Asha for Education - Cleveland Chapter

Meeting Minutes -- 10/09/09

Attendance: Santanu, Nigamanth, Bharadwaj, Ramya, Abhiram, Sohani

1. IASER Budget Renewal for 2009-10

 + We have been associated with the project since 2006

 + Three people employed with the project currently who are actively engaged in the work

 + Call in late August with Jags

 + Calendar year runs from Oct -- Sep

 + FCRA clearance last year took a long time; they will apply for one-time clearance again this year

 + Last year's budget was about Rs. 2,19,000 (US$6000)

 - Most of the budget goes to pay salaries for the three employees

 - OP, Satish, Bhupender

 + This year's budget is Rs. 2,40,000 (~ US$5500)

 + So far they've scanned 42,000 pages

 - Last year was about 16,000 pages

 - Initial plan was to complete in 3 years

 + Bookshare is an organization (international) that also provides books for the disabled

 - IASER could explore connections with Bookshare in India

 + Vote to approve $5500 for IASER budget approval

 - Unanimous approval

 + Project documents and pictures and reports are at:

 <<http://projects.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=830>>

 Please read.

2. Asha 2008 Financials

 + Review of financial statements

 + We started the year with about $25K

3. Fundraising ideas

 + Bollywood party

 - We should do another party soon; perhaps once every couple of months

 + Runners at Cavs games

 - Fehmida will begin organization

4. Kadam update

 + RBI donated 50 benches to the education center

 + A new center to be started (in tents)

Meeting adjourned at 8.40 PM

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Cheers
-- Nigamanth