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