# Minutes of Meeting of Trustees held @ Puducherry on 18-Nov-2018

Meeting started with invocation of Prayer by Managing Trustee Sri. S.G. Jayaprakash.

Secretary Sri. K. Balsubramanian proposed that the meeting will be presided over by Sri. S.G. Jayaprakash, Managing Trustee.

Sri S.G. Jayaprakash, in his welcome address, accoladed Sri. P. Santhakumar for having made excellent and elaborate arrangements for the conduct of the meeting. He recalled the fact that the very building which was coming up four decades back when he was a Clerk in the Puducherry SSA is housing this current meeting, making him feel nostalgic. In his welcome address, Sri. S.G. Jayaprakash thanked Sri. Rajanayakam, DGM Puducherry for making the conference hall available for the Trust meeting. He welcomed Sri. G. Alagarsamy, ex Pr.CCA TN circle to the Trust meeting, mentioning that Sri. G. Alagarsamy is a great inspiration to the members of the trust. He welcomed all present, special invitees and read out the agenda.

The following Trustees and others members attended the Meeting.

1. S/sri S.G. Jayaprakash

2. C. Duraiarasan

3. K.Balasubramanian4. K. Raajaram

5. R.R. Ramasubramanian

6. S. Sethu

7. P. Santhakumar

8. P. Venugopal

9. G. Vasudevan

10. V. Dakshinamoorthy

21. P. Kuppuswamy

11. C. Sathyamurthy

12. P. Mohan

13. P. Palani

14. M. Munuswamy

15. A. Natesan

16. R. Guruprasad

17. K. Rajagopal

18. C. Rajendran,

19. A. Thomas

20. S. Rajanayakam

Members observed a minute's silence as a respect to condole departed souls

- 1. Sri. Ramakrishnan retired DGM and member of the trust
- 2. Sri. K. Ganesan retired DGM
- 3. Kalaingar Dr. M Karunanidhi ex-CM of Tamil Nadu
- 4. Sri. A.B. Vajpayee ex-PM
- 5. Sri. Ananthakumar Central Minister
- 6. Those who lost their lives in Gaja Cyclone

And others who might have been left out by us.

# Agenda item: Approval of the minutes of last trust meeting held on 22-07-18

Secretary Sri. K. Balsubramanian read out the minutes. While reading the minutes, he mentioned that the number of life members has crossed 150, which was an internal target set for Dec 2018. He thanked trustees who could enlist members in general and Sri. R.R. Ramasubramanian in particular for his efforts which saw addition of 14 members. There was all round discussion on how to increase the strength. Sri. S. Sethu was asked to contact all annual members to appeal for converting as life members.

Sri. Rajendran raised a point as to whether family member of a deceased trust member can be inducted / co-opted into our trust, to which Secretary replied that we will consider changing constitution at appropriate time.

Sri. A. Thomas wanted to instill a process to send one or two trust members to convey condolences to the family of any trust member at the time of demise. It was unanimously agreed to start such an activity henceforth. To start with, it was decided to meet family of late Sri. Ramakrishnan @ Chennai to express our heartfelt condolences.

# Agenda item: Report on the charitable activities of the trust (and discussions thereon)

Secretary detailed action taken on earlier approvals, activities on distribution of awards to students etc.

It was decided that award process should continue this year too.

Sri. A. Thomas raised a point that an approved financial assistance to a body in Chennai has not been executed. It was agreed that this action would be completed soon.

Sri. G. Alagarsamy (special invitee) in his speech, mentioned some interesting points:

- From his interaction during service and later, F&A officials in general are known for their honesty and sincerity.
- He was happy to note that the F&A cadremen continue to exhibit interest in upliftment of needy people and show interest in society and service to mankind.
- He mentioned that the Trust's actions are commendable as is, and the trust should now start concentrating on providing end to end assistance to make a mark. An example is to adopt a school in a socially backward area. Trust should aim to showcase a complete and notable achievement which will help improve the image of the trust.
- More than financial assistance, members with proper knowledge should help children especially studying in villages to reduce the gap in intelligence.
- He mentioned that there is lot of potential within us, which can be used to provide useful training to children in backward areas to help them compete with children in urban schools.

Members thanked Sri. G. Alagarsamy agreeing that this should be taken as a goal in the near future.

## Agenda item: Discussion on enrolling new members

Secretary detailed action taken by all members to enroll new members. As we cannot force people to become members, it was decided that more and more persuasion techniques should be used to enroll new members. It was decided to visit Trichy where lot of scope appears to be present.

#### Agenda item: Discussion on decision on next year activities

All members unanimously agreed that award scheme should continue this year too, and base can be enlarged in respect of XII students by deleting schools with low number of students and by adding certain schools which were not included previous year. It was also decided and agreed to extend the award to the meritorious students of X std from three Institutes of deaf and dumb, and the school for Blind in T. Nagar, Chennai. It was decided that we will allocate

one lakh from the trust and collect Rs.50000 as voluntary donations. S/Sri. K. Raajaram and Mohan Trustees agreed to donate Rs.10000 and Rs.5000 respectively.

It was decided to continue the current methodologies to identify and grant financial assistance. It was also decided to invite Director of School Education to the award function.

Annual donation of 5000 to Trust from Salem which undertakes cremation of unclaimed bodies was approved.

Grant of Rs. 10000 to Saradha Ashramam Ulundurpet, Villupuram District was also approved.

### Agenda item: Financial report

Sri. S. Sethu, Treasurer read out the financial report and indicated the position. He mentioned that we have filed IT return to claim refund of the TDS from FD interest. Members noted with elation that trust generally spends NIL amount for meetings as usually meeting expenses are sponsored.

#### Agenda item: Holding of mini AIC, Delhi

Secretary elaborated the entire action taken by the trustees right from beginning and shared the latest status of efforts to get funds from the erstwhile AFSOA CHQ. Current status is completion of making accounts live. Sri Venugopal also elaborated the way he advised Sri Sathyanarayana, ex GS ND to take up the AFSOA final accounts and convene a conference of all circle secretaries and distribute the funds amongst the circles while he was in Corporate Office. Even Sri P. Venugopal cautioned Sri Sathyanaryana that he would become unpopular in the eyes of Accounts Personnel if he continues to delay the accounts and not convening the Mini conference of all circle secretaries. But all efforts of Sri Venugopal did not work with Sri Sri Sathyanarayana and he never bothered about this.

Members unanimously decided to send a resolution to Sri Satyanarayana, ex-GS to complete all process and finalize the accounts of AFSOA CHQ and convene Mini Conference of all Circle secretaries to deliberate the modalities of distribution of funds to circles. It was decided that we will give 12 weeks' time to complete this activity and start serious persuasion methods from 1<sup>st</sup> week of March 2019, if situation does not improve by then. Secretary will address the letter to President, GS and Financial secretary of the All India P & T AFSOA, CHQ New Delhi with copy to Circle secretaries of major circles like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, New Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Kerala etc. emphasizing the expedition of Final closure of accounts of the Association and call for the Mini Conference during the second week of March 2019.

#### Agenda item: Any other item

Though there were some discussions, no new item was brought by any member.

Sri K.Rajaaram offered his services to impart training in computer field to the needy school students in the charitable activities to be undertaken by the Trust.

Sri C Duraiarasan Trustee (and Circle Secretary, AIBSNLEA, TN CIRCLE) actively participated in the deliberations suggesting means and methods to be adopted by the Trust. He also offered

for conduct of next meeting at Thanjavur. However, Secretary informed that the alternative meeting can be held at outstations and that the next meeting can be had at Hqrs, Chennai and decided further.

Sri Santhakumar, the hosting Trustee complimented all the trustees and other members attended the meeting with a memento. Sri M.Munuswamy, visiting member also joined Sri Santhakumar in implementing the trustees and others with an umbrella each.

Sri Sethu, Treasurer proposed vote of thanks, thanking Sri G.Vasudevan for the Vehicle arrangement from Chennai for the trustees from Chennai, thanking sri C. Sathyamurthy for hosting breakfast in transit. He also expressed that no expenditure was incurred by Trust for the vehicle and that the expenses were borne by individuals themselves and similarly thanking the other trustees like S/sri P. Venugopal, A.Natesan, K.Rajagopal, C.Rajendran, Nagarajan, DGM F Cuddalore for making their own arrangements. He thanked Sri S.Raja Nayakam, DGM F Pondy for organizing the Conference Hall with his team members for care taking services to all the participants. He then profusely thanked Sri P.Santhakumar, the hosting trustee for his meticulous planning for the meeting with delicious lunch and snacks and also mementos to all participants. He also thanked Sri M.Munuswamy for memento distributed to all present in the meeting.

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