

# Manchester Malayalee Association



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**Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 – 3:30 PM to 5:00PM at MMA Office, Gorton Mount Primary School, Mount Road, Manchester M18 7GR.**

**Attendees:** Janesh Nair, Shajimon KD, Anish Kurien, Jixy Sanjeev, Bindu Kurien, Saju Kavunga, Reena Wilson, Polson Thottapilly, Jinto Joseph, George Mathew.

**Apologies:** Shaju Antony (Absent), Hans Joseph, Harish Nair

## **1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November**

It was mentioned that under point 7 the minutes does not include the amount of rent agreed with the School for the rooms. The Secretary clarified that as all minutes are uploaded to the website, the amount was deliberately not included so as people outside the association are not aware of the actual amount. It was decided that the minutes be re-circulated to the committee members with the amount included in it and a redacted version of the minutes with the amount removed to be uploaded to the website. **Action – Anish Kurien**

Other than the above change, the minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

## **2. Matters arising from the minutes**

1. It was confirmed that Harish has paid Bency £100 and Shajimon KD £30 towards the preparation for the Senior Dance groups as agreed at the 9<sup>th</sup> Executive committee.
2. It was confirmed that St: Mary's church has now been booked for the Christmas celebration as St: Joseph's church was not available in the evenings.
3. All other actions from last meeting were confirmed as completed.

## **3. Office and Sponsorship**

Chair expressed his happiness in securing the new premises for MMA which has more rooms and hence more space and also less expensive per hour than the other places MMA has been renting. Chair announced that the School has made available another room for MMA to use as an office for an additional rent of £5 per week and he has contacted Mr Mathew Ealoor of Ealoor Education Consultancy who has agreed to pay £250 towards the first year's rent of MMA's Office. The committee expressed their gratitude to Mr Mathew Ealoor and have agreed to put a notice within the office mentioning the sponsorship. **Action – Anish Kurien**

## **4. Library**

Chair suggested that now that we have an office, we could start a Malayalam library and announced that we have already got offer of sponsorship towards this including Rs 10,000 from Mr Wilson Mathew of Intersight Travels. He requested the members to collect Malayalam and English books from people they know and also to ask for sponsorship from people who are willing to do so. **Action - All**



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## 5. Christmas and New Year Programme

1. The Christmas programme was discussed and the following schedule has been approved.
  - Nativity Play
  - Carol Song
  - Dinner
  - Music with DJ
  - Dance by MMA School Students
2. It was decided to buy a new Christmas papa costume and Manoj suggested a shop which sells this costume for approximately £35 – **Action – Shajimon KD**
3. It was decided that the food will be Pulav Rice, Nan and Curry and the starter will be Chillie Chicken with Fruit salad as dessert.
4. Entrance fees – The following entrance fees was confirmed;
  - Family ticket - £20
  - Single ticket - £10
  - Year 1 to Year 5 students - £5 (along with a single ticket)
  - Year 5 and above - £10
  - Below year 1 - Free

## 6. GB Date and Proposals

1. It was decided to arrange the Annual General Body meeting and elections for the new committee on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January at 3 PM at the Gorton Mount Primary Academy School.  
**Action – Secretary to inform all the members by Whatsapp and email**
2. It was agreed to put a proposal to the general body to increase the annual subscription from £10 which was decided 14 years ago to £20 and to offer the food for children's day and sports day free of charge included in the subscription. **Action – Secretary to add to the GB agenda**

## 7. Membership Approval

It was decided to approve the new membership application of the following members

- Bindu PK
- Jomon Luckose
- Suresh Kumar
- Joshy Luckose and
- Jishore Thuruthel John

## 8. Any other business

- I. The concerns Jixy raised in the Executive Committee Whatsapp group about the lack of support for Jixy's appeal to the UUKMA programme was discussed and it was decided to refund Jixy the £25 she paid for the appeal. **Action – Harish Nair**



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- II. After the meeting, the Chair announced in the Whatsapp group of the Executive Committee on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> that we have got confirmation from the teacher that she will be able to take Carnatic Music lessons and have asked the committee whether it is ok to go ahead with starting this new lesson as we got spare class rooms and there will not be any additional cost in terms of rent. The committee overwhelmingly approved this request. **Action – Secretary to announce the lessons on the MMA Whatsapp group**
9. **Date of next meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2017 – 3 PM to 5:00 PM**