

Asha for Education Canada

Meeting Minutes - Toronto - January 23, 2011

Attendees: Rahul, Nimish, Alivia, Sanu, Angie, Nimod, Preethy, Rishab, Jehangir, On the phone: Harinee

Discussions

- New volunteer Jehangir introduced himself. Nimish provided a brief overview of Asha for Education, the Canadian chapter and our projects
- Discussed previous action items
 - Arun and Praveen are to coordinate work to be done for the flyer
 - Naveen still awaiting confirmation from the Rishi Apang project about the FCRA clearance
 - Nimod to continue working on the website
- Project Renewals
 - It was mentioned that for GSBS, the poll asking for renewal has been closed, with renewal approved. The next step is for Harinee to draft the Agency Agreement
 - Naveen informed everyone that 90 calendars were ordered in early November.
 - For PWhy, the group was informed that the project has already been funded for the past 3 years. The project has come back this year with a new proposal and a higher funding request of \$3500. The group was strongly encouraged to review the new proposal and budget. A poll will soon be setup to renew funding for PWhy.
- QED Grant - Gyan Sewa Bharti Sansthan
 - In continuation of the discussion in last meeting, Nimish presented part A of the QED grant proposal as filled by the project partner(which was also posted on the Yahoo group earlier).
 - For the benefit of new volunteers and those that had not had a chance to review the document, a quick summary of the answers provided in part A were presented.
 - This was followed by a dicussion on the merit of the answers and how GSBS would be an ideal project partner to use the QED grant being provided
 - Everyone expressed their satisfaction with the answers provided. It was noted that the grant is to be used for a construction project, it will be very easy to measure the success of the grant money. Also, once the construction is complete, the chapter will not need to support this aspect of the project any further after the grant.
- Calendars 2011
 - Nimish updated the group about the fact that due to volunteer shortage at the calendar team, the calendars for 2011 have been designed, but not yet printed. Hence the calendar team was asking chapters to re-confirm their respective orders.
 - All volunteers present agreed that since the new year has already begun, it would be difficult to sell the calendars and hence it would be best at this stage to cancel our initial order to the calendar team.
- General Discussion
 - The term for the present coord comittee will be coming to an end this year. And new elections will take place this year. Though elections will be for all positions, volunteers are specially encouraged to consider the position of project coordinator (since Harinee has served in that position for 2 terms) and publicity coordinator (since Anshul has stepped down).
 - It was decided that once again, we should try to reach out to universities in Toronto
 - The newsletter will be restarted
 - Possible participation of volunteers in atleast one marathon event
 - Encourage people to volunteer with Asha Canada, as well as encourage new volunteer in participate more actively

Action Items (All are due by next meeting unless specified)

- Agency agreement for GSBS - Harinee
- 2010 Year End report - Nimish
- Finalize flyer - Arun, Praveen
- Arrange conference call with Rishi Apang stakeholders and confirm FCRA status of project - Naveen
- Continue the ongoing effort to improve website content and maintain a log of to-do items - Nimod
 - Link to Andrew's website and information about Andrew's effort for Asha.
 - Project descriptions from Alivia, Harinee.
 - Process by which projects are selected from Nimish