**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**Isabelo P. Africa**

***June 24, 2017***

**Today is our 39th General Membership Meeting. Next year, on February 11, 2018, we will celebrate our 40th Founding Anniversary. Have we achieved our purpose? To wit: “To maintain educational excellence by bridging the gap between available government funds and the actual financial requirements needed by the school.” I sincerely hope that our membership would say YES! In reply.**

***ASSETS***

**As earlier presented, we have grown our assets from P23.9M in 2003, our 25th Founding Anniversary, to P50.2M today. More, we received P 7.6M last year alone, in grants which are used as intended to fund the stipends of the Godparent Program and other varied projects. All these, because of the donations of our alumni, parents, our corporate sponsors and generous friends. And to them we say a heartfelt “Thank you!”.**

**All these funds the support we give to the school.**

***GODPARENT PROGRAM***

**Our godchildren now number 108, with 10 godchildren in college. We anticipate this number to further increase due to Grade 12 – our students now cover the full 6 years of High School.**

**Do note that the Godparent Program Chair has remained steady at P3.1M. The cost of the Godparent Program is P2,680,000.00 for SY 2016-2017 alone.**

**The Program cost, or the stipends, is covered by grants, almost single-handedly solicited by our Grand Godmother, Linda.**

**The Godparent Program has evolved into a holistic program that includes character development, social and cultural activities and nurturing. They had their Thanksgiving Party on December 2, 2016 and the Educational Tour to the National Museum and the Manila Ocean Park on May 25, 2017.**

**In 2007, we instituted the Godchildren Merit Award. The number of awardees has steadily grown through the years, the godchildren perhaps motivated by the award of P1,500.00 they receive at the end of the school year or out of fear from Linda during card-giving…**

**Kudos to our godchildren who make not just the PSHS proud, but make our country proud.**

**Notable among them are godchildren Maded Battara, III, and Justine Marcus Opulencia with Philippe Gene Bungabong! Their research project: “Development of an Integrated On-Line System for the Regulation of Household Electricity Consumption” has bested 15 entries in the Philippines and 330 entries worldwide, and is now among the 10 finalists at the Spellman CleanTech Competition 2017. The team will showcase their paper and gadget at Stonybrook University, New York, USA on July 14, 2017.**

**(*The team won 2nd place!)***

***FACULTY MERIT AWARDS***

**We continue to give the Faculty Merit Awards. True, teacher’s salaries have been greatly increased, but then again, the Foundation was created precisely to hire and keep the best teachers for the PSHS students. For SY 2016 -2017, there were a total of 83 teacher-beneficiaries, at a total amount of P935,000.00.**

**Thank you teachers for your generous gift of 10% of your Award to the Teaching Chairs (an aggregate total of P93,500.00.)**

**We do still need to grow our Teaching Chairs from the present P20M to P25M. We need a bigger capital base because the interest rates remain low. Further, we will have more teachers this school year. It is best that the Teaching Chairs are sufficient to fund the Teaching Merit Awards.**

**We hope to engage even more alumni to give to the Teaching Chairs. We are grateful to Batch 75 for their very generous donation of P5M to the Teaching Chairs.**

***NG***

**We launched the 4th Cleofe M. Bacungan Natatanging Guro Awards last May 15, 2017. Instituted in 2007 by Batch 1982, the CMB NG Awards is now a tripartite activity of the PSHS System, the Foundation and the PSHS National Alumni Association.**

**The awarding ceremony will be held on September 5, 2017, sponsored by Unilab, at the Unilab Bayanihan Center.**

**In anticipation of their hard work, this early we thank our Selection Panel: Dr. Marian Roque, ’82, Chair; Dr. Danilo Lachica, ’71-B, Member (PSHS System Representative; Prof. Prospero Naval, ’78, Member (Academe); Ms. Ani Almario, Member (Secondary Education Expert) and Ms. Luzita Alcid, Member (retired PSHS Faculty).**

**Our very own, EGA, developed the criteria and metrics of the Selection Process. He leads the Secretariat. EGA, thank you. The process is tedious, we know.**

***DONATIONS***

**We do continue with our partnerships with our corporate donors Metrobank Foundation and George Ty Foundation and Samsung Electronics Philippines among others. The Cube Pro 3D Printer the GT Foundation donated to the FabLab was used by the CleanTech Team in the fabrication of their device. The Samsung Smart Classroom was used in the TRIZ Training, of which Justine was part of, which may have somehow influenced his idea of developing the device now being perfected for the CleanTech presentation in July.**

**We invite you to see the “toys” and learning environment that our students are blessed with. The Smart and Infinity Classrooms are indeed a far cry from the pre-fab building and make-shift classrooms during our time.**

**In our meeting with Executive Director Lilia Habacon she stressed the need for mentoring from specially skilled alumni in Science, Technology and Engineering. This we are already doing for the Main Campus, in partnership with Dir. Virginia Andres.**

**For starters, we facilitated the Chemistry and General Education Teacher’s Workshop and the Training Workshop on Pedagogical Approaches to Teaching Chemistry conducted by Dr. Myrna Hipol-Estrada, ’71-B and the *TRIZ (Russian acronym for Innovative Problem Solving)* Workshop conducted by Irving Guerrero, ’71-B for selected students, of the Main Campus. Irving will conduct the TRIZ training for the teachers of the Main Campus and the System.**

**So yet again, the dynamics of the support we give to the PSHS is evolving. Whereas there was need to help the school with infrastructure needs before, e.g. Humanities Faculty Room, 3rd Flr. Auditorium, today, we help the school create and effect a learning environment that fosters innovation and creation, broaden learning opportunities by building and enhancing partnerships with donor corporations and foundations and facilitating mentoring or training sessions conducted by alumni who are experts in their fields. So we say yes to Ma’am Lil and Ma’am Gene – the Foundation will be there as we have been there for the past 39 years.**

**Thank you.**