

Asha-Saint Louis Chapter meeting: 08/13/2009.

Location: Woodhollow Apartments.
1848 Woodhollow Dr, Apt # 212
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Time: 7:00PM

Participants: Dhara, Swapna, Umesh, Poonam, Malvika, Vijay, Savitha, Anjana (remotely via phone).

- The meeting was convened to go over the chapter projects and their funding requirements.
- Umesh started the meeting with information regarding the current projects and their funding requirements for the year 2009-2010.
 - BES: bhartiya evening school project, which is a school, runs on an academic calendar and the funding cycle started in June 2009. The project's expense report and their proposal for 2009-2010 academic year were discussed.
 - Compared to the previous year, BES is requesting for a budget increase to enable them to hire more qualified teachers in order to improve the quality of education. This was a reasonable request and the all the participants agreed to oblige this request.
 - At this point Swapna, who made a site visit to this project in April presented her report. This report is uploaded on to the project website. Swapna strongly supported continuing support for the project and in addition suggested that the stewards probably should think about nominating this project for WAH 2010, especially, to enable the evening school to have a permanent premise and transform it into a full time regular school.
 - Umesh, the project stewards agreed to look into nominating the project for WAH 2010 after discussing the project needs with BES. At this point, after looking at the budget proposal, the chapter agreed to fund \$6500.00 for BES for 2009-2010 academic year. This proposal for the year 2009-2010 was discussed in depth at an earlier chapter meeting convened by the then chapter co-ordinator Karthik Diraviyam on June 28th 2009. In today's meeting the decision to fund the project was confirmed by the new core volunteers after receiving the site visit report from Swapna.
- It has been decided that the first installment of \$3250.00 should be sent by end of August or early September and the second installment for \$3250.00 should be sent after the project review in Jan 2010.

Umesh: - Apart from BES the other projects supported by the chapter and their funds needs are:

KEDI - \$ 10, 400 (we need to decide on how much of this we want to fund)
SEED - \$ 10,500 (we need to decide on how much of this we want to fund)

These are the requested amounts from the projects but the chapter needs to discuss with the project stewards about what aspects of each of the projects are of priority so that we can fund those aspects.

- Swapna/Dhara: Talked about various fund raising activities that the chapter needs to plan and estimates of the funds that could be raised from those events.

- There is especially the need for more active volunteers and a set day of every month for the chapter meetings to enable constant communication between the core volunteers.

- Various aspects of chapter activities have been discussed and the responsibilities have been divided:

1) E-mail response for anyone that signs up on our list serve - Malvika, Janhavi

2) Updating website: Umesh to work with Laxmichand

3) Newsletter - Poonam to lead the efforts

4) Fund raising - Malvika to lead the efforts, but Dhara, Janhavi and Poonam will partner.

5) Scheduling regular meetings - Savitha

6) Chapter coordinators - Vijay & Dhara sharing responsibilities

7) Treasurer - Dhara

8) SEED - Janhavi & Anjana to share Project coordinator responsibilities and communicate with Sundar, current Project Coordinator.

- Dhara to co-ordinate the chapter meeting schedule and call for the next meeting within a week's time.

End.