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REPORT ON THE MONTFORT ALUMNI'S 40th AGM HELD ON 25th Apr 2015 (SATURDAY) AT THE MONTFORT SECONDARY SCHOOL HUMANITIES ROOM AT 1.00 PM

Present:

S/N	Name	Position
	Executive Committee 2014/2015	
1	Dennis Ho	President
2	Bernard Yeo	Hon. Secretary
3	Clement Chia	Hon. Treasurer
4	Patrick Khoo	Asst. Secretary
5	Alex Lim	Asst. Treasurer
6	James Cher	Hon. Auditor1
7	William Gay	Hon. Auditor 2
8	Darius Foo	Committee Member
9	Benedict Tay	Committee Member
10	Agnes Mah	Committee Member

11	Chua Cher Choon	Advisor
	Honorary Members	
1	Wilbur Wong	Principal, Montfort Junior School
2	Mark Minjoot	Principal, Montfort Secondary School
	Ordinary Members	Please see attached list

Absent with Apologies:

S/N	Name	Position
1	Lee How Wang	Vice President
2	Weng Li Hong	Committee Member
3	Richard Eng	Committee Member
4	Marc Gan	Committee Member

After being advised by the Honorary Secretary that a quorum has been reached, the President called the meeting to order at 1.15pm.

S/N	ITEMS	ACTIONS
1	<p data-bbox="240 306 1256 422"><u>Adoption of the 39th AGM Report of the Montfort Alumni held on Saturday 26th Apr 2014 AT THE MONTFORT SECONDARY SCHOOL HUMANITIES ROOM at 1.30 pm</u></p> <p data-bbox="164 464 1252 533">1.1 The President (Dennis Ho) welcomed all members, as well as guests attending the AGM.</p> <p data-bbox="164 575 1279 644">1.2 Dennis invited all present to go through the minutes before adoption of the 39th AGM minutes.</p> <p data-bbox="164 686 1227 806">1.3 Patrick Khoo proposed and Benedict Tay seconded the adoption of the AGM minutes with the following amendments:</p> <ul data-bbox="289 772 1146 806" style="list-style-type: none"> • [Para. 30.2] – “footballers” to be replaced by “softball players” 	
2	<p data-bbox="240 856 488 890"><u>President’s Report</u></p> <p data-bbox="164 932 1284 1001">2.1 Dennis expressed his appreciation to the Exco members for the 2014/2015 term for their commitment to the Alumni.</p> <p data-bbox="164 1043 1284 1163">2.2 He would also like to thank those members who were not seeking re-election. He added that the Alumni would welcome them back should they wish to rejoin and help with Montfort’s Centenary Celebration in 2016.</p> <p data-bbox="164 1205 1284 1430">2.3 Dennis also expressed his thanks to the newly-appointed principals of MJS and MSS (Wilbur Wong and Mark Minjoot respectively), their predecessors at MJS and MSS (Genevieve Chye and Andrew Tan respectively), as well as Chua Cher Choon (Adviser to the Alumni) for their strong support to the Alumni. He added that it is important for the Alumni to work with them for the benefit of the Montfort family.</p> <p data-bbox="164 1472 1284 1703">2.4 The main MA’s activity of the last term was the MJS Charity Golf event on 30 May 2014. This event was held to support MJS in its PERI project. The committee was chaired by James Cher with Patrick Khoo as the tournament director. 53 flights were secured and \$270,000 was raised through this event. The ex-MJS principal (Genevieve Chye) said that sufficient funds have been raised for the PERI project.</p> <p data-bbox="164 1745 1284 1894">2.5 The revamped MA website (http://www.montfortians.org/) would be launched at the MA dinner on 25 Apr 2015 (i.e. after this AGM). Dennis updated that most school annuals have been digitised. He appealed for patience for the remaining sets to be digitised. He thanked both MJS and MSS for providing their</p>	

	<p>logistical support for this project. The website now allows admins to update and upload contents easily.</p> <p>2.6 The Youth Wing (YW) of the Alumni has been launched and is headed by Quek Chiow Lin, with the guidance of Alex Lim. The YW aims to target the recent Montfort graduates to connect with the Alumni and assist in its activities.</p> <p>2.7 A sub-committee of younger members organised the annual Alumni dinner last year, as well as the one this year (held after this AGM). With their support, the dinner this year has increased to 56 tables (as compared to 44 last year).</p> <p>2.8 As of this AGM, the membership of the Alumni numbered 1200 and there were 571 members in the Facebook group.</p> <p>2.9 The Alumni would participate actively in support of Montfort's Centenary Celebrations with events taking place throughout 2016. The celebration committee is headed by the Chairman of SMS and our Adviser, Chua Cher Choon. The committee has already started planning for the celebrations.</p>	
3	<u>Statement of Accounts</u>	
3.1	The Honorary Treasurer (Clement Chia) expressed his thanks to Mark Tay (who is also a SMC member) and his accountant friend (Khiaw Hui) for their assistance with our 2014 financial report.	
3.2	<p>Clement went through the accounts for the year ending 31 Dec 2014. The summary is as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With respect to the income statement, the deficit was (\$89) against the surplus of 2013 (\$730). This is due to the high expenditure incurred for the MA dinner and the revamping of the website. (This is due to an extraordinary spend of \$3500 on the website revamp.) • MA funds totalled \$41,575, classified into unrestricted funds (\$20,243) and restricted funds (\$21,332) in line with regulatory guidelines for charities/societies. • The fixed deposit account stood at \$30,098. [Afternote: It was agreed that upon the maturity of this account, the Alumni will sign up for a new fixed deposit account.] 	
3.3	Chua Cher Choon proposed and Alex Lim seconded the adoption of the financial statements.	

<p>4</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p> <p>4.4</p> <p>4.5</p> <p>4.6</p>	<p><u>Report by MJS</u></p> <p>MJS principal, Wilbur Wong, updated that the funds for the PERI project have been fully raised. He thanked the Alumni for its fundraising efforts.</p> <p>MJS would also be seeking SMC’s approval to build a chapel. Should SMC approve, funds would be required to be raised for this project. In the meantime, MJS has been sourcing for quotations.</p> <p>In the event that MJS proceeds with the construction of the chapel, MJS would not be able to host any centenary celebrations event. All such events would then have to be hosted by MSS.</p> <p>Wilbur added that the enrolment for Primary 1 has gone down this year with only 4 classes (about 120 students). He said that it is important to beef up the enrolment. This is because a prolonged dip would have an impact into the funding budget, which would in turn affect the continuation of some CCAs or programs. It was hoped that the Alumni could help to encourage the alumni’s members to send their school-going sons to MJS.</p> <p>Further to S/N 4.4, MJS would be embarking on outreach (e.g. tours by kindergartens). The aim is to allow the public to see MJS’s “Values in Action” by seeing the boys serving the community and witnessing for themselves that the boys are articulate and confident.</p> <p>Wilbur also thanked the Alumni for providing funding to the Lego Room. It costs \$800 annually to run the facility, as well as purchase prizes for competitions. MJS is exploring using Lego in the classrooms, as it is a good potential to drive creativity, as well as to teach maths and robotics concepts. A 3-min video was played on how the boys utilise the Lego Room for play and competitions. On behalf of MJS and PSG, Wilbur presented a plaque to Dennis, who received it on behalf of the Alumni.</p>	
<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p>	<p><u>Update by MSS</u></p> <p>MSS principal, Mark Minjoot, said that a staff retreat would be held in Jun 2015 to strategise MSS’s long-term plans. MSS strives to be a boys’ school by conviction, i.e. MSS recognises that boys learn differently and the school is well-equipped of providing a robust education for boys.</p> <p>Mark is interested for MSS to develop programs to allow the boys to unleash their creativity potential. To do this, curriculum would be refreshed to incorporate computer science and robotics. He added that this would serve the students’ needs, as the future economy will rely on creativity skills.</p>	

<p>5.3</p> <p>5.4</p> <p>5.5</p> <p>5.6</p>	<p>To address the public perception that discipline is poor, MSS would beef up the students' leadership by reframing their mental model. Mark believes that discipline is the foundation and in his tenure so far, discipline has improved with a drop in late-coming and defiance cases. Posters with customised positive slogans would be displayed to instil the Montfortian values.</p> <p>MSS has allocated a budget of \$40,000 for staff development. Teachers would be trained on coaching skills such as management of different behaviour traits.</p> <p>Outdoor activities would also be conducted to promote team spirit among boys. By end-2015, more facilities would be provided to achieve this, e.g. setting up of a table-tennis area, basketball hoops, converting empty spaces into futsal courts and provision of bicycles.</p> <p>Mark added that \$170,000 has been budgeted for landscaping works to make the MSS environment more vibrant. Ang Chee Kok expressed his appreciation of MSS's effort, as creating such an environment is socially responsible and it would also promote interactions among the Montfort family. Mark added that \$50,000 from this budget has been catered for improving staff facilities. MSS would also consider improvement works for the MA room located in MSS.</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p> <p>6.5</p>	<p><u>Constitutional rule amendment</u></p> <p>Under Clause 4.1 of the Constitution, the current minimum qualifying age of a "student member" is 16. As part of the agenda, it was proposed to lower the qualifying age to 12.</p> <p>Dennis explained that the rationale is to allow the Youth Wing to connect the MJS graduates who do not join MSS and allow them be join as "student members".</p> <p>The former Honorary Secretary (Clement Chia) advised that ROS has no objection in principle to the rule change, as long no fee is imposed on the members.</p> <p>James Cher proposed and Bernard Yeo seconded the adoption of the amendment of the rule in Clause 4.1. For the record, there was unanimous approval.</p> <p>Chua Cher Choon credited Wilbur for initiating this rule change. Dennis suggested that MJS could refer the recent graduates to MA, so that the Youth Wing could get in touch with them. With this rule change, Wilbur hoped that MJS student leaders who joined other secondary schools would return to assist in MJS activities.</p>	

7	<u>Nominations and Election of the 2015/2016 Executive Committee</u>	
7.1	Please refer to <u>Annex A</u> for the nominations and the election of the officer bearers for the 2015/2016 Montfort Alumni Executive Committee.	
8	<u>AOB</u>	
8.1	Cher Choon proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee and welcomed the new committee.	

Recorded by:

Bernard Yeo

Hon Secretary

Ex-Co 2014/15 Montfort Alumni

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ANNEX A

Names of Nominees of Executive Committee Elected on 25 Apr 2015

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder	Proposed Nomination Closed
President	Dennis Ho	Chua Cher Choon	James Cher	Clement Chia
Vice President	Patrick Khoo	Bernard Yeo	James Cher	Dennis Ho
Hon. Secretary	Bernard Yeo	Clement Chia	Alex Lim	Patrick Khoo
Hon. Treasurer	Clement Chia	James Cher	Ang Chee Kok	Agnes Mah
Asst. Secretary	Seah Kok Woei	James Cher	Clement Chia	Alex Lim
Asst. Treasurer	Alex Lim	Bernard Yeo	Patrick Khoo	Wu Runxiang
Hon. Auditor 1	James Cher	Dennis Ho	Goh Frederick Louis	Alex Lim
Hon. Auditor 2	Agnes Mah	Dennis Ho	James Cher	Alex Lim
Committee Members	Marc Gan	Dennis Ho	Agnes Mah	Patrick Khoo
	Wu Runxiang			
	Andrew Tan			
	Benedict Tay			
	Richard Eng			
	William Gay			
	Lee How Wang			