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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE OLD COLUMBAN'S ASSOCIATION HELD ON SUNDAY 23RD APRIL 2023 AT 10.30 AM, AT ST. COLUMBA'S SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Patron:

Principal
St. Columba's School
Bro. Robert Fernandes

Quorum as per Bye-Laws: 50 MEMBERS

Members Present: 47, quorum achieved at 11.30 am

Chairperson of the Meeting: The President, Parvinder Singh Kohli

Guest of Honour and Patron: The Principal, Bro Robert Fernandes

President:

Parvinder Singh Kohli

The agenda for the meeting as per notice given on 9th March 2023:

- To elect the Office Bearers and Executive Committee for the ensuing term of 2023-2025
- Presentation of accounts for the Financial Year 2022-23.
- Appointment of auditor(s) and fixing their remuneration for the financial year 2023-24.
- Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

Secretary:

Amit Bansal

Treasurer:

Kunwar Pranav Pratap Uppal

Proceedings of the AGM:

- The Secretary requested the members present to waive reading of the MOM for the AGM held on 18th September 2022 which was circulated earlier. This was approved, with a motion put forth by Mr. Gaurav Malhotra (1994) and seconded by Mr. Varun Agarwal (1972).
- The Principal, Brother. Robert Fernandes, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the crucial role of the alumni association (OCA) in strengthening alumni connections worldwide. He highlighted how the consolidation of the alumni database has facilitated a global reach, allowing the association to connect with alumni across various regions. Brother Fernandes expressed his appreciation for the tremendous work accomplished by the OCA over the last two years. He thanked the President and his team for their dedication and effort, which have contributed significantly to the smooth functioning of the OCA and the outreach initiatives undertaken. He noted that these efforts have laid a solid foundation for future activities. Additionally, he lauded the OCA's commendable efforts in assisting Mrs. Rebello and the establishment of the Teachers Benevolent Fund, which reflects the association's commitment to

EC Members:

Aditya Mohan Chug
Ajay Singh
Anil Gambhir
Deep Kalra
Rajan Malhotra
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Nominated Members:

Bennet Aloysius Pinto
Yogesh Sachdeva

Imm. Past President:

Arun Khanna

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supporting its esteemed educators. Looking ahead, Mr. Fernandes encouraged the incoming Executive Committee, led by Santosh Kalyani, to continue this momentum and strive for similar, if not improved, outcomes in their tenure. In closing, Brother Fernandes announced the names of the 12 Executive Committee members for the fiscal years 2023-2025, all of whom were elected unopposed due to the absence of additional nominations that would have necessitated an election.

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Office Bearers	Name	Batch
President	Santosh V Kalyani	1990
Secretary	Anurag Aggarwal	2002
Treasurer	Kunwar Pranav Pratap Uppal	1989
Committee Members	Varun Aggarwal	1972
	Kaustubh Prasad	1998
	Amit Sadh	2002
	Harbinder Singh Narula	1991
	Monce Abraham	2003
	Dr Vishal Pandit	1990
	Rachit Singhal	2010
	Rahul Grover	1991
	Karan Thakur	2007

3. The treasurer successfully presented the accounts for the financial year 2022-2023. The floor was opened for questions since the accounts had been circulated prior to the AGM. Mr. Atul Anand (1982) proposed that all small recoverables deemed non-recoverable and significantly overdue, according to the committee's judgment, should be written off. The treasurer acknowledged this suggestion. The accounts were then approved, with a motion put forth by Mr. Kaustub Prasad (1998) and seconded by Mr. Karan Thakur (2007).

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4. Appointment of Auditor(s): M/s V. N. Mehta were reappointed auditors for the year 2023-24 at the current remuneration. This was approved, with a motion put forth by Koldie Ghai (1972) and seconded by Mr. Vishwaroop Bhattacharya (1992).

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Any other matter:

- The floor was given to Mr. Atul Anand and Mr. Gaurav Malhotra who represented the Old Columbans Trust and informed the members of the initiative of the OCT.
- The President commenced his address by expressing gratitude to Brother Robert Fernandes for his invaluable support and cooperation. He acknowledged Brother Robert's significant role in providing the alumni with a new home and extended heartfelt thanks for his contributions to the alumni community. He also took the opportunity to thank his dedicated team for their hard work and commitment throughout his tenure. The President wished the incoming team the best of luck, expressing confidence in their ability to continue the legacy of the association. In reflecting on his tenure, which spanned two years, he noted that the first year was largely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, resulting in an effective tenure of just over one year. During this time, he expressed his deep pride in being an alumnus of the school and shared how meaningful it was for him and his team to contribute positively to the institution that helped shape their futures. This experience of giving back brought both him and his team great fulfilment and satisfaction. To highlight the achievements of his team during this period, a video presentation was prepared for the attendees, allowing everyone to reflect on their shared journey and the milestones reached.

Total Funds Raised: 61 lacs

- Annual Sundowner Sponsorship = Rs. 17.50 lacs
- Teachers Benevolent Fund = Rs. 15 lacs
- Membership Fund = Rs. 12 lacs plus
- Souvenir Sales = Rs. 5 lacs
- Scholarships = Rs. 5 lacs
- OCA Administration = Rs. 5 lacs

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- How these funds were used:
- Extravagant Annual Sundowner
 - OCA Theatre initiative – Patte Khul Gaye
 - Brand New OCA Contemporary Secretariat
 - Complete revamp of OCA web site
 - OCA Souvenir stocks

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Teacher's Benevolent Fund:

- This benevolent fund was set up for teachers who might require financial assistance.
- Ensure a safe haven and quality life for Mrs. Kamlesh Rebello by providing comprehensive emotional, physical, and material support to ensure her well-being. Her healthcare needs, including a major surgery, as well as her legal expenses arising from multiple court cases, have been fully covered by the generous contributions of former Columbans. Not a single penny was drawn from the Benevolent Fund for these expenses.

Events:

- The Annual OCA Sundowner at the Qutub Golf Club – December 2022 witnessed a record attendance of over 700 ex-Columbans and Teachers
- For the first time ever, the entire sale of donor passes was conducted online and made entirely cashless.
- Theatre: Patte Khul Gaye – a first of its kind initiative – A comedy Play at Kamani Auditorium – April 2023

The Brand New OCA Secretariat:

- Conceptualized, funded, and executed the establishment of a brand-new OCA Secretariat at the Edmund Rice Hall, SCS. This is a must-visit destination for all Ex-Columbans.

The New OCA Web Site:

- Revamped the old OCA website and made it user-friendly. Membership process made 100% paper-less and cash-less

The Membership Drive:

- New Members Added: 625 – a record.

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OCA across the Globe:

- The OCA has achieved unprecedented global reach, with over 9,000 followers on social media, as well as an in-principle approval for the establishment of it's first-ever chapter outside India, in Toronto, Canada.


Financial Strength of OCA at the time of handover:

Rs. 78.50 lacs

- Bank FDs : 63.50 lacs
- Bank Balance : Rs. 4 lacs
- Souvenir Stock (MRP) – Rs. 11 lacs

The Secretary formally handed over the keys to the new OCA center, along with the relevant documents, to the incoming President, Mr. Santosh Kalyani and his team.

The Meeting was adjourned by the Secretary, who thanked the members for their attendance and invited them to the canteen for refreshments.


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