



THE DIVINE LIFE SOCIETY PETALING SUB-BRANCH MINUTES OF THE 22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 22nd Annual General Meeting of the sub-branch was held on **Sunday 3rd April 2011** at **No 7, Jalan 18/15, Taman Kanagapuram, Petaling Jaya, 46000 Selangor**. The meeting was attended by His Holiness Sri Swami Guhabhaktanandaji Maharaj, President, Divine Life Society, Malaysia branch, Swami Skandapriyananda Mataji, Swami Lalithananada Mataji, Sri K Kumararajah, of Divine Life Society, Malaysia branch and 29 members. It commenced at 11.00am with the recitation of the Universal Prayer in unison by all present.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS AT THE 22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

OM Namobhagavate Sivanandaya.

Our loving adorations and pranams at the feet of Holy Master Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj, World President, Swami Vimalanandaji Maharaj and all revered gurus of the Divine life movement for their wisdom, grace and guidance in our spiritual journey.

His Holiness Swami Guhabhaktanandaji Maharaj and members gathered here for this AGM a very good morning and welcome. As it is, said time and tide awaits no man, 22 years have gone by since this sub branch was formed.

His Holiness Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj named DLS Petaling as SSSC and in his address on that occasion His Holiness breathed into us the fire to make progress with our spiritual aspirations and for this sub branch to concentrate our activities, focusing on acquiring and disseminating spiritual knowledge and hatha yoga to all in search of such knowledge and skill. Gurudev's life was totally focused on disseminating spiritual knowledge. Those who have read about Gurudev will know Gurudev wrote on the reverse side of used envelopes and any piece of paper that he could get to disseminate his spiritual teachings. We also

know of the situation, whereby when the finances ran low, Gurudev told them close the kitchen but the press must go on. That was his passion to teach and guide all seekers the world over.

Reviewing the annual report one will know that the activities of this sub branch has been in line with PujyaSwamiji's commandment to us, to acquire and disseminating spiritual knowledge and hatha yoga to all in search of such knowledge and skill.

We also like to take this opportunity to announce to all members officially that we have successfully purchased our ashram premises. The S n P has been signed and we are now legal owners of the premises. We are currently having some minor renovations done. The scope of the renovation works is to extend the hall so that it is adequate for the purposes of conducting our yoga classes and also cater for our other activities.

It is estimated that we will move into the new premises some time end April or early May.

We are also pleased to inform you that the money from the sale of the Land that we had has also been received. At this juncture I would on behalf of all members say a very big thank you to our solicitors MS Selvi and co for all their efforts and commitment in the handling all the issues related to the sale of the land the purchase of our new premises. Thank you very much Selvi.

May I also inform members that we are required to give vacant procession of this building by the 30th of April. Mohan is in negotiation with the new landlady to allow us to stay on till mid May. Depending on the negotiations we may have to pay rental for the extended stay to the new landlady.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all our members who have and always been and continue to be so very supportive of all activities undertaken by the branch.

MrsMaheswaran, Mr and MrsPermul, MrKalai, MrSivapragasam, MsSujatha and all their assistants, a very special thank you for your dedication and commitment in conducting our yoga classes. To Sumathy and Selvi thank you for your dedication and commitment in conducting the children's programme on Sundays. My thanks also to all others involved in the childrens' programme. Special thanks also to UshaKrishnakumar for her dedication and

commitment in conducting our regular prayer meetings and for her efforts in keeping the premises fit and tidy .

To our auditors MaliniBaskaran and Rajeswaran thank you for your kind services.

My very personal thanks and appreciation to all the office bearers and committee members for their dedication and service in carrying out Gurudev's work. Of special mention are the treasurer and secretary. Thank you.

Before I conclude let me once again thank all and seek your kind forgiveness if I have upset you by my words or actions. Please remember that it is certainly not my intention.

Pls allow me to conclude with the words of Holy Master Swami SivanandajiMaharaj" Do not go on thinking of "ifs" and "buts". Your environment, family history and previous samskaras and let the opportunities slip away. Make a firm resolve and start immediately to pursue a regular and steady course of Sadhana towards Self realisation. This is your duty and your only duty.

Thank you.

HariOm.

Loganathan. T

Chairman

Divine Life Society

Petaling Sub-branch.

ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT OF DLS MALAYSIA BRANCH AT 21st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Om NidhayeSarvaVidyaanaamBhishajeBhavaroginaam

GuraveSarvalokaanaam Sri DakshinaamurtayeNamah

Om SahaNaavavathu

SahanauBhunaktu

Sahaviryamkaravaavahai

Tejasvinaavadheetamastumaavidvishavahai

Om Shanti ShantiShanti

Matajis , Chairman of DLS Petaling sub-branch MrLoganathan , and all the beautiful devotees assembled here for the 22nd AGM.

Firstly, I wish to congratulate Petaling in your effort for having your own building with your own money You are the 15thbranch to have your own premises. I am very very happy as it is a great asset and help to the sub-branch.

DLS Petaling is already performing very well in your yoga classes and now that you have already acquired your own premises you do not have to save money so you should focus on doing some charity- community work like giving tuition , scholarships and helping the poor. You should also conduct yoga camps for 40-50 youths so as to reach out to the Indian youth who need a lot of help. The social problems among the Indian community have risen up and 30% of the prison inmates in SgBuloh are Indians. In DLS Batu Caves I have advised the instructor to give free yoga classes to the poor deserving ones. We should try to help the Indian community wherever and whenever we can. DLS is only known for prayer meetings and conducting yoga classes. Apart from these it should also be known as a community service based organization.

As to the spiritual side, the scriptures says there are 3 very important things ie a human birth, a good guru and as Mr. Loganathan said yearning for liberation. Our goal in this life is God-realisation. It is very important for us every day to be living in the awareness of God. God realization does not mean that it is something to be achieved somewhere.

We all know about God is our indweller. That not even for a minute we are separated from God. Living in that awareness -knowing that you are verily spirit and spirit alone, that is spiritual life. After that it is practice only as Mr. Loganathan mentioned about doing sadhana.

Doing a little japa is not enough as sadhana .All the time we have to try to live in the awareness though we are going through all the three periods of time. It is the same consciousness that is present in the waking,dream and dream sleep state. In the fourth the Turiya state you feel you are Thatwhere it is said that is full and this is full.

We are thinking we are only the body mind intellect and forgetting the SELF. We are living in the intellect, mind or senses only .Lord Krishna says that person who is always thinking of me is nearer than the nearest.It is the easiest and surest sadhana.Though God is the indweller but if we do not think of him , we live in forgetfulness and he is far away from you.

Spiritual life is not a suppressed life What is important is whether you are aware that you are the spirit. Swami Chidananda always keeps on saying that we are not the body mind or intellect but immortal atman we are. To reach to God we do not need to do something outside .Actually there is no God realization verily we are already That.

In Rishikesh, Swami Krishnananda once put a title ie Is realization individual or cosmic for discussion .The discussion went on until evening, finally Swami Krishananda the Chairman and the person who gave the title said that the title itself was wrong .This is because realisation it is neither individual nor cosmic for even now you are verily that and that only. All the time we want God realization and we should realize that it is nearer than the nearest.

If you live every day in that awareness you are only the SELF and SELF alone without consciousness the mind ,intellect and senses cannot function. We say "I am doing" which means we are referring to the body mind and intellect and not the SELF

God is soul and prakriti is energy which helps us to think,seeetc and it is the unherent power of the Jiva. We are never separated from God at any time, because of the "I" we feel separated from God. If we are suffering it is because of some past karma, but even though you are going through the Karmas you are verily That and That only

All is in our drishti only. All the time we are seeing the objects in the world We should see behind all this that God is the substratum of the whole world as God alone is. It just like pictures appears in the white screen when the projector is on. Once the projector is off only the white screen remains and we are the white screen. Everything is in our mind only so let us all be the Silent witness and watch whatever we have to undergo because of our karmas Let us feel that we are always pure and unchanging though everything can be changing happening in the 3 periods but we are always in the 4thTuriya state.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity and I will like to once again congratulate for your own building I and pray that God and Gurudev will help you all to carry on in a positive way , in a oneness of the spirit doing everything with the feeling that is going on with the will of God and Gurudev.

Swami Guhabhaktananda

President

Divine Life Society

Malaysia Branch

The minutes of the 22nd AGM was unanimously confirmed by the members as proposed by Sri Rajesegar.M and seconded by Sri KalaiVanan.P

Annual Report 2010

The house unanimously adopted the 2010 Annual Report as proposed by Sri Baskaran.O and seconded by SmtRajamalar.C

Statement of Accounts 2010

The house unanimously adopted the 2010 Statement of Accounts as proposed by KumariKunaletchumy.A and seconded by SmtJivanesam.N

Election of Committee of Management 2011/2012

As proposed by SmtSelvi. K and seconded by SmtIndrani S the house unanimously elected all the 10 nominees as members of the Committee of Management for the year 2011/2012. It was informed that the nominees have been duly proposed and seconded as follows:

	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
1	Sri Loganathan.T	Sri Ramakrishnan.R	KumariKunaletchumy.A
2	Sri Rajasegar.M	Smt Ratnesvari	Smt Jivanesam.N
3	KumariSujatha.A	Kumari Kunaletchumy.A	Smt Selvi Mohan
4	Sri Krishnakumar.S	Smt Selvi Mohan	Smt Rajamalar.C
5	Sri Mohan.A	Smt Sumathy.S	Sri Sivagurunathan.S
6	Sri KalaiVanan.P	Kumari Nicki Ooi	Smt Sudhasini Raman Kutty
7	SmtSarada Devi	Smt Rajamalar.C	Sri Ramakrishnan.R
8	SmtPushpamalar	Smt Sudhasini Raman Kutty	Smt IndraniSivapathasundram
9	Sri Baskaran. O	Smt Jivanesam.N	Smt Sumathy.S
10	Smt T Maheswaran	Sri Rajasegar.M	Sri KalaiVanan.P

Election of Honorary Auditors

The house unanimously accepted the nomination by Sri Loganathan.T seconded by Sri Mohan. A that both the Honorary Auditors as shown below be appointed as auditors for the year 2011/2012

	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
1	Smt Malini Thurairaj	Smt Pathmalojani.S	Smt Thanaledchumy Maheswaran
2	Sri RajeswaranAyadurai	Smt Thanaledchumy Maheswaran	Smt Ratnesvari

ANY OTHER MATTER OF WHICH 3 CLEAR DAYS NOTICE SHALL HAVE BEEN
GIVEN IN WRITING TO THE HON. SECRETARY
NIL

The meeting concluded at 12.00 pm followed by prayer and lunch.

Committee of Management

April 14th 2011

Loganathan.TSujatha.A

Chairman

Hon.Secretary