

MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF
THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION ON
FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2019 AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 2:45pm

The Annual General Body meeting of the Cathedral School Parent Teacher Association for the year 2018-2019 was presided over by the Chairperson, Mrs Alka Samant.

She welcomed Mrs Isaacs, Dr.Parmar, Mrs. Bhattacharya, Mrs. Ganguly, Mrs. Lele, and Mrs Talpade, the teachers, the parents and the students.

Resolution 1

The Minutes of the Last General Body Meeting held on December 13, 2018 were available for inspection at the Bursar's office as well as on the PTA website.

Proposed by

Seconded By

Aditi Jain

Manisha Samat

PTA CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2018-19

A brief summary of the many activities organized by both the PTA and the School over the past academic year (2018-19) were as follows

There were 4 Executive Committee Meetings, 3 General Body Meetings and today's Annual General Meeting during the course of the year. High Teas were organized at each of our GBM's by different sections of our school.

- At **First PTA General Body Meeting** was the introduction of the Head Boy, Head Girl and the Prefect body to the parents and teachers.

- At The **Second PTA General Body Meeting** - The PTA Kuruvilla Jacob prizes for academic excellence, PTA Prizes to students securing the highest marks in both ICSE and ISC and IB examinations. Also prizes, for children getting 100% marks in 2 or more subjects, in the ICSE & ISC Exams were awarded respectively.
- The **Third PTA General Body Meeting** was a special session to converse about the challenges and joys of GROWING UP with Karan Johar. The talk was moderated by Dinesh Vazirani a parent and distinguished alumnus of the school. It was an extremely entertaining afternoon with Karan, and it was very nice of him to take time out of his busy schedule to share his stories with us.
- At the **Fourth General Body Meeting** there was the Christmas Programme with choristers from all sections - Pre- Primary to Senior School participating. Thanks to the dedicated and enthusiastic music teachers it was a fantastic show.
- For the passing away of Mr T. Thomas, the school held a memorial service in the senior school hall on the 12th of April after which the PTA organised tea and refreshments to all present on this solemn occasion.
- Mrs. Samant said that their focus this year was to organize workshops on topics and issues that are important and fun for our children.
- The first workshop was on dance which was organised for the Middle and Senior School students of grades 8-12 by the Sankhya Dance Company founded by Vaibhav Arekar. It was an outstanding performance and was appreciated by all.
- The Chairperson said that nutrition was of great concern today for our children. The PTA invited Priyanka Agarwal, a nutrition expert to address the students of grades 8, 9 and 10. Priyanka spoke on issues relating to healthy eating and the importance of a balanced diet. The workshop was well received by the children and it was very lively and interactive.

- A Fire safety workshop was held during which students learnt methods of fire extinction and first aid. It was an extremely interactive workshop and students asked many questions. After the talk there was a live demonstration in the Quad on how to use a water hose and a foam hose. The students and teachers both enjoyed using them.
- From September 11th onwards the PTA had organised several MPower workshops that aimed at educating parents on how to tackle the challenges of teenage behaviour. Dr Zirak Marker a well -known child psychologist addressed the parents of classes 5 to 12. The talk was very informative and very well received by the parents. MPower also conducted workshops for the children.
- The PTA had organized judges for all Inter- house events including Dramatics, Hindi and English Debates and Elocutions for ICSE, ISC and IB classes. We invited judges like Ira Dubey, Viveck Vaswani, Sonali Mahimtura and Zafar Karachiwala to name a few. Refreshments and snacks were organised for all the events and gifts given as a token of our appreciation.
- Mrs. Samant said September 5th Teachers' Day, the most anticipated annual event was held with great fanfare. The lunch was at the Mayfair Rooms Banquet Hall. It turned out to be a memorable event and our goal to make it a special day for all was accomplished. It was an afternoon of fun where teachers were letting their hair down enjoying the Spa massages, playing games and dancing.
- The PTA also arranged cakes and gifts for the teachers of 5 NGOs. Chocolates were also sent for children of some of the organisations on their request.
- On the occasion of **Founder's Day** the PTA presented offertory flowers on behalf of all the parents of the school. It was a lovely event as always.
- The School play this year, the Phantom of the Opera was a huge success. The very professional and extravagant show had an

overwhelming response and was much appreciated by all. Parents helped with make up, costumes and the PTA helped with the raising of funds for the event.

- The PTA along with some very creative and enthusiastic CR's, had decorated the senior school for the Christmas festivities. The Winter Wonderland theme with snowflakes and reindeers was beautifully executed whilst getting everyone into the festive spirit
- The Funfair was great fun for the children and a huge success this year. The theme was Winter Wonderland and the school was decorated in blue and white to give the feel of winter and Christmas. Santa visiting with a bag full of goodies for the children was another highlight. There were game stalls, a photo booth, DJ, various food stalls like pizza, curly fries, popcorn and dimsum to name a few. 50 students from various NGO's visited our funfair and they went back smiling with a bag full of merchandise and useful stationery. The PTA also sent bed sheets and sarees to an old age home.
- The PTA had worked very closely with Sameer Mehta of Uniform Solutions to help improve the quality of school uniforms. Mrs. Samant said that from the next academic year Uniform Solutions would make customized tunics for the girls. The new fabric for the pinafores had a softer texture, less polyester content thereby reducing odour. Also they were introducing socks, which would be made out of bamboo fiber. The boy's uniform fabric too had been improved.
- The Hot Lunch Service with Deep Sands continued with a few changes in the menus to improve the quality of the food. She thanked Mr Rahul Velkar of Deep Sands and his team for their support and help throughout the year. She also thanked the diligent lunch committee mothers who went regularly to taste and supervise the lunch service. New uniforms for the lunch staff had also been provided.
- Mrs. Samant thanked the members of the bus committee. Khyati Desai, Gauri Nagpal, Leena Sabarwal, Poorna Patel and last but not least our rock star Mr. Rodrick's!!

- Breakfast and lunch was organised by the PTA for 120 students who participated in the Psychology- Sociology Seminar, which took place on the 24th of November. The refreshments for the guests were also well appreciated and Mr John, one of the guests complimented saying it was the best hospitality he has experienced so far by any school.
- As a farewell gift from the PTA two portable wheelchairs were donated. These would be very helpful to safely and painlessly get injured children up the school stairs to their classrooms. Some of the other gifts that have been given are digital clocks for the exam halls, air purifier, money counting machine and a projector.
- The Chairperson said that would not be able to accomplish anything without the daily support and competence of the best **Administrative Office** in the city.
- Mrs. Gehna Malkani, Ms. Madhavi Nanavati, Mr. Nelson Salins, Mr. Victor Rodricks, Mrs. Kusum Nair, Mr. Shreyan and Ms. Rekha Sundaresan... would put any corporate office to shame with their efficiency. She said it was a pleasure to work with all of them.
- Mrs. Samant thanked the lovely and super-efficient ladies Sandra, Jolene, Viola, Jackie, Aasawari & Asha.
- She thanked Singhji, Arvind and the Security teams in all schools who were always alert and efficient; peons of all sections who were always ready to help, and the cleaning staff.
- She thanked Mrs. Isaacs for giving her the opportunity to take on this post. She said although she was apprehensive in the beginning as the year went by she realised that she has learnt a lot She said she would always cherish the experiences and the memories. Mrs. Samant thanked Mrs. Isaacs for believing in her, listening so patiently and guiding her throughout this year.

- On behalf of the PTA, I requested the Secretary Mrs. Manisha Samat to present a small tokens of our appreciation
- The Chairperson thanked Dr.Parmar for always responding with patience and promptness to the innumerable queries of the parents.She appreciated how Dr. Parmar calmly dealt with the teenagers and their growing up problems with a smile on your face. She thanked Dr. Parmar for her warmth and said it was wonderful working this past year, a breath of fresh air! It has been so easy to work with you.
- She said it was a pleasure working with Mrs. Bhattacharya. Working with her for the School Play was a learning experience. She thanked Mrs. Bhattacharya for her infinite capacity to introduce the children to something unique.
- Mrs. Alka Samant said she appreciated Mrs. Ganguly's understanding and patience. She thanked her for inculcating the right values in the children from a young age.
- The Chairperson thanked Mrs Lele for all her advice and inputs throughout the year. She thanked you Mrs. Lele for making learning fun.
- Mrs. Samant thanked Mrs Talpade –for inviting the PTA to the delightful projects and concerts at the pre-primary school. She thanked Mrs. Talpade for taking care of the children on their first steps into their academic life.
- Mrs. Samant thanked Mrs. Balaji and Mrs. Mukhi for guiding the PTA throughout the year.
- She thanked the Teacher members, Mrs. Cebone Martins and Mr. Pal and all the teachers of the school; for always being there to encourage us and support all PTA activities.

□ The Chairperson said that the smooth running of this year would have not been possible without the extremely efficient and wonderful **Head Room Reps** along with their team of Class Reps; she expressed her gratitude to

□ Neha Lodha for her spirit and creativity.

Anisha Rakshit for her efficiency and help throughout the year.

Ameeta Bakshi for her enthusiasm and help throughout the year.

Tulsi Gupta for making us laugh and doing such a fab job of the school play

Priya Shivdasani for all her help and support throughout the year. She thanked her for putting up with all the madness.

The Parent **Members**,

Who she said were silent and behind the scene workers

Anahita Uberoi for her help with all those judges.

Basanti Didwania

Gouri Malhotra –

Shazia Andhyarujina–

Perin Dubhash

Nirali Sanghi

She thanked them for always being there and participating readily during the school year.

She thanked Anuli Benjamin, Shona Jain, and Shagun Gogia. For all their help and support this year and wished them all the best for the coming year.

□ Mrs. Samant said thanked Mrs. Manisha Samat and Mrs. Aditi Jain who she said were her partners and confidantes, her sounding boards who always heard me out and stood by me through thick and thin. She said it was amazing working with them.

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□ The Chairperson then bid a fond farewell to some of the teachers from our school.

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Mrs. Moitra Mrs. Moitra, joined the Pre-Primary as a KG Class Teacher, in 2004, as a member of Mrs. Mazumdar's team.

Mrs. Moitra has been synonymous with the Moonbeam KG ever since, till date. A hopeless romantic at heart, overflowing with love for her babies, Mrs. Moitra's passion to literally "dig out" the reader in every child who has spent the KG year with her, through the past fifteen years is apparent. A lover of free art she has taught her children to express themselves, their thoughts and emotions through drawing and painting. Mrs. Samant wished her very best in the next chapter of her life.

Mrs. Prasad

The Chairperson said was a gentle and kind lady has always been a hands - on teacher. Mrs. Prasad was fun loving and enjoyed and shared many of her jokes with her colleagues.

Mrs. Alka Mulay

Mrs. Samant said Mrs. Mulay had always made Marathi a happy and fun language to learn. She used traditional methods as well as new modalities to teach primary children.

Mrs. Samant said that they would be missed greatly and thanked them for their service to the school. She then requested Mrs. Isaacs to say a few words and to give away the PTA prizes.....

□ **Mrs. Isaacs Remarks:**

□ Mrs. Isaacs congratulated all the prize winners and appreciated that the children had sat so silently through all the speeches.

- She said that it was a wonderful power point presentation by Alka for all that the PTA had done through out the year. She said that the year really was fabulous and fantastic with a great camaraderie in the PTA. She said that all the occasions had a touch of Alka's design talent to it making it extra joyous. Mrs. Isaacs said the ECM at Alibaug was one of the various such events during the year, which was held so differently. She said that Alka and her lovely ladies had added a spark to the school this year.
- She thanked the outgoing committee and Welcomed Anuli and the new committee.
- She then gave away the prizes -
- **PTA PRIZES FOR JUNIOR AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS**
- Mrs. Alka Samant thanked Mrs. Isaacs and congratulated the children.
- On behalf of the PTA the Chairperson thanked **Mrs. Tulsi. Gupta and her team of Class Reps** for hosting a wonderful tea.
- Mrs. Samant welcomed the incoming committee with a small **token**...Chairperson...Mrs. Anuli Benjamin, Secretary...Mrs. Shona Jain, and Treasurer... Mrs. Shagun Gogia .
- The Chairperson then requested Mrs. Anuli Benjamin to introduce **her team** and say a few words
- Mrs. Benjamin greeted all the headmistresses and introduced the new team
- Vice Chairperson: Suhagi Deorah
- Hon. Secretary: Mrs Shona Jain
- Hon. Asst. Secretary: Mrs. Priya Shivdasani
- Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. Shagun Gogia
- Hon. Asst. Treasurer: Mrs. Ritika Chawla
- **Parent Members:**
- Mrs. Sunaina Murty

- Mrs. Arpita Gupta
- Mrs. Nimisha Rau
- Mrs. Ritu Jaggia
- Mrs. Sharmeen Siddique
- Our **Head Room Representatives** are :
- Senior School: Mrs. Jhanvi Menda
- Middle School: Mrs. Mala Advani
- Junior School: Mrs Nikhat Hadwani
- Infant School: Mrs. Nivangi Davda
- Pre-Primary: Mrs Khushboo Bhasme
- Teacher Members** :
- Senior School - Mrs Sudarshana Shukla
- Junior School- Mrs Kanchan Nigudkar

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- She said as a member of the Parent Teacher Executive Committee they would work in the best interest of the children, teachers, parents and the School.
- She congratulated the prize winners and thanked everyon for being there. Ms. Benjamin said that she looked forward to 2019 being another successful year for our school and new PTA team.

There being no other business, the meeting was concluded.

Hon. Chairperson

Hon. Secretary

Mrs. Alka Samant

Mrs. Manisha Samat