

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting of the Methodist Girls' School Alumnae Association held at 3pm on Saturday, 15th April 2023.

Present:

Sharmila Nair

Angelina Wong

Melissa Fam

Jean Lee

Valarie Koh Wilson

Tjio Bee Ann

Corinne Sim

Fang Lum

Ruth Yam

Sim Suh-Ting

Barbara Chee

Belinda Teo

Fock Yin Ling

Gwee Su Li

The Methodist Girls' School (MGS) Alumnae Association (AA) President for the 2022/2023 term of office, Sharmila Nair, informed members at 3pm that a quorum has not been met. Under the constitution, members are required to wait for 30 minutes before the general meeting can commence.

At 3.30pm, Sharmila Nair called the meeting to order with a quorum of 14 members in attendance. Sharmila invited Barbara Chee to open the meeting with a prayer followed by Sharmila's welcome and address.

1. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS & WELCOME

Good afternoon everyone, welcome to the 62nd Annual General Meeting of the Methodist Girls' School Alumnae Association. Thank you all for making the time to join us for this AGM and a time of fellowship this Saturday evening.

It was heartening that from April 2022 we were all allowed to meet in person again and resume our activities and see each other in real life! Let me highlight some of the events that brought us back together just in time to celebrate MGS's 135th Founder's Day.

We kicked off the celebrations on 8 July 2022 with LoveMG, which was organised by our younger alumna from the Class of 2019. The theme was "My Dwelling Place" and the Speaker, Dr. Tam Wai Jia, shared her testimony, which I am sure inspired many of us.

We celebrated our 135th Founder's Day with both an online service and an in-person dinner. We were blessed to have our former Principal, Ms. Kon Mei Leen as our Speaker for the online service and it was very heart-warming for us to connect with Alumna from far and wide again!

Our 135th Founder's Day Dinner returned in full force on 25 July 2022 at the Shangri-la Hotel. We had more than 1000 people attend the dinner which made the event a resounding success! It was so wonderful being able to celebrate a milestone year with such a huge gathering.

Alumnae Day was held on 13 August 2022 at school with the return of the red bowl noodles! We are so fortunate to have our red bowl aunty still serve up her yummy noodles

for old girls and present girls alike! The Past v Present Games saw many old girls returning to show their support and that their sporting prowess is still a force to be reckoned with and the Past Team were able to clinch the Anna Tham Challenge Shield yet again!

We opened 2023 with a Thanksgiving Service held on 25 February 2023 at the MGS Chapel. We praise God for His abundant blessings on our School and Alumnae and for reminding us that He is the reason for everything we do.

We are grateful that we can continue to gather and look forward to seeing more of you at our upcoming events.

Please save the date for our other events happening this year-

20 May 2023 - Heritage Day Brunch

This event will be held in conjunction with a lunch for our Retired Teachers and Staff. We hope that you will all come down and meet with your old teachers and visit the Heritage Centre!

1 July 2023 - MGS Carnival 2023- A Time to Give Thanks

Join us at the Carnival where we promise lots of fun to be had. All proceeds from the sale of coupons for the event will be channelled towards the Intergenerational Learning Programme at MGS. The School is hoping to raise \$250,000.00 towards this precious cause where our students will engage in meaningful activities with seniors.

7 July 2023 – LoveMG held at MGS and will be a hybrid in-person/livestreamed event.

25 July 2023 – 136th Founder's Day Dinner held at Shangri-la Hotel.

12 August 2023 - Alumnae Day held at MGS

Look out on our social media platforms for more information on the upcoming activities and not forgetting our latest merchandise!

I would like to end by thanking Mrs. Sim Suh-Ting and members of the MGS Board of Management, Mrs. Valarie Wilson, Principal of MGS, Mrs. Corinne Sim, Vice-Principal of MGS and the Senior Management of MGS for their constant support of the MGS Alumnae Association. Most importantly I would like to thank the members of my Committee for their continued commitment to the MGS Alumnae Association. Each of you brings a special touch to make the Committee a wonderful Team working together for our common love of MGS and the Glory of GOD. I thank each of you as we live to fulfil our motto To Master, To Grow & To Serve!

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 61st AGM HELD ON 23 APRIL 2022

The Minutes of the 61st AGM was proposed to be adopted by Melissa Fam and seconded by Angelina Wong.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

The Annual Report for 2022/2023, which contained a summary of the Alumnae activities in 2022/2023, was taken as read.

The Annual Report was proposed to be adopted by Angelina Wong and seconded by Fang Lum.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The approval of the Audited Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2022 was proposed by Tjio Bee Ann and seconded by Fang Lum.

5. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AND EXPENSES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2023

Our Treasurer for the 2022/2023 term of office, Belinda Teo, presented the proposed Budget and Expenses for the Financial Year 2023.

There were no objections to the budget and expenses raised for 2023. The Budget and Expenses for Financial Year 2023 was proposed to be adopted by Fang Lum and seconded by Tjio Bee Ann.

6. RE-APPOINTMENT OF SH ONG LLP AS HONORARY AUDITOR

The re-appointment of SH Ong LLP as Honorary Auditor was proposed by Barbara Chee and seconded by Belinda Teo and confirmed with a note of thanks and appreciation for their services rendered.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2023/2024

A vote is only required for the 4 Committee Members as there were no other nominees for the other positions.

The positions that have been elected unopposed are :

President - Sharmila Nair
Vice-president - Tjio Bee Ann
Honorary Secretary - Fock Yin Ling
Assistant Honorary Secretary - Ruth Yam
Honorary Treasurer - Fang Lum
Honorary Legal Advisor - Angelina Wong
Honorary Publicity Officer - Melissa Fam

The following members were up for election as Committee Members : Barbara Chee, Belinda Teo, Deborah Wong, Esther Mak, Gwee Su Li, Jean Lee, Joy-marie Toh, Sng Jen-Hwei, Lynn Lee and Vanessa Leung.

The following members were elected to the Committee : Barbara Chee, Belinda Teo, Gwee Su Li and Lynn Lee.

The following members were co-opted to the Committee : Jean Lee, Deborah Wong, Joy-marie Toh, Sng Jen Hwei, Vanessa Leong and Esther Mak.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:10pm followed by tea and fellowship amongst members present back in the Alumnae Room.

Recorded By

Confirmed By

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Ms Fock Yin Ling
Hon Secretary

Sharmila Nair

Ms Sharmila Nair
President