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SPHOORTI Meeting Minutes(Compiled from beginning)

Review of Sphoorti

Date & Time: Friday, 21st November, 2014 at 6.30 pm

Venue: McCarty A 2186

Attendees: Dr Amey Barde, Anand Patil, Anand Radhakrishnan, Apoorva Mohan, Ashwin Rajagopal Pai, Gayathri Balakrishnan, Gayathri Srinivasan, Kamal Bharti, Dr Lokendra Bengani, Manu Chandrasekaran, Dr Meera Sitharam, Namrata Gholve, Poojitha Satti, Ramya Sivakumar, Ravi Venkatraman, Revathi Kadari, Shivashankar Halan, Sreenivasan Meiyappan, Thames Harrison, Dr Vinita Chittoor, Yogesh Deshmukh

Agenda:

- Bhopal Movie Update and Publicity (20 min)
- Website Revamp? (15 min)
- HUT (human uplift trust) Vidyashram, an AIDS orphans residential school - Dr Sitharam
- Shramdaan Spring 2015 - Poojitha
- Answer for questions about Trinita Project- Poojitha
- **Review about Sphoorti - Revathi**
- Publicity for GRR 2015 - Anand Patil
- Getting the training started!! With 15weeks to 15k
- Publicity for Indian delegation meeting on Nov 25 - Apoorva

Review about Sphoorti - Revathi

- Founded by an ex employee of Revathi's previous company in 2005.
- Students get enrolled in Sri Sai model school for high school classes.
- New update - Out of a total of 200 students, 120 have sponsors, which leaves 80 kids unsponsored.
- All the required financial details are put up on sphoorti.org.
- Rs 20,000/ year is approximately spent per student.



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New Projects' reviews

Date & Time: Friday, 27th March, 2015 at 6.30 pm

Venue: McCarty A 2186

Attendees: Dr Amey Barde, Anand Radhakrishnan, Apoorva Mohan, Gayathri Srinivasan, Nalanda Chakraborty, Ramya Sivakumar, Ravi Venkatraman, Shivashankar Halan

Agenda:

- Asha Conference (Asha-24) updates (20 min)
- Review of St Francis House and Community volunteering - Ramya (20 min)

-- New Projects

- WAH campaign

- **Action Item** - Shortlist 3-4 projects before selecting the final one to be stewarded and funded.
- About 7 different projects have been discussed
- An informal expression of 1st 3 preferences was taken among the volunteers present with the following results

1. Bab-UI-Uloom - 8 votes
2. **Sphoorti, Hyderabad - 8**
3. Asansole - 0
4. HUT Vidyashram (currently funded by NY and so was not considered in the voting) - 0
5. Rajasthan Govt School - 2
6. Digambarpur Angikar - Destitute Home - 1
7. Digambarpur Angikar - Special Needs - 7

Sphoorti updates

Date & Time: Friday, 10th April, 2015 at 6.30 pm

Venue: McCarty A 2186

Attendees: Anand Radhakrishnan, Apoorva Mohan, Devesh Chugh, Gayathri Srinivasan, Poojitha Reddy, Ramya Sivakumar, Ravi Venkatraman, Revathi Kadari, Shivashankar Halan, Surya Chandan Dhulipala



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Agenda:

- Senthil's fellowship form discussion
- Team Asha program 2015-16
- **Sphoorti Update**

Sphoorti Update

- Sri Vyal Construction project
- School for 40 children (Total of 200 children).
- A few questions were answered on what the students do after the graduate class X.

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[Minutes of call with Sphoorti](#) : overview from Revathi

- We need to make a call on funding - either construction of the site or the children
 - Construction exact amount is not specified
- Follow up with Sphoorti on some questions we have
- Revathi visiting India over the next 3 weeks. She can do a site visit at Sphoorti.

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Date: 10/09/2015

Venue: McCarty Hall A Room 2186

Attendees: Abhinav, [Apoorva Mohan](#), [Devesh Chugh](#), [Poojitha Reddy](#),
Ramya, [Ravi Venkatraman](#), Revathi, [Shivashankar Halan](#)

Sphoorti Review:

- We got two proposals:
 - One-time school construction
 - Funding for enrolled children



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- Children are either orphans, or have single parents
- They got land from the Govt. which is on the other extreme of Hyderabad
- Revathi visited the existing school
- When they move to the new hostel, they will attend a nearby school until they move into their new school
- Srivyal was concerned about the environment and comfort level of children in the existing schools
- They were expecting funds from Virginia (~30k USD), but that is not yet finalized
- His first preference was the funds for existing children
- They don't have any teachers currently, just few staff
- First batch of children are going into college - supported by Sphoorti
- Concern about building a separate school
 - The main concern was that they were not able to gel well in the school and Does a separate school help the cause?

To-do by Revathi:

Send document outlining the background of the 40 children, if she can find one.

Final Q&A

The new proposal for complete funding of 40 children was recently discussed during meeting. Please find below questions. The group will have a formal round of voting after we receive answers to below.

1. *What are the recreation facilities provided (quoted Rs.20,000/yr/40)?*
2. *The education+travel component in modified proposal (Rs.3,40,000) is lesser than previous proposal (Rs.3,83,000).What's missing in the former ?*
3. *What comes under miscellaneous category?*

Reply:

1. Recreation :



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- a) New Year Party where all kids are encouraged to showcase their skills - mostly singing and dance performances
 - b) Visits to places like Zoo, cinemas,
 - c) Diwali (crackers), New Year (cakes and decoration), Holi (colors), Sankranti expenses (kites etc)
 - d) Special meal for all the children on festivals and national holidays
2. For convenience, we asked the school for a uniform fee across various standards instead of one fee for one standard.
3. Miscellaneous
- a) Personal care - hair oil, talcum powder, tooth paste and brush, slippers etc
 - b) In some cases, sanitary napkins and related requirements
 - c) Sports goods
 - d) Costumes for cultural programs

Meeting minutes - 11/20/2015

Location and Time : McCarty A, 6.30 pm - 9.15 pm

Attendees: Devesh Chugh, Shivashankar Halan, Gayathri Balakrishnan, Yogesh Deshmukh , Ravi Venkatraman, Revathi Kadari, Anand Radhakrishnan, Nalanda Chakraborty, Poojitha Satti(remote call-in), Sachin Jain(presenter)

-> Sphoorti got back to us with answers. Everything looks good and it was discussed that we can fund education+living expenses for 40 children. Conveying to Sphoorti that this could be a one-time project for this year is an important aspect.

-> Revathi to send out Sphoorti E-Vote and update documents on Asha website(with help from Shiva).



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EVote results

Question: Do you approve budget of INR 8,80,000 for SPHOORTI FOUNDATION for the year FY 2015-2016? *

(<http://www.ashanet.org/projects-new/documents/1243/SphoortiProposal.pdf>)

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Evoting results can be found below

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oAROca80SUcNv1ZpAa-abtxMgPtSuTEYFVsLazq7Bxs/edit?usp=sharing>