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Salient features of the Financial Reports for 2019/2020

Profit and Loss

- Due to a technical issue with the Square setup, it was not possible to allocate the lump sum Square Income of $2,886, appearing in the P & L, to the different income streams as it is generally done. This lump sum is a cumulative total of income received over three occasions and should have been rightly allocated as follows:

    a. Member Subscription income $1,620
    b. Sale of Assets income $81
    c. Eid-Ul-Adha dinner ticket income $1,185

- Due to the non-allocation of the above Square income, the Membership Subscriptions of $4,995 as reported in the P & L is understated. Therefore, the total Membership subscriptions collected this financial year should correctly reflect as $ 6,615

- Historically, USMAA has enjoyed a cash grant income of $8,000 apart from the Hall Grant income from the Monash Council. Unfortunately, an audit by the Council of the grant income received by USMAA revealed that the grant had been used solely for the benefit of the Sri Lankan Muslim Community. The purpose of the grant was to strengthen community ties across other communities as well. Due to this reason, a cash grant was not awarded for the FY 2019/2020. Identifying this potential risk, the previous committee undertook a Community Awareness program, however it was not adequate to sway a positive outcome. Keeping in line with the previous committee's initiative, the present committee also planned for a multi-faith-multi-cultural program, however it had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 lockdown

- The non-receipt of the cash grant of $8k significantly impacted the net earnings position for FY 2019/20

- Due to the COVID-19 lockdown, only six events were held during the year with only four of these events generating ticket income. This accounts for the reduction in event income compared to the previous year. Further, responding to the feedback from the survey, the ticket prices were significantly subsidised for the members. To mitigate the reduction in event income and to keep the expenses in check, volunteers were enlisted to cook in-house for the events without using external caterers

- The Management Committee undertook the following charitable donations, which inflated the expenses position for the year as these came out of the member subscriptions:

    a) $1,505 to support the International students adversely impacted by COVID-19
    b) $500 towards the Bushfire Appeal
    c) $200 to Muslim Aid for the provision of food hampers for needy Sri Lankans during COVID-19

Note: MNWP donation of $831, reflected in this year's financials, relates to a charity initiative undertaken by the previous committee titled "Muslims North Western Province" (during the BBS attacks).

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- Administration costs increased this year due to the following:

  a) 'Subscription and dues' expense increased from $365 in 2018/19 to $3,128.90 during this financial year. The break-down for this expense (big-ticket items) are as follows:
     1. Website upgrade: $2,390.90. As communicated to the membership, we undertook a significant overhaul of the website. As part of this, we had to upgraded the package to allow for better functionality and features. This meant an increase in the annual subscription fee. In addition, we entered into a three-year contract with the provider. Therefore, the amount of $2,390.90 relates to the subscription for a three-year term. Meaning we will not incur any website expenses for the next two financial years.

     2. Annual subscription for the QuickBooks accounting software is $480, which has increased from $100 in FY 2018/19.

  b) Professional Services Cost of $350 relates to the Auditor's fees for 2018/19.

- We also undertook the task of cleaning up the Chart of Accounts to ensure clean and concise record keeping. This involved deleting several Income and Expenses accounts which were either obsolete or duplicated. This is the reason the word 'deleted' appears against some line items in the Financials

Balance Sheet

- Trade Debtors of $270 relates to invoices that have been sent out by the Square invoicing system, which have not been paid. This feature on Square will be disabled as it is complicates the financials

- The main change in the fixed asset position related to burial sites. During this financial year, the Janaza Subcommittee released two existing plots (one in Fawkner and one in Bunurong) and invested in six additional plots in Bunurong. This resulted in the burial plot position increasing by $11.2k.

- Under current liabilities, there is an item titled 'JSC account owing' of $2,248. This was a journal entry passed last year and the said amount was reimbursed to JSC on 7 July 2019. This journal entry will be closed shortly