

Asha Co chapter monthly meeting mins.

Date 5.10.09

Attendees Jim, Minu, Vani & Pankaj

Vidyodaya

Central (treasury) fund procedure is different from previous ways by which the chapter sends money to the project. Jim & Pankaj have submitted information for the central treasury team to disburse funding for Vidyodaya for 2009 (**1690.00**) ; will wait for their response. Jim mentioned that Ramdass prefer check over wire transfer.

(site visit related)

Minu followed up with Shiju; will wait for a response

Vani to check with her contact about site-visit to Vidyodaya

(Jim)On question about who else funds and are there any saving gained from our support for the Jeep:

- A British NPO helps (they pool donations and match 28%) besides the Accord (which the parent org. funded by Tata Trust)
- There are no gains made currently with our support, because the disbursement of money from accord/ tata trust is tardy and therefore they have to use from a common bucket for all activities. This year they have been going month to month

What is the scope of Asha involvement long term? (Pankaj)

- Jim's response we could expand funding for school bus,
- Support the 7th and 8th graders as the tata trust helps is only upto 6th grade Kids beyond 8th get weekend coaching, some kids end up going to area private and or public schools and other kids just drop out of school system

(Vani – mentioned that we can create more information about the project and email to tamil association for more help/ support/ awareness)

The other idea discussed was to provide books to the library. Prefer tamil and bi-lingual books. Although the school has English books for the children in their library

Action Items:

Minu & vani to touch base with their contacts for site visit

Pnakja/Jim – keep the group posted on when the money is sent to the project

Naresh/Jim to update website – when money is mailed out to the project.

Namma Bhommi

- no updates on chad project; no project content on website (this should appear as past project if we have no active role currently)

Action Items:

Pankaj to contact Chad; update the content and email Naresh

Ajol

- Web content partially done.
- the project does not have an office space -- no action has taken place; 2008 budget money has not been spent, so no more money has been requested for 2009 (how long do we wait for them to start?)

Action item:

Vani to work with Naresh on further updates to website

JDS

- Naresh/vani to follow-up with Vishwesh about the information following phone conf. that he was supposed to mail vani;
- Naresh to contact Vallabh about our concern and lack of communication from school despite the phone call
- Raise question about needing help with site visit
- The chapter will only fund 1500 (1/4 the budget); because of the concerns
- Looks like the project paid teacher only until Jan' 09; So the chapter needs to consider sending the 3000 (1/2 budget) – info provided by Naresh
- We are not sure the future of this project, as Rohini (who has done site visit as well as an Asha Star for this project is concerned with ineffectiveness of the program to kids who are attending this program over years and not seeing any value gain; some centers and teachers are not at all effective) Vani (current project steward/ new is also not impressed with the phone conf with Vishwesh as he appeared to be on the defensive mostly and did not provided substantive information to believe that the project has scope if things do not change)
- Quesiton is “how to we help” if we need to continue funding

Action items:

- Vani/ Naresh to reconcile their notes about the call with Vishwesh
 - Naresh to talk to Vallabh about our concerns
 - Talk about the site visit
 - Follow-up with Vishwesh either by email and or phone about the information he was supposed to send us
 - Make a proposal to core on what is the best course of action
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SNS

No update on SNS currently, this project will be closed if we do not hear from the project for another month.

WAH update

- central banking team will transfer 1000.00 to asha Colorado account for 2008 WAH matching fund
 - Naresh needs to give a summary update of WAH 2009
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Outstanding from April 09 - Action item for Pankaj

Follow-up on companies quest; HP and Qual comm. About if any checks were returned due to PO box expiration in late 2008-early 2009

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Fund raiser ideas:

- Priya is willing to help in May 2010
- we can still work with local area dance schools to have a fund raiser

Topics - Not covered

ARC issues