



INTERNATIONAL 'WE SERVE' FOUNDATION, INC.

Foundation Board Meeting – Minutes Saturday, Jul. 21, 2018

Venue: Lexington Public Library, CENTRAL Library (Downtown), 4th Floor, Meeting Room 'B'

1. **2.10 PM** - Chair Mr. V. Venugopal called the Board meeting to order. Chair, Venugopal, Prof. Seetha Subramanian, Prof. D. Sudharshan, Dr. Nirmala Desai, Mr. Mani Narayanasamy (via Skype), and Dr. M. S. Viji attended. Mrs. Usha Chandra & Dr. Sibhu Saha were excused. Mr. Rohit Patel could not attend due to health reasons. Dr. Saha gave his Proxy to the Chair Mr. Venugopal. The Chair verified there was adequate quorum to conduct the Board meeting held at the Central branch Lexington Public Library.
2. Minutes of the last Board Meeting (Apr. 14, 2018) were reviewed; proposed, accepted with no change as submitted and approved, unanimously by the members present.
3. **Financial status Update** – up to Jul. 16, 2018 – was presented and discussed; \$ 29,562.96 received in 2018 from several donors in the US. The donations were itemized under (i) Cash 2 % (ii) Kind 0 % (iii) check 97 % & (iv) EFT 1 %. Itemized under various Projects as well. Itemized details of distributing \$ 47,025) to various projects was shown, with a balance \$ 26,930.66 on July 16, 2018. IWSF has applied for a number of Grants, based on the specific terms & conditions of each; some require extensive discussions before final approval. Subject to grant approval, the proposed project(s) shall be implemented when the funds are received.
4. **Missions & Projects Update** – by M S Viji, MD
From inception, IWSF has received \$ 484,606 donations, including \$ 233,904) in kind as donated books. \$ 457,675 have been used in various missions and projects, combine with matching funds along with contributions from many collaborating partner. The ultraconservative estimate value of projects implemented to date = \$ 4,254,000. Every \$ 1 donated to IWSF is multiplied to \$ 9.29 - an incredible 929 % benefiting a whole lot more poor.
 - a) **IGNITING MINDS Mission** – progress
 - ✓ E-Learning Smart Classrooms – update total 122 now reaching 90,000. 23 more ESC will be set up by Aug. 2018.
 - ✓ **'KALAM HOME LIBRARIES'** - 685 KHL set up + with 50-50 match from local non-profits, 1,369 more KHL will be set up by Oct. 15, 2018.
 - ✓ **120,000 FPL Update:** 381,965 books have been dispatched to date, with > 850 FPL reaching more than 800,000 children, youth and people in public schools & colleges. 14th FCL Clearance got delayed for a variety of reasons; 353 days resulting in demurrage US \$ 111,540. With the intervention of many kind & generous leaders, ultimately this was reduced to US \$ 16,075. The FCL was cleared on May, 25, 2018; 33,873 books sent from Detroit, MI on June 8, 2017 were delivered to Rotary Club Sadashivanagar, RID 3190 to set up > 65 FPL in rural schools all around Bengaluru in Eastern Karnataka. Frankly, CANNOT predict or prevent such delays or problems in advance.



- ✓ 'AK-EDUSAT' Project Progress & Budget – Symposium, Sep 7 & 8, 2018 is Co-sponsored by IWSF and the Rotary Club of Sadashivanagar, in collaboration with the University of Agriculture in Bengaluru, ISRO, AKVIM, Aeolus Aero Tech, 54 Rotary Clubs in RID 3190, etc.
 - ✓ **Healthcare Improvement:** GV Health Foundation, Bengaluru founded by Drs. Suma & Kiran Saraff, is collaborating with local non-profits to set up 2 Burn Treatment Units with Hyperbaric Oxygen therapy and a Cardiac Cath facility in local tertiary healthcare facilities to provide free healthcare to the poor. IWSF helps with fund raising, FCL dispatch, etc. When operational, IWSF Medical Volunteers shall offer free Tele-Med consults to benefit the poor patients seeking care in these facilities set up and managed by GV Health Foundation.
 - ✓ 'Rural Tele-Med Project in Velhe, Pune Dist. Maharashtra – RIGG 1869378 got approved for \$ 99,450. Four Rotary Clubs in RID 3131 and 2 in USA collaborate. They need \$ 3,385 to get the full funding and start the project soon. IWSF has donated \$ 1,000 and has contacted potential donors to come forward.
 - ✓ **Visiting Educators Seminars:** Sep. 2018 visit – Dr. M. S. Viji shall address & interact with several thousands of students in about 30 public schools & colleges in 15 cities in India & meet with many non-profits as well.
- b) **SOLAR POWER MISSION**
- ✓ 163 Tribal Families shall receive Portable Solar Lights, thanks to Drs. Usha & Rayudu Polisetty.
 - ✓ AMAR SEVA SANGAM: 105 KVA for Amar Seva Sangam – RIGG Project, in collaboration with the Host RID 3212 – IWSF is keen to help this important project.
 - ✓ Solar Village Foundation: Solar Street Lights & Solar Smart Classrooms – based on donations, IWSF will support the Street Lights project for many villages.
- c) **Ongoing Projects Update:**
- ✓ Grant Applications have been sent to 7 major entities. Subject to approval (after a number of filtering rounds), the project shall be implemented, based on the funds deposit, to benefit millions of deserving people worldwide.
- D) Projects SEEKING funds - from 3 Non-Profits were presented to the Board.
- Silicon Andhra – based in San Jose – for Sanjivani Hospital in Kuchipudi village
 - Vivekananda Kendra – for rural development projects
 - Ekam Foundation to promote maternal and infant & children health

5. **2018 meetings plan:** Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018 – 2.00 PM EDT

6. No other items were there for the Board to discuss. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3.36 PM.

Approved as submitted [] Approved with changes []

Chair, IWSF:
 Vinodh Venugopal

Date: Nov. 3, 2018