

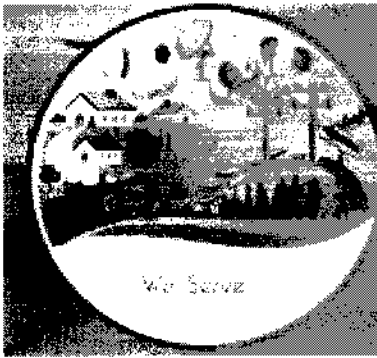


INTERNATIONAL 'WE SERVE' FOUNDATION, INC.

Foundation Board Meeting – Agenda Aug. 31, 2013

1. Chair Dr. Nima Desai to call the Board meeting to order
2. Induction of Mrs. Usha Chandra as the New Board Member
3. Minutes of the last Board Meeting held on Nov. 30, 2012
4. Financial status update
5. Programs and activities – update
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 - (ii) **IGNITING MINDS Mission** – progress
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 - ❖ Free Public Libraries in India – update 1st & 2nd FCL & Rotary Clubs
 - ❖ Tele-Tutoring Projects – being developed
 - ❖ Helping Children in Kenya & Tanzania – being developed
 - (iii) Environmental Protection Programs
 - Rameswaram Solar Power Mission**
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 - ✓ Pamban Bridge Solar Lighting Proposal
 - ✓ Rameswaram Temple Solar lighting plans
 - ✓ 22 Schools solar lighting
 - ✓ 2 Hospitals – Solar water heaters
 - ✓ Dhanushkodi Smart Classroom and solar power
 - (iv) **Open Source Intl Virtual Lab – World Space Knowledge Platform**
 - (v) **Uttarakhand Relief and Recovery Mission**
 - MOU with Uttarakhand Mandal of America & American India Foundation
 - Tele-medicine Network & Vocational Training Centers
6. Next meeting on Sat. Nov. 30, 2013 2.00 PM
7. Conclusion
8. Adjournment

Prepared by: M S Viji MD, President



INTERNATIONAL 'WE SERVE' FOUNDATION, INC.

Aug. 31, 2013 - Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

1. Chair Dr. Nima Desai to called the Board meeting to order at 2.10 PM.
Dr. Nima Desai, Dr. Siby Saha and Dr. M S Viji were present. Dr. Sudharshan all of a sudden fell ill and could not attend – but gave his proxy to Dr. M S Viji. Dr. Vengu could not attend due to some family matters. Mrs. Usha Chandra was flying back from the west coast and could not access the internet during the flight to participate. Ms. Seetha Subramanian, Coordinator in charge of the Library project was the invited guest.
2. Mrs. Usha Chandra was inducted as the New Board Member; her signed letter of acceptance and Conflict of Interest Disclosure documents were verified by the Chair.
3. Minutes of the last Board Meeting held on Nov. 30, 2012 were presented, reviewed, proposed and accepted as presented without any change or modification.
4. Financial status update – for 2012 as well as from Jan. 1, 2013 to Aug. 30, 2013 were presented and discussed. The copy of the 2012 Tax filing was submitted and reviewed. Board emphasized the importance of keeping very clear and transparent accounts at all times. To ensure the donations clearly designated to any specific cause to have subaccounts to indicate donation and proper dispersal for that particular project / mission. The submitted accounts was accepted as presented without any change or modification.
5. Programs and activities – update was presented with specific details of each activity.
The spontaneous support from various quarters as well as the extent of participation – especially towards the Free Libraries Project and the Rameswaram Solar Lighting were reviewed. The Board was pleased with the participation of the Foundation on July 19, 2013 at Rameswaram and the significant news updates all over India relating to that day's events.
 - (i) Applied on Dec. 15, 2012 for 501 (c) (3) Tax Exemption – updated the Board on status. Currently Apr 2012 applications are being processed. Hope before the end of 2013, the IRS will review our application submitted on Dec. 15, 2012 and issue the Tax Exemption.
 - (ii) **IGNITING MINDS Mission** – progress
 - ❖ Virtual Smart Classrooms – update
Now 23 VSC in operation, covering 31,080 poor children. Updated List was presented.
A few more VSC are being planned and will be installed over the next few weeks.
The response has been quite encouraging and with additional funds, more can be installed.

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❖ Free Public Libraries in India – update 1st & 2nd FCL & Rotary Clubs

The 1st 40' FCL landed in Madurai last week and about 40 schools will have libraries set up soon. 2nd 40' FCL left the IBP warehouse on Thursday Aug. 29, 2013 and will reach India in 6 weeks. Another 50 more libraries will be added.

The Rotary Clubs and whole Rotary Districts in Kerala, Coimbatore, Chennai – etc. have come on board enthusiastically to adopt the library set up in nearby poor schools; they will send volunteers and also collect used books in local languages to add to the libraries.

When Broadband access is available and funds are sufficient, planning to add a digital library in each of the libraries in about 3 to 4 years.

Library Program Coordinator Professor Seetha Subramanian gave the Board an update on several efforts underway in collaboration with IBP and the donations of valuable books by the faculty at BTCC and UK as well as her contacts in India.

❖ Tele-Tutoring Projects – being developed. Many volunteers have signed up. The list was circulated to the Board members. Setting up the network with the poor children where broadband access is possible is in progress. Hoping to activate this as soon as possible.

❖ Helping Children in Kenya & Tanzania – being developed

The recent visit to evaluate the ground situation in Kenya and Tanzania for preliminary exploration, the link with a reliable and enthusiastic local coordinator; the visit to a Masai Tribe school, etc. were presented by Drs. Saha and Viji. The Board was in favor of helping the poor in these two countries. Will send periodic updates as this evolves.

(iii) Environmental Protection Programs

Rameswaram Solar Power Mission

- ✓ Solar Lamps to fishing boats – Donation – the dramatic difference of solar lamps as life savers on the fishing boats was evident overnight; the Board approved this project and to take efforts to raise funds.
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- ✓ 2 Hospitals – Solar water heaters
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All these initiatives require significant funding and participation by a lot of willing and interested donors, institutions and companies. The measures by the Foundation and the local parties in India were discussed at length. The Board approved going forward with this mission.

(iv) Open Source Intl Virtual Lab – World Space Knowledge Platform

Discussions between H. E. office in Delhi and NSS are ongoing and we expect to finalize these soon and sign the sponsorship agreement in the near future. Will keep the Board updated as this evolves.

(v) Uttarakhand Relief and Recovery Mission

MOU with Uttarakhand Mandal of America & American India Foundation

Tele-medicine Network & Vocational Training Centers

The major efforts in collaboration with Uttarakhand Mandal of America and the American India Foundation were explained and discussed. The Board approved these efforts to help the victims in Uttarakhand in this major calamity.

6. Next meeting on Sat. Nov. 30, 2013 2.00 PM (moved to Sat. Dec. 21, 2013, 3.00 PM)
7. Conclusion: There was no other matter or business to consider.
8. Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4.40 PM.

Draft of the minutes prepared by: M S Viji MD for any corrections.
Presented at the Board Meeting on Dec. 21, 2013 for review and approval.

Respectfully,
M. S. Viji, MD – President Dec. 21, 2013

Accepted as presented

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Dr. Nirmala Desai, Chair Dec. 21, 2013
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