



Minutes of Trust Meeting held on 26.07.2020

Meeting started with prayer by Shri S G Jayaprakash. Shri P Santhakumar, Managing Trustee presided over the meeting and welcomed the following Trustees and special invitees present.

Sl #	Name of the member S/Shri	Sl #	Name of the member S/Shri
1	P Santhakumar	12	C Duraiarasan
2	K Balasubramanian	13	M Govindaraj
3	T R S Sriram	14	T K Udhayan
4	A Thomas	15	B Sankaran
5	C Sathyamoorthy	16	A Aravazhi
6	P Mohan	17	R Guruprasad
7	K Raajaram	18	C P Ravikumar
8	P Venugopal	19	G Vasudevan
9	S G Jayaprakash	20	T S Nagarajan
10	V Dakshinamoorthy	21	V P Shanmugasundaram
11	S Sethu	22	M Anguchamy

Members observed Two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the following departed souls.

Shri H V Dasan Retd CAO
Shri Narasimhan
Shri P Kamarudeen Retd AO
Shri V S Srinivasan Retd Dir (F)
Shri Sundaram Retd AO CH TD
Shri Mari Retd DGM (Fin) PY

Managing Trustee requested the Secretary to place his interim report.

Secretary informed the Trustees and Special Invitees that various amendments were passed in the last AGB to our Trust Deed. Shri Sriram, Sathyamoorthy, Vasudevan and Secretary visited the Registrar Office at Kodambakkam to check the status during the first week of February, 2020.

As suggested by the Registrar, we sought an appointment with our Auditor, to sort out the issues, but it could not proceed further owing to sudden travel of Auditor and later due to lockdown situation.

As per the decision taken in Trust Meeting held on 5th Jan 2020, letters conveying our proposal to honor the +2 Meritorious students with merit certificate and cash awards were delivered to 29 Corporation / Government Higher Secondary Schools at Chennai, 12 schools in and around Cuddalore and 9 schools in Dharmapuri District. Secretary thanked S/Shri Raajaram, Jayaprakash, Sriram, Sethu, Thulukkanam and Sathyamurthy for covering Chennai Schools, Shri Santhakumar and Sundaram who coordinated and covered Schools in Cuddalore and Dharmapuri respectively. We covered the majority of schools in person to explain our intent.



Now that the results are declared, Secretary entrusted the work of collecting the information from the HMs of the schools, duly signed & Sealed, to S/Shri Sethu, Jayaprakash and Sriram at Chennai, Shri P Santhakumar at Cuddalore and Shri Sundaram at Dharmapuri.

Managing Trustee appealed to members to DONATE LIBERALLY to support Central and State Governments in the fight against COVID19. 138 Members donated a sum of Rs.3.76 lakhs in a span of three weeks, which was distributed as detailed below:

TN CM Public Relief Fund	Rs. 2,25,000-00
PM Cares Fund	Rs. 1,00,000-00
CM Corona Relief Fund Pondicherry	Rs. 50,000-00
Total contribution from our Trust	Rs. 3,75,000-00

Secretary informed the Trustees that the following cases are pending, out of decisions in the Trust meetings held on 05.01.2020 and 17.05.2020, while all other cases have been completed.

1. Avvai Home for Orphanage, Adyar, Chennai
2. Sri Venkateswara orphanage Kaduveli, Thiruvaiyaru
3. Tiruttani Girl students

The above are pending mainly because of the lockdown situation.

Managing Trustee informed that he learnt that the “Tiruttani” girls are safe and taken care of properly for the present.

Secretary placed the following new proposals received from Trustees / Members. After threadbare discussions, the unanimous decision to extend financial assistance as detailed below is taken:

Name of the agency / person	Amount
Construction of Toilets at selvip nagar, a remote hamlet of Adivasis in Nilgiris Dist	Rs.10,000-00
Sarada Ashramam Ulundurpet	Rs.10,000-00
Shri E S Ranganathan, Cance Patient, Chennai	Rs.10,000-00
United Orphanage for the Disabled, Coimbatore	Rs.10,000-00
Miss Hema Pooja State Topper +2 (secured 597/600)	Rs.10,000-00
Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudi, Tirunelveli	Rs.10,000-00
Aiswaryam Trust Madurai	Rs.12,000-00

The above amounts also include donations from two members S/Shri K Suseela and K Rajagopal

It was decided to felicitate Miss Hema Puja along with the Toppers of Corporation / Government Hr. Secondary School in our Award Function at Chennai.



Next, discussion about the WHATSAPP group was taken up. Secretary informed the Trustees various views / opinions and from some members about difficulties in posting in the group. After thorough discussion, it was unanimously decided to remove the restrictions of message posting in the group. After taking into account suggestions from S/Shri VPS, Santhakumar, Thomas and others, it was decided to provide Admin access to six members as shown below:

1. Shri P Santhakumar
2. Shri T R S Sriram
3. Shri S Sethu
4. Sri Arumugam (Vellore)
5. Shri Ramakrishnan (Madurai) and
6. Shri Rajasekaran (Erode)

Secretary placed a proposal to split the group into TWO in view of the fact the membership has crossed 300 and it will grow further and at present there is restriction that a group cannot accommodate more than 256 members. But the proposal was not agreed to by many members of the Trustees and hence dropped.

Secretary requested the Trustees and Members NOT to post any irrelevant messages in the Whatsapp Groups as it does not auger well with the scope and purpose of the group. Secretary requested all the members to use the words with caution to ensure that sentiments of none is hurt. When such things are pointed out, the reaction of some of the members is extreme, which is not proper in a group bound with a common cause, the Secretary said. You don't leave the group in such a situation, but remain in the group and resolve the issue should be the correct attitude, he said further. It is easy to restrict message posting, but we do not want to resort to this, he added.

Shri Dakshinamurthy pointed out that seeing greetings side by side with condolences look a little odd, and wondered whether this can be controlled. During discussions, S/Shri R Guruprasad, Thomas and Jayaprakash suggested to furnish Telephone number of the grieving family members so that whoever is willing to send the message can directly contact the family. They also suggested to open a condolence message Board in our website temporarily for 2 to 3 days for posting condolence messages by our members which will be consolidated by Shri Raajaram and sent to the family members. The above two proposals were agreed to by all the members present.

Shri Thomas placed a proposal the new member can be welcomed by the Managing Trustee at the end of the month instead of posting every day. Pointing that welcoming should be instantaneous and immediate, S/Shri Sriram, Ravikumar, Sankaran, Venugopal, Guruprasad and Sathyamurthy argued against this, appreciating Shri P Santhakumar for welcoming the newly joining members immediately after enrolment. This is more like BREAKING NEWS.

The next item in the Agenda, discussion regarding our website was taken up.

Secretary informed the Trustees and Special invitees that Shri Raajaram is doing excellent work and he is getting appreciation from vast majority of members for his innovation in maintaining our website.



Then the Secretary placed the following proposals to make changes in the website, which was agreed by all.

- Separate page for “Founder Trustees” with Shri K S Jeyavelu shown as Patron.
- Incorporation of “Former Trustees” below the current Trustees.
- Separate column to indicate the “Former Members” (i.e. those who are no longer among us)
- Uploading the remaining MOM from the beginning and all the Annual Reports.

Secretary requested Shri Raajaram to clarify / explain about the details of how we can generate revenues from our website when the number of hits increases. Shri Raajaram explained that once we get a decent number of consistent daily hits of a few thousands, we can approach Google with the details to insert advertisements in our website. The modality is as below:

- We provide details of our website to Google Ad Sense group;
- They run an independent review and decide whether we qualify;
- They collect the details like age group, preferences of the visitors of our website;
- Based on the above information, they insert ads which may be relevant to the visitors;
- For example, if our website is frequented by senior citizens, they may insert health related ads;
- We will have to allocate space in our web page(s) to facilitate insertion of ads;
- If business the advertising companies increase, they may choose to provide more;

Shri Raajaram said that we will be in a position to start our activities in this direction after our total hits reach 5000 or more. He explained that the total hits start the process, but consistent daily hits decide the action.

Shri Guruprasad requested Shri Raajaram whether the recent donation received can be put at the top instead of at the bottom i.e. in ascending order instead of descending order. Shri Raajaram responded saying that we have sorting facility, using which this can be achieved by the user himself. Shri Guruprasad checked this then and there and thanked Shri Raajaram.

S/Shri Sriram, Sethu, VPS, Sankaran Dakshinamurthy and Venugopal appreciated Sri Raajaram for his commitment in maintaining our Website nicely. Shri Sethu and Dakshinamurthy suggested in addition to Shri Raajaram another 1 or 2 suitable persons should be trained to share this work to reduce the burden of Shri Raajaram. Secretary replied that this will be discussed in the next meeting after getting consent from the interested / qualified members.

Then the next item in the Agenda was taken up. Secretary informed that more than 110 life members have been enrolled during the last 2 to 3 months. Our Managing Trustee has taken extra-ordinary efforts to enroll a very large number of members within a very short time. Even in the previous years, S/Shri Santhakumar, R R Ramasubramanian and Sethu played a major role in enrolling very large number of members. All the Trustees appreciated the efforts of the Managing Trustee in this regard.

Shri Santhakumar informed that Mrs. Sudha helped a lot to furnish Telephone number of many Accounts Personnel which enabled him to make a successful membership drive.



S/Shri Duraiarasan, Raajaram, Sethu, Sriram, Venugopal and Govindaraj also contributed a lot in converting the Annual Members into life members. Secretary conveyed his sincere thanks to all the above Trustees.

Secretary recalled how they were facing difficulty in enrolling the members in the initial years. Though we have started enrollment of members in March, 2014 during the first 10 months, we could enroll only about 40 members. Out of the 40, 15 were Trustees, which actually meant that there was only 25 enrolments! Most of them are very close friends of trustees. It will not be an exaggeration to say that almost all the Trustees underwent a lot of Stress during this period, he added. As there was no charitable activities during the initial period, the response to join our Trust was rather low, even after our repeated visits (3 to 4 times) to many of the offices in Chennai city.

The real break-through came only on 04.01.2015, the day on which the Annual Luncheon meet of P&T Accounts and Finance Service Retired Officers Associated was held. Our veteran leader Shri K S Jeyavelu, President and Shri V Dakshinamurthy, who was the then secretary of the Retired Officers Association were kind enough to include a para in the invitation letter sent to all Retired Accounts Personnel informing them about the formation of our Trust and requested them to enroll. Shri K Balasubramanian, Secretary was also given an opportunity to speak on the occasion. Secretary highlighted the Aim and Objective of our Trust and informed the gathering that most of the Trustees are retired and the remaining are going to retire very soon. The Trustees wanted to spend the remaining part of their life in a very meaningful and purposeful way and wanted to do something concrete to the society. On that day 20 members joined the Trust. Joining 20 members on a single day in those days was a very great achievement. For this we should be ever thankful to not only Shri K S Jeyavelu and Shri Dakshinamurthy but all those retired Accounts Personnel who joined in our Trust on that day, conceding our appeal.

And in the very next month i.e. February 2015 due to the efforts of Shri Duraiarasan, the then Addl. Managing Trustee, nearly 17 members working in Thanjavur and Kumbakonam joined the Trust. Our next destination was Coimbatore, in the very next month i.e. March, 2015. Shri V P Shanmugasundaram has nicely arranged a meeting of Retired as well as serving Accounts Personnel and requested the participants to join the Trust in a very large number. Conceding our appeal 8 Members joined the Trust. The activities of our Trust have grown gradually since 2017, and the response to join the Trust picked up momentum. Now that we have reached 300 plus life members, Trustees should not remain complacent. We should fix target of 350 members to reach before the end of December 2020. We have made two important amendment in connection with enrolment of members in the last AGB.

Those who joined as JAOs on or before 31.12.2010 can be enrolled as members (Previously this was 31.12.2004)

Even the Direct recruit JAOs can be enrolled as member.

In view of the above amendments there is large scope of enrolling good number of members (Both working, retired including VRS) from Tamilnadu. But from the perusal of the application received from the new members, it is seen that a very few JAOs have joined between 1.1.2005 and 31.12.2010 are enrolled as members and not even a single Direct Recruit JAO has joined.



Secretary specifically appealed to VP Shanmugasundaram, Guruprasad, Duraiarasan, Sathyamoorthy, Aravazhi and Udhayan to put in their best efforts to enroll more new members. Then Treasure placed his financial report. He informed the Trustees that a sum of Rs. 3 Lakhs was put in the Fixed Deposit in the Bank on 30.06.2020 and another Rs. 1 Lakh is going to be deposited very soon. Shri Jayaprakash enquired about the receipt for the donation / L M Fees. Shri Mohan Treasurer informed that due to COVID19, he could not visit Post Office to dispatch the receipts but he has already prepared the receipt. Duraiarasan suggested to send through Whatsapp and once the situation improve, he will dispatch the receipt. This was agreed by all the Trustees.

Secretary specially thanked Shri T R S Sriram for his special efforts to get Rs.25,000-00 as donation from Shri Ramachandran of TN Circle.

Shri Sathyamurthy raised the issue as to why the FD amounts are less than the total collection of subscription plus proceeds from the AFSSOA house. Secretary clarified that we had to pay more than 2.5 lakhs towards income tax on capital gains on the proceeds.

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks by Shri T R S Sriram, Joint Secretary.