

# Minutes for Asha Chennai on 09th, June 2024

ASHA CHENNAI CHAPTER MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Sunday 9th June 24

Following were present

Bhaskar

Kasturi

Komalavalli

Paripoornam

Rajaraman

Shiva

Sujatha

Sundaram

Venkat

Vidhya Arun

## 0. Ratification of the minutes of the meeting held on 26/05/2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 26/05/2024 were approved unanimously.

## 1. Staff Loans'

Grant of Following loans were considered subject to the condition that if there was already a balance outstanding actual disbursement of loan would be restricted to ensure that the total outstanding did not exceed Rs 50,000..

In Project Pearl grant of loans of Rs 50,000 each to two teachers to purchase scooters was approved.

In Project Tulasi grant of loans of Rs 50,000 each to three teachers to purchase scooters was approved.

In Project Sangamam grant of loans of Rs 50,000 each to three teachers were approved , one request for building a house, second for a vehicle and the third for covering some emergency medical expenses.

## 2. Approval and noting of Final Figures of Projects FY 24-25 which were presented and discussed in the previous meeting.

Project budgets of Manigal, Scholarship, Poorna Vidhya, Asha Kanini , Sangamam and Pearl had been already discussed in the meeting dated 26 May 2024. and It was decided to put the final revised figures for approval on an online poll.

## 3. Presentation of Budget Proposal for FY 24-25

Project Arogyam. Rajaraman explained the raison de terre for continuing the project although many of them started in 2020 pandemic times. Wherever poorer hamlets are there close to our teachers' residences and the teachers (Sangamam and Pearl projects) are willing to run a mini-school and do this kind of community work, such efforts are being supported. The proposal for an expenditure budget Rs 7,73,000 was approved unanimously.

Project Thulasi Paripoornam presented her budget proposal including the budget for libraries and Tution centre. After incorporating the suggestions made during the meeting. The final proposal for an expenditure of Rs 39,45, 720 and Rs 2,63, 200 for the Tution centre was approved.

Project Cauvery Komalavalli presented the Budget proposal which was finalised after discussion as follows and approved. For the main project Rs 24,01.200 and Libraries Rs 2,46,000.

Project Mirzapur Sujatha presented the figures of budget for Mirzapur and were finalised approving an estimated expenditure of Rs Rs 8,85,000 .

## 4. Updates on the Following

### 4.1 CS Assessment for teachers

CS Assessment for all teachers was held on 8th June. The paper was a little too long. Teachers havent done all that well based on an initial grading for some teachers.

### 4.2 Used laptops from amazon

Rajaraman stated that we received about 500 used laptops after cannibalising parts and carrying out some repairs and replacements. We may have more than 480 laptops in working order. Soon request for laptops from projects would be invited for prioritising and deciding on distribution.

#### 4.3 IT Exemption 12A and 80 G

Rajaraman explained that exemption under sec 12 A of the IT Act Non Profit Organisations are exempt from tax on their earnings from interest etc and 80G permits donors claiming exemption for 50% of the money donated to . Unfortunately we missed renewing the certificates for exemption beyond FY 22-23 for 12 A and for 80 G FY23-24 respectively. Our auditors are on the job and we expect these issues to be resolved soon. This is also delaying the disbursement of funds from Amazon.

#### 4.4 Govt permission on other initiatives

Asha Chennai has had talks with TN Govt officials on extending our services to ADW Schools. It is expected that an MOU will be signed shortly. Rajaram is working on this. We are also trying to extend the Namma School Namma Ooru Palli permission to cover all the schools we wish to take up for various programs. This is being progressed with our volunteer Mr Murali assisting us all the way.

#### 4.4 Training and MES activities as the schools start. teachers

These are being implements at various project offices at the start of the school year as were done last years.

#### 4.5 Karadipath Contract

We have signed for 22 Karadi Path Licence/kit involving an expenditure of Rs 18 Lakhs. Karadi Path has been introduced in many schools in most projects in TN.

### 5. Upcoming events

#### 5.1 Asha Impressions in Kayathar

Asha Impressions in Kayathar are scheduled to be held on saturday 15th

#### 5.2 RTC Inauguration in Nalattinputhur and Kilpennathur (Thulasi Project)

RTCs in Nalattinputhur and Kilpennathur are slated to be inaugurated in the later part of June.

#### 5.3 ACE v1 continuation

Under the existing MOU, of training Govt Teachers under our CS Curriculum in ACE v1 will continue up to February, 2025

#### 5.4 ACEv2 inauguration in all 3 sites

Talks are on with Education authorities and it is hoped that this will come through and be launched by the end of July.

### 6.0 CSR Donation from Maha Cements Hyderabad

Komalavalli and Rajaraman met the Chief of Marketing who evinced interest in funding projects in Thiruvarur area under their CSR ambit. A proposal for toilet constructions (in all project areas) extensions of project Cauvery to more schools and libraries has been tentatively proposed to him at an estimated expenditure Rs 1.9 Crores.

### 7.0 Leadership and organisation development - Training Course

A 3 day 2 Hour each module course on the above has been organised on 13th July , 20th July and 3rd August. Pradeepa Narayanswamy a professional trainer from Dallas, US has agreed to put our volunteers, field level coordinators, Lead Teachers, Office Staff through their paces. Venkat, Rajaraman and Sundaram spoke on the necessity for training some of our staff in soft skills.

In this connection Rajaraman outlined his ideas on Asha Chennai's growth and development and stated that we need more than ever before to look into our processes and streamline them. He mentioned that he had requested Arjun Shankar, a long term supporter of Asha to help study our systems and recommend changes.