

Chapter meeting on 03/24/07 at 4.30pm.

Present: Jalpa, Ravi, Sridhar, Amrishi, Sowmya, Chidambaram, Kavitha, Hansa.

The following was the agenda:

1. Discussion on renewal of Anu & Krishna fellowship
2. a new proposal on Mobile Science Lab & Library
3. Status review of some items - WAH, Asha-16, fund raiser offers

1. Anu and Krishna fellowship renewal:

Sridhar provided overview of the activities of Anu and Krishna at Thulir (www.thulir.org) for the fellowship period (04/06-03/07) and future plans for the period 04/07-03/08. Thulir is an Education Resource Center run by Anu and Krishna in Sittilingi (a tribal village) in Tamilnadu supporting nearly 55 children. This information is also available on the chapter projects website and the blogs of Thulir (<http://newsfromthulir.blogspot.com>). Following the overview, there was a discussion on the current and future activities. Anu and Krishna would like to focus on language and math skills. They also would like to introduce visuals. They would like to work on setting up a technology center for providing vocational training. Sowmya wondered if there are any plans to expand the center or there is any need to accommodate more children. Chidambaram suggested if there is need to convert this into a project for continued support. In response to this, Sridhar mentioned that he would try to elicit the opinion of Anu and Krishna. After this Sridhar proposed the budget of \$4400 for both Anu and Krishna. The chapter agreed unanimously to fund Anu and Krishna fellowship at \$4400 for the 04/07-03/08 period.