

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting of the Methodist Girls' School Alumnae Association held at 3pm on Saturday, 14 April 2018 at the MGS Heritage Centre, Methodist Girls' School, 11 Blackmore Drive, Singapore 599986.

Present:

Barbara Chee
Fock Yin Ling
Fang Lum
Melissa Fam
Sng Jen Hwei
Olivia Ing Loh
Diana Zhu
Adele Yeo

Sharmila Nair
Tjio Bee Ann
Corinne Sim
Ruth Yam
Grace Ng
Dawn Chik
Ong Lee Wha
Janalyn Yeo

Angelina Wong
Lynn Lee
Sim Suh-Ting
Patricia Ng
Joy-marie Toh
Lo Su Li
Ong Lian Wha
Lesley Sim

The Methodist Girls' School (MGS) Alumnae Association (Alumnae) President for the 2017/2018 term of office, Tjio Bee Ann, called the meeting to order at 3pm with a quorum of 23 members and our honorary member, Grace Ng, in attendance.

1 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS & WELCOME

Members were welcomed by Tjio Bee Ann to the first AGM held at the MGS Heritage Centre, which was opened on 15 August 2017 by Mrs. Anna Tham.

Barbara Chee led members in the opening prayer.

The Alumnae were involved in many events last year as it was the 130th Anniversary of the School.

The Committee worked hard to get the Heritage Centre ready in time for the opening in August 2017. It was a true labour of love for all of us and we are particularly grateful to Mrs. Anna Tham and her daughter, Carol Tham.

Mrs. Tham had been instrumental in safekeeping all the various artefacts over the years, making the MGS Heritage Centre one of a few schools with such wealth of artefacts. Carol had contributed a lot of her valuable time towards this project especially in the design.

The Committee is also grateful to all our kind donors and to the School for providing us a new Alumnae Room when we gave up our room for the space to be incorporated into the Heritage Centre.

Our members also supported the School in the MGS Carnival 2017, in which we set up a bake stall, a pre-loved handbag store, balloon store and one which sold MGS tee shirts and umbrellas.

Our committee members Joy-marie Toh and Fock Yin Ling also sat on the organizing committee for the MGS Thanksgiving Gala Dinner, MGS Golf Tournament and the MGS Career Festival. Joy also took part in the recent inaugural TedX Talks in which she spoke about the Power of Finding One's Voice.

Our members find it meaningful to be involved in the various facets of the School and hope to show the girls by example how they can contribute and give back in the various ways even after leaving school. Most of us find great gratification in that.

This year the Committee has split itself into various sub-committees namely; Finance, Events, Membership, Website, Retail and Special Projects. There are different chairs for each sub-committee. Old Girls who want to volunteer are more than welcome to contact the various sub-committee chairpersons.

Another area of service is the Love MG committee headed by Lo Su Li. Each year, the committee is formed by the recent graduates from the A level / IB Cohort and mentored by Su Li. The Committee is formed in January and the event is held in July. Love MG has grown and become a signature event of the Alumnae. Special thanks to Su Li and Shi Ping from the Class of 1997.

Other dates to note is our Founder's Day Dinner on 25 July 2018, Alumnae Day (Past v Present) on 18 August 2018. The School will be organizing the Golf Tournament on 21 August 2018.

Bee Ann informed the meeting that her Committee's immediate goal for 2018 is to set up the MGS Alumnae Association's website which will be a one-stop portal for all things alumnae related. We will go ahead with a web-based membership card which will allow members access to the Sports Complex.

Bee Ann thanked her committee for working tirelessly and cheerfully all year through and without complaint. Special thanks was also extended to the Senior Management Committee of the School especially Ms. Grace Ng and Mrs. Corinne Sim for their constant gracious support and also to Mrs. Joanna Kong who does a lot of work to help and support the Alumnae.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 56th AGM

The Minutes of the 56th AGM were proposed to be adopted by Barbara Chee and seconded by Fock Yin Ling.

3 ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT 2017/2018

The Annual Report for 2017-2018, which contained a summary of the Alumnae activities in 2017-2018, was taken as read.

The Annual Report was proposed to be adopted by Sharmila Nair and seconded by Angelina Wong.

4 ADOPTION OF STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

The Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2017 was proposed to be adopted by Joy-marie Toh and seconded by Sng Jen Hwei.

5 TO APPROVE BUDGET AND EXPENSES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2018

Sim Suh Ting (SST) asked why the budget for life membership was short. Fang Lum (FL) replied that the membership numbers were just projected and this was based on an

average of the previous years. This is not an exact science so the numbers are unlikely to be an accurate projection.

Depreciation relating to the cost of the Heritage Centre will be applied over 5 years. Next year will see additional depreciation as that for the Alumnae Room will also kick in.

Cash-wise, the accounts are healthy.

SST also asked regarding the fund raising for the Heritage Centre.

Tjio Bee Ann (TBA) replied that as the final cost of the Heritage Centre came in a little lower than expected, the committee did not want to be too aggressive with fund raising. The Committee planned a third dinner but did not pursue it. There was only a projected shortfall of \$12,000, which will be taken from reserves. She also thanked all old girls and well-wishers, as well as the National Heritage Board, for aiding in this fund raising.

All proceeds from the umbrella, caps and cake sales and fun fair raised an estimated \$68,000. In total, the Alumnae Association raised \$165,000 in 2017, \$163,000 in 2016 for a total of \$328,000.00 for the Heritage Centre.

No more major fundraising is expected at this point.

The expected cost of the Founder's Day Dinner is also smaller for 2018 because 2017 was the 130th celebrations which had a tremendous response. But the cost per table has been increased as to keep the rate flat, Shangri-La asked us to guarantee 80 tables or 800 pax. As this is not our normal attendance, we had to accept a slightly increased rate.

SST also asked about the \$19,000 spent on the Alumnae Room under disbursements. FL replied that this was the Renovation costs to date and also the cost of transporting bricks, grills and other items from Mount Sophia to Blackmore Drive.

The Budget surplus was due to the intensive fund raising for the Heritage Centre for which full payment has not yet been made. The Founder's Day Dinner has been running a deficit as only about 60% of attendees pay the full rate.

The Budget and Expenses for Financial Year 2018 was proposed to be accepted by Joy-marie Toh and seconded by Sng Jen Hwei.

6 ELECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2018/2019

The following were elected at the meeting:

President	:	Tjio Bee Ann
Vice-President	:	Barbara Chee
Vice-President	:	Grace Ng (Ex-Officio)
Hon Secretary	:	Sharmila Nair
Asst Hon Secretary	:	Angelina Wong

Committee Members	:	Jean Lee
		Joy-marie Toh
		Ruth Yam
		Fang Lum

The following were appointed to serve on the Committee:

Hon Treasurer : Claire Tan
Publicity Officer : Lynn Lee
Hon Legal Advisor : Fock Yin Ling

The following were co-opted into the Committee:

Co-opted Members : Sng Jen Hwei
Melissa Fam
Olivia Ing Loh
Dawn Chik

Members of the Committee were invited to introduce themselves to the members present. Bee Ann also introduced the Chairpersons of the sub-committees :

Finance : Fang Lum
Events : Fock Yin Ling
Membership : Angelina Wong
Website : Melissa Fam / Joy-marie Toh
Retail : Ruth Yam
Special Projects : Sharmila Nair
Love MG : Lo Su Li

7 **APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR**

Thanks were extended to our auditors who have kindly agreed to be re-appointed.

Messrs. SH Ong LLP were re-appointed as Honorary Auditors.

8 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Barbara Chee informed members that an old girl had contacted her up and said she would like to make a donation or establish a book prize in the name of Miranda Yap. She is willing to make an initial donation of \$10,000.00 and to help raise more funds. We will table it for discussion so that others who knew Miranda can also donate.

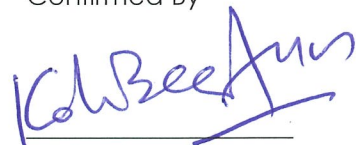
The General Meeting ended at 4.30pm with tea and fellowship in the new Alumnae Room.

Recorded By



Ms Sharmila Nair
Hon Secretary

Confirmed By



Mrs Tjio Bee Ann
President