

**THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE
CATHEDRAL SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION HELD ON
TUESDAY, 5TH APRIL, 2016
AT THE SENIOR SCHOOL AT 2:45 P.M.**

The First General Body Meeting of the Cathedral School Parent-Teacher Association for the year 2016 was presided over by the Chairperson Mrs. Khulood Noorani. She welcomed Mrs. M Isaacs, Mrs. N. Samuel, Headmistresses, Teachers and Parents.

The following resolutions were then passed.

The minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd February 2016, which were made available at the Bursar's office, were taken as read and confirmed.

“RESOLVED unanimously that the minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd February 2016, be and are hereby taken as read, approved and confirmed.”

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Mrs.Mala Advani

Mrs.Farzana Thakore

The resolution passed in the First Executive Committee Meeting held on 22nd March, 2016, co- opting Mr. J. Sebastian as a member of the Executive Committee was taken as confirmed.

“**RESOLVED** unanimously that, Mr. J. Sebastian, IB Coordinator of the school be and is hereby co-opted as a member of the Executive Committee of the Cathedral School Parent Teacher Association until the conclusion of the year 2016-2017”.

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Monisha Bhansali

Binita Choksi

Cyber security workshops for the children of Senior school have been planned during the year. As the workshop falls within the purview of the objectives of the Association, we wished to contribute towards a part of the workshop expenses. Accordingly, to pay a sum of Rs.50,000/- to Clone Futura who would be conducting these workshops the following resolution needed to be passed for the purpose.

“**RESOLVED** unanimously that an amount of Rs 50,000/- be given to Clone Futura as a contribution towards Cyber Security Workshop for Senior School.”

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Rangita Bhatnagar

Priya Jaikishan

The Chairperson introduced the Head Boy, Head Girl, House Captains and the Prefects.

Head Girl : Vedika Jogani

Head Boy : Tanmay Chopra

House Captains and Vice Captains :

Barham House Captains : Abdah Adam & Smayan Mehra

Vice- Captains : Rianna Desai & Vaibhav Layzawala

Palmer House Captains : Stuti Bagri & Rayan Sud

Vice-Captains : Zena Shroff & Riz Mehra

Savage House Captains : Ayushi Modi & Ishaan Singh

Vice- Captains : Malika Fernandes & Varun Jhunjhunwalla

Wilson House Captains : Laleh Pandole & Behram Kapadia

Vice-Captains : Amaya Choksi & Advait Kaushik

Prefects Girls:

Stuti Bagri, Abdah Adam, Laleh Pandole, Rhea Amin, Ayushi Modi, Malika Fernandes, Tara Arora, Devika Ashar

Prefects, Boys:

Advait Kaushik, Behram Kapadia, Rayan Sud, Smayan Mehra, Hriday Gupta, Arpit Kalla, Ishaan Singh, Abhimanyu Kapur

Mrs. Noorani congratulated them and wished them a rewarding year ahead.

The Chairperson bid farewell to 4 members of the Cathedral family.

She stated that Mr. Unwala was Administrative Assistant and his zealous contribution to the smooth routine at School had been invaluable for over 11 years.

Whenever the PTA required something he was always on hand to help, whether it was getting the Hall ready for our GBMs or for any help we required to co-ordinate our activities.

On behalf of the PTA she wished him all the best in his future endeavours.

The Chairperson mentioned that the second member who was retiring was Mr. Joshi who was with our school for 33 years. Mr. Joshi was not only the accountant, but he was in charge of the book room. He also helped the PTA with their accounts. He had to deal with new incoming members every year and guide us until we got the hang of things.

On behalf of the PTA she wished him all the best in his future endeavours.

The third member to whom Mrs. Noorani bid farewell to was our Math teacher, Mr. Gopalakrishnan. He has served as a Mathematics teacher in the Senior school for 27 years.

Mrs. Noorani related a short anecdote about Mr. Gopalakrishnan's first lesson when she was a student in std. 8.

On behalf of the Cathedral School Parent Teacher Association the Chairperson stated that we were truly grateful to him for guiding and nurturing the children with his knowledge.

The Chairperson requested our Vice Principal Mrs. Samuel to say a few words about Mr. Gopalakrishnan.

Mrs. Samuels said that Mr. Gopalakrishnan joined on 11th July 1988. He was the Housemaster for Barham House and the Head of the Math Department. He had an insight into every child and keeps in touch with his ex-students. He is known for his hospitality and got goodies from his farm in Kerala which he shared with everyone. He is always cheerful, calm and collected. He loves to talk about politics, Shashi Tharoor being his favourite. His jokes and sense of humour appeal to all. The Headboys of past years had all mentioned his witty comments in their last address.

The Chairperson then requested Mr. Gopalakrishnan to say a few words.

Mr. Gopalakrishnan thanked Mrs. Samuels and welcomed all. He mentioned it was pleasure to teach the children. He also commented on the parental support that the children from this school had. He stated that the real mission is to be with the right school, with right people and the right facility. Some will test you, some will love you, some will teach you. He expressed his sincere thanks to all the teachers who played an important role in his life. He thanked Mrs. Isaacs for giving an opportunity to his children as well. He also thanked everyone for supporting him during his tenure.

A token of appreciation was presented to Mr. Gopalakrishnan by Mrs. Farzana Thakore on behalf of the CSPTA.

The Chairperson then bid farewell to the 4th member of our family, Ms. Disawala. Ms. Disawala had been the librarian at Junior school for 24 years. Ms. Disawala was thanked for encouraging our children to read and for instilling a love of books in them.

Mrs. Ganguly was then requested to say a few words.

Mrs. Ganguly mentioned that no one was prepared for Ms. Disawala to retire. The library and she had been synonymous. Her unique ability to encourage children to read was inspiring. She also mentioned her beautiful calligraphy on all the children's certificates. She stated that Ms. Disawala was always smiling and helpful and her stories were entertaining and her memories will always be cherished.

Mrs Anahita Havaladar presented Ms. Disawala with a token of our gratitude and appreciation.

The Chairperson requested Mrs. Binita Choksi to present Mrs. Isaacs, who is the Ex-Officio President of the Cathedral School Parent Teacher Association, with a token of our appreciation, and also requested Mrs. Isaacs to address us all.

Mrs. Isaacs started by saying that it was sad to bid farewell to four members of the staff. She said that her greatest memory of Mr. Joshi is his unbelievable meticulousness. When money was needed in an emergency, he would very reluctantly give it and the very next day ask for it back. She was grateful for this trait. She stated that the Book Room was his Castle. The laborious process that one had to go through to get a book definitely left an imprint and he would be fondly remembered.

As for Mr. Unwala, Mrs. Isaacs spoke about how carefully he worked. From putting chairs in the hall, to arranging for a bouquet of flowers at the last moment, she appreciated his calm and efficient way of getting things done.

About Mr. Gopalakrishnan, Mrs. Isaacs mentioned that he had a fantastic sense of humour. She discovered his love for chocolates during a trip to Cambridge and how he always shared his variety of chocolates with everyone. She mentioned that everyone must take a trip to Cochin, as he is an extremely generous and benevolent host. She appreciated the end of term advice that he gave the children. He was an understanding father and his 2 children were a pleasure to have in the school.

Mrs. Isaacs then praised Ms. Disawala for her meticulousness. She had inculcated the love of reading in our children at a young age. The library in Junior school was a nurturing environment due to her efforts. Mrs. Isaacs also mentioned that her beautiful calligraphy was a marvel. All the certificates have her writing and the children should appreciate this fact.

She wished all four of the members of the staff well and assured them that they went with lots of wishes and blessings and hoped they would continue to be in touch. She stated that it was not a farewell but just an au revoir.

Mrs. Isaacs mentioned that after summer holidays there would be a few changes. The building for the IB was still in the pipeline. Therefore, the std. 8 children would move to Middle School and Std. 5 to Junior School from June. It would be cramped, but manageable and she hoped all the parents would co-operate with the changes. She stated that a circular would be sent about the changes shortly.

Mrs. Isaacs then thanked the previous committee and she welcomed the current team. She said that the parents who give so selflessly to the school are really like the wind beneath the wings supporting the school and its activities. Mrs. Isaacs stated that she looked forward to a wonderful year ahead.

Mrs. Noorani thanked Mrs. Deepa Chopra and the Senior section for hosting the tea. She also thanked everyone who had contributed towards making this event a success. She then asked Mrs. Rangita Bhatnagar, the Vice Chairperson, to propose a vote of thanks.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

The evening concluded with a high tea hosted by the Senior School.

Hon. Chairperson

Hon. Secretary

Mrs. Khulood Noorani

Mrs. Binita Choksi