

## **General Body Meeting of the PTA held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

The Parent Teacher Association of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, held its General Body meeting in the Academic year 2021-22, on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022, from 2.30 p.m. onwards, in the online mode through Microsoft Teams.

The Agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Prayer
2. Welcome
3. Update of Infrastructure Projects in College
4. Presentation of Accounts
5. Nomination of PTA Executive Committee members
6. PTA Fee Increase
7. AOB

### **Welcome**

The Chairperson, Ms. Yvette Pais welcomed the Parents and Teachers to the General Body Meeting of St. Xavier's College Parent Teacher Association and started the meeting. The Principal, Prof. Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas was present for the meeting via Teams.

### **Prayer**

Fr. Roman Rodrigues said the prayer imploring God's blessings on the gathering.

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were read by the Secretary, Dr. Maria Claudette Gomes. The passing of the minutes was proposed by Ms. Prajoti Chimulkar and seconded by Ms. Dakshata Zambulkar. The minutes were, thus, adopted by the House.

### **Matters Arising Therefrom**

The Chairperson, then, invited comments, if any, from the members under, Matters arising therefrom. There were no discussions or amendments.

### **Update of Infrastructure Projects in College**

The Administrator, Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema presented an update of the various Infrastructure projects on-going in the College. He informed of the ducts for the lifts being ready in, both, the Library Block and the Science Block. The installation of the lift was to be done. The infrastructure revamp in the Library Block had come to around 48 lakh rupees, with 11 lakhs being spent on the covering of the roof with Tata sheets. The lift in the Science Block was to be installed with the help of funds from the Crescendo Music School. Rev. Fr. Salema thanked Fr. Ramiro, the Head of the Music School and all his close collaborators for the assistance rendered to the College. The other plans on the anvil were facilities for the differently abled, especially toilets for the same.

Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema also put forth his vision for a new block, one that could make space for the ever-increasing student community of St. Xavier's College. He expressed his wish for assistance from the parents to fulfil this plan, which would facilitate the dreams of many more students in the future.

Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema informed the gathering of the upcoming 60 years celebration of the inception of the College. He envisioned the new block as a commemorative activity to mark this milestone. He expressed his gratitude for the ways and means of support provided by the PTA in various capacities, especially, fund collection, and stated that he is always in the know that the dreams and aspirations of the College will get the desired support and encouragement.

### **Presentation of Accounts**

The accounts for the year were presented by Ms. Difa Fernandes.

The accounts were proposed and seconded by Ms. Eweny Fernandes and Mr. Mahesh Nair, respectively.

### **Nomination of PTA Executive Committee members**

The Chairperson, Ms. Yvette Pais, requested for parents of the First-Year students of the College to express interest to be members of the PTA Executive Body. Mr. Clive Sequeira, parent of Ms. Desiree Sequeira (FYBA) expressed his interest. As no other member from the FYBA came forward, he was accepted as a member of the PTA Executive Body.

It was decided that Parent members from the FYBCom and FYBSc would be inducted at a later date.

### **PTA Fee Increase**

The Chairperson, Ms. Yvette Pais, put forth a proposal to increase the PTA fees to Rs. 2000/- from the new academic year 2022-23. She informed the gathering that the increase was necessitated by the various infrastructure projects, both on-going and on the anvil. She further explained how the updated infrastructure would facilitate the educational experience of the students and firmly explained the need for cooperation from the gathering.

A resolution to increase the PTA fees to Rs. 2000/- from the academic year 2022-23, was presented by the Chairperson, Ms. Yvette Pais. The resolution was proposed by the parent of Ms. Associana Joanita Colaco and seconded by the parent of Ms. Sarita Coelho. The resolution for the PTA fee increase to Rs. 2000/- from the academic year 2022-23 was, thus, adopted by the House.

### **AOB**

1. A parent informed that practical exams were ongoing till the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2022. As such, how could students start preparing for their oncoming SEE exams.

Dr. Santana Fernandes, COE, informed that parent that the last instructional day was the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2022. Therefore, any teaching or practicals, till then, is allowed.

2. A parent wished to know the reason for no gap between papers for the SEE June 2022 examination for FY and SY students.

Dr. Santana Fernandes, COE, informed the parents that the academic calendar of the new year had been reset which has shortened the time available for The post-exam activities. Dates have been given by the University for the declaration of Results, which, keeping in mind the number of papers and combinations offered by the College, make the current arrangement the best possible one.

3. A parent wanted to know why the College cannot have a gap between two exams, like the other Colleges do.

Dr. Santana informed the gathering that our College offers many more papers, and varied combinations. As the other Colleges do not offer as many papers, they are able to finish their exams in fewer number of days. This is not the case with our College.

**Vote of Thanks**

The Vote of thanks was delivered by Rev Fr. Antonio Salema. He voiced his appreciation of all the members, online and offline, and thanked all for joining the meet. He expressed his regret for all the technical glitches and ensuing interruptions. Conveying his gratitude for all the good work done by the PTA for the College, Fr. Salema hoped for the same support in the new academic year 2022-23.

The meeting was called to a close by the President, Ms. Yvette Pais, at 5.00 p.m.

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**Secretary**  
**(Dr. Maria Claudette Gomes)**

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**Chairperson**  
**(Ms. Yvette Pais)**

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**President**  
**(Prof. Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas)**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_