- for Infrastructure Development Fund.
- Mr. Nipul Gunasekara - Rs.100,000/- received from him was utilized for the building project and to write a letter to him requesting monthly payments of Rs. 100,000/- of the donation of Rs. 1 million as he promised.

7. Status of Educational Excellence:

Mr. Susiri de Silva and Dr. Deshapriya Wijethunga briefed that they discussed with the Principal of the program sponsored by Dialog as to how it will benefit the teachers. Dr. Neela Gunasekara stated that this is a good opportunity to train teachers and Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya suggested that this should be firstly discussed with the teachers and President, Joint Secretaries and Prof. Nihal Kodikara to make a visit to the school.

Prof. Nihal Kodikara mentioned that with the collection Rs.100,000/- the necessary improvements were done.

8. Status of Sports Activities

Brig. Bimal Widanage informed the committee of the sports material received from the donors and planning to arrange an event in consultation with the Principal.

9. Accounts for the last month

Mr. Harish Guruge tabled the monthly accounts for the month of September 2016.

10. 30th Anniversary Celebration

Subcommittee chairman Mr.Jayantha Kodikara stated that 269 tickets were sold and an income of Rs. 1,195,866/- was received with a profit of approximately Rs202,834/- rom the event.

Hel expressed his very special gratitude to:

- Air Cdre Thilan De Silva for obtaining 10% discount on the bill and the payment for the refreshments and also for his support in administrating the event.
- Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi for the Back Drop arrangements.
- Mrs. Yawanee Perera and Mrs. Shyama Gunawardena for gift wrappings and competition arrangements, followed with a dinner.
- Major. Mahesh de Silva for the awareness campaign.
- Mr. Sudath Jinapriya for the 2 paper advertisements
- Brig. Bimal Widanapge for manpower with 5 persons
- Mr. Gavesh Ginige for helping the event arrangements in the morning hours with 2 persons
- Mr. Bandu de Silva for the souvenir arrangements and printing
- Mr. Nishantha de Soyza for arranging" Sando Harris"
- Mrs. Ranjula Gunawardena being the Event Treasurer, photo grapy and assistance in many ways
- All members obtained banners, sponsorships and provided other assistance.

The committee acknowledged and expressed gratitude to Subcommittee Chairman Mr. Jayantha Kodikara and the members of the Subcommittee for their determination and persistent efforts for the excellent arrangement for a yet a another highly successful event.

11. Correspondence:

Jt. Secretary Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana tabled letters from Principal for the contributions for the prize giving and a letter requesting for contribution to K.B. Preethika for the championship to be held in Singapore.

12. Any Other Matters:

- Air Cdre Thilan De Silva requested to relocate the T Shirts retained with him and Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya suggested T Shirts to be donated at events and distribute at the price giving.
- The manuscript for the 100 Years Celebrations prepared by Mr. Kulasena needs editing and to inform him accordingly.
- The copies of the book published by Vivette Ginige to be handed over to the school library and 5 copies retained for future reference.

13. Vote of Thanks:

Vote of Thanks was given by Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana to Mr. Saman Warusawithana and his family for hosting the meeting followed by the dinner.

**Next meeting will be held at the residence of Dr. Warusawithana at No.11, De Silva Road
Kalubowila on 3rd November 2016 at 6.00PM**

Palitha Widanapathirana

Jt. Secretary

30rd October, 2016.