

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting of the Methodist Girls' School Alumnae Association held at 3pm on Saturday, 13 April 2019 at the MGS Heritage Centre, Methodist Girls' School, 11 Blackmore Drive, Singapore 599986.

Present:

Barbara Chee
Muriel Chee
Fang Lum
Melissa Fam
Sng Jen Hwei
Olivia Ing Loh
Claire Tan

Sharmila Nair
Tjio Bee Ann
Corinne Sim
Ruth Yam
Ong Lee Wha
Clarice Boo
Elizabeth Tan

Angelina Wong
Lynn Lee
Ong Lian Wha
Lo Su Li
Dawn Chik
Lydia Yam
Rene Lim

The Methodist Girls' School (MGS) Alumnae Association (Alumnae) President for the 2018/2019 term of office, Tjio Bee Ann, called the meeting to order at 3.30pm with a quorum of 20 members. Lo Su Li opened the meeting with prayer.

1 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS & WELCOME

"Welcome to our 2019 AGM. Another year has flown by quickly.

As I mentioned in the Fellowship newsletter, which is still in production, the Alumnae committee took a "breather" last year after an intensive 2016 and 2017 and focused on improving the efficiency of our internal processes. Our new website is almost ready for soft launch and this will bring us into the 21st century, enabling online sign-up for memberships and payment of fees.

The site will also assist existing members to generate a membership ID online, with a photo supplied by you, so that this can be used for entry into the Sports Complex after paying the relevant fees. Bookings for Founder's Day Dinner and souvenir sales can also be transacted online.

We have also lined up contacts to an international network of old girls in various cities worldwide so that little satellite alumnaes can meet for fellowship and support. A good start has already been made in the Washington DC area under the very capable stewardship of Joy-Marie Toh.

Our thanks go to Melissa Fam and her team who worked hard on getting the new site operational. Though the site is coming onstream later than we expected, it is also capable of much more than we originally anticipated.

For this year, we are working at organizing more activities for our members and these will be targeted at those who may have more time on weekends or those who work in the CBD and would like to meet other alumnae after office hours. Do watch out for announcements on this – and volunteers to help organize more events will also be appreciated!

Other regular events to mark on your calendar - Love MG on July 12, Founder's Day Dinner on July 25, Alumnae Day (aka Past vs Present games) on Aug 17.

More numbers will be discussed later today but I would like to brief that the 2018 accounts

showed a loss and this is projected to continue for the next few years. This is mainly due to the \$76,000 depreciation charge we are taking annually for the Heritage Centre and the Alumnae room, both of which are fully paid for. Our net cash from operating activities is still healthy as most of our events are run with lean budgets.

Another achievement in the past year is that we have moved our accounts onto a web-based system, and I am very grateful to our Treasurer Claire who took on the arduous task of doing this. Sadly, Claire is unable to stay on the committee due to work commitments and I just want to record our appreciation to her for giving us her time the last few years. We look forward to her rejoining the committee when she is able to. We thank Fang too for returning as treasurer and our auditors SH Ong LLP for their continued support.

As you can see, the committee has been busy, and I would like to thank each member for committing their valuable time to get all our projects and events flowing smoothly and successfully. This is especially so for those who have extra responsibilities now in caring for their aged relatives. We continue to welcome all old girls who are looking to help out in whichever way you can.

As always, we give heartfelt appreciation to the school especially Ms Grace Ng and Mrs Corinne Sim, for the heartfelt support and also to Ms Joanna Kong, who has been efficiently managing a lot of the administration for the committee.”

Melissa Fam then took members through the website highlighting features which will be included in the website. Members discussed the accessibility of the website to non-members and concluded that the Committee will need to ensure that sensitive information about the Alumnae Association like Accounts and Constitution should be limited to an area accessed by members only. Members will login with their unique user name and password. More funds would be required for this and will need to be accounted for in the budget.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 57th AGM

- 2 The Minutes of the 57th AGM were proposed to be adopted by Barbara Chee and seconded by Melissa Fam.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT 2018/201

- 3 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 Angelina Wong and seconded by Melissa Fam.

ADOPTION OF STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

- 4 The Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2018 was proposed to be adopted by Fang Lum and seconded by Sharmila Nair

TO APPROVE BUDGET AND EXPENSES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2019

- 5 Tjio Bee Ann reiterated from her opening address that we are projected to be in deficit for the next few years because of the depreciation for Heritage Centre and Alumnae Room.

She also proposed the addition of \$5,000.00 to the budget for website development to account for the inclusion of a more comprehensive website.

The Budget and Expenses for Financial Year 2019 together with the additional \$5,000.00 for

the website were proposed to be adopted by Sharmila Nair and seconded by Angelina Wong.

6 **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AS APPENDED IN ANNEXURE 1 OF THE NOTICE OF AGM**

Sharmila Nair took us through the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

2 most significant amendments were to Section 2(2) and 10 (4).

The effect of the amendment to Section 2 (2) is to add a minimum duration for an Old Girl to be registered in the School in order to qualify for membership.

Members noted that Section 4(4) continues to provide the Committee with discretion to approve applications, which do not fall within the definitions provided in the Constitution, on a case by case basis.

The amendment to Section 10(4) clarifies that notices to members can be sent via electronic mail.

Members unanimously agreed to the amendments.

7 **ELECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2019/2020**

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
Melissa Fam

The following were appointed to serve on the Committee:

Hon Treasurer	:	Fang Lum
Publicity Officer	:	Lynn Lee
Hon Legal Advisor	:	Fock Yin Ling

The following were co-opted into the Committee:

Co-opted Members : Sng Jen Hwei
Deborah Wong
Olivia Ing Loh
Dawn Chik
Esther Mak

Members of the Committee were invited to introduce themselves to the members present.

7 **APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR**

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

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

There being no other business to discuss, the General Meeting ended at 4.45pm with tea and fellowship in the Alumnae Room.

Recorded By



Ms Angelina Wong
Assistant Honorary Secretary

Confirmed By



Mrs Tjio Bee Ann
President