



**Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

Meeting of Trustees and special invitees was held on 29-Nov-2022 at **Sugapriya Hall, Hotel Darling Residency Vellore** with the following agenda:

1. Prayer
2. Welcome address by Hosting SSA – Shri C Arumugam, Retd. DGM VLR
3. Presidential address by Shri P. Santhakumar, Managing Trustee
4. Approval of Minutes of Last Trust Meeting
5. Secretary's Interim Report
6. Discussion regarding Extending Financial Assistance to Meritorious students / Toppers studying ITI / Polytechnic courses in Government Institutions
7. Discussion regarding Extending Financial Assistance to Poorest among Poor students studying X, XI and XII std. in Government Schools
8. Discussion regarding financial assistance to +2 toppers Year 2023
9. Finance Secretary report on the Status of Funds
10. Donation to NGOs. New cases for consideration and approval
11. Any other issue with the permission of Chair
12. Vote of thanks

The meeting started at 11:00 Hrs. A total of 38 trustees and special invitees attended the meeting and actively participated to deliberate the above agenda at length and indulge in decisions for implementation.



**The following are the minutes of the meeting:**

**Secretary Shri K. Balasubramanian** requested the **Managing Trustee Shri P. Santhakumar** to preside over the meeting and conduct the proceedings. Managing Trustee thanked the Vellore members for the elaborate and excellent arrangements made to conduct the meeting.

The following Trustees and special invitees attended the meeting.

S/Shri

P Santhakumar	K Balasubramanian
C Duraiarasan	C Sathyamurthy
T R S Shriram	R Guruprasad
P Venugopal	S Sethu
M Govindaraj	P Mohan
S Sivakumar	C P Ravikumar
V Karthikesan	M Munuswamy
N Sundaram	R Rajeswaran
K S Manoharan	C Arumugam
R Guruprasad (VLR)	V Mani
A Thomas	B Natesan
G Harihara Babu	K Ramaswamy
S Gunasekaran	K Mannu
P Shanmugam	I Mohan
M Kuppusamy	D Malarkodi
Afzari K Zaman	P Indramani
G Dhandapani	E R Kavitha
P Jayaprakash	M Marimuthu
A Padmasini	B Manoharan



Agenda for the meeting was duly approved by the members.

The meeting started with the Prayer by **Shri N. Sundaram**.

On behalf of the organizers, **Shri C Arumugam** welcomed all those present. In his welcome address, Shri C Arumugam Vellore thanked the management for providing the opportunity to host the meeting at Vellore. He mentioned that every member of Vellore willingly consented and supported. All the eligible accounts personnel at Vellore who were yet to join the trust are being enrolled on this occasion by the active Vellore members, Shri Arumugam informed.

Members observed a two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the following F&A persons, who left for heavenly abode after the last meeting.

S/Shri

1. A Thulukkanam Retd. CAO STP
2. P B Aandavan Retd. DGM CHTD
3. D Sundar Retd. AO SLM
4. R Krishna Rao Retd. CAO TNJ
5. C G Revathy Retd. DGM BGTD
6. T Balakrishnan Retd. CAO STR

**Presidential address:**

Managing Trustee, in his presidential address again thanked the Vellore members for making excellent arrangements for the meeting at Vellore in a grand manner. Congratulating the Vellore members for their enthusiasm in ensuring enrolment of every F&A person in the trust, the Managing Trustee narrated the journey of the trust and challenges faced to reach the level of over 400 plus members in a span of eight years from 2014, for the benefit of new members present. He also recollected the timely advice and guidance from our stalwart leader Late Shri K.S. Jayavelu in augmenting the Corpus fund through the sale of our AFSSOA house at Kodambakkam and in legal formation of our Trust, hardly with 25 founder members. The activities after the trust registration, membership mobilization etc. in 2015-17 were somewhat in slow phase as most of our active trustees



were in service and could not spend quality time. After this, we started growing in leaps and bounds. We regularly started having meetings, and even during the two years of Corona pandemic, we conducted tele-meetings. Our Coordinators who braved the pandemic and distributed the cash awards and meritorious certificate to the students in person need to be congratulated, he said. To manage information dissemination, we started WhatsApp group and created a website.

We have witnessed a stupendous growth of almost eight times in terms of money distributed and ten times in the number of students covered in a span of five years with whole hearted support of the members. He presented the yearwise facts and figures for the benefit of the members:

Year	No. of schools	No. of students	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
2018	14	43	93000
2019	24	74	122000
2020	53	171	288000
2021	117	323	539000
2022	132	401	801000

In the year 2022, we included more rural and remote Government Schools, carefully selected by 24 of our active members after a lot of careful due diligence, he mentioned. He thanked the coordinators for being in the field and straining hard for circulating the information, collection of data, distribution of financial assistance and meritorious certificates in person to the students. Shri K. Raajaram and Shri S. Sethu did the consolidation of data, preparing the certificates disbursement of amount etc. in tandem. He informed the members that all the work was done on voluntary and honorary basis, and many of the coordinators spent sizeable amounts from their own pockets to complete the project.



We donated Rs. 6.75 lakhs to the Central Government and TN / Pondy State Governments for Covid relief fund.

A whopping amount of Rs. 41 lakhs was received from the members / donors so far in the past 7 years and more than Rs. 40 lakhs has been distributed to really deserving cases, including NGOs engaged in charitable and upliftment activities. In the last 7 years, 105 NGOs have been extended financial assistance by our trust. The Managing Trustee added that we ensured that keeping of funds idle has been carefully ensured. He cited an example of the generosity of our members in raising to the cause, to help poor family of a deceased casual labour Shri Suresh of BSNL. Rs. 1.3 lakhs was sent in by our members in a span of ten days in this case! Our members are regularly donating during the occasions like birthday, wedding day in their family, he recalled. It is heartening that some of the family members of our trust members also donate regularly, he said.

He welcomed advice for improvement in the trust activities from our members. He extended warm greetings to the newly inducted nine members. A small cadre in DoT / BSNL is making a big difference in serving the society, he opined.

The Managing Trustee concluded his presidential address extending special thanks to Shri K. Raajaram who maintains the trust website which paves way for complete transparency.

The main items of the agenda were taken up next.

**Approval of Minutes of the Last trust meeting:**

Secretary read out the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2.7.2022, and the same was approved.



**Secretary's Interim report:**

Following are the excerpts from the interim report of the Secretary:

**Meritorious certificate & Financial assistance to +2 toppers:** A total of 401 Government school students (277 Girl students & 124 boys) studied in 132 rural & remote area schools covering 22 districts were completed by August 2022, except one school, which is slated for completion soon. 24 of our trust members have coordinated in this task. Shri S. Sethu and Shri K. Raajaram managed the overall coordination. Rs. 8.01 lakhs has been distributed to the topper students. The events were well covered in local media too and news items were published in local newspapers in Pattukottai, Dharmapuri, Karaikudi and in some other places. The board of trustees places on record the yeomen services of coordinators and Shri P. Santhakumar for the successful completion of this project.

**Membership:** Total number of members as on date in our trust is 410. Since last meeting 11 new members have been enrolled.

**Corpus fund:** Total Corpus fund of our trust as on date is Rs. 37 lakhs available in PNB and Indian Bank in the form of FDs of Rs. 27 Lakhs Rs. 10 lakhs.

**The following Charitable activities done since last meeting:**

1. Viduthalai welfare trust - Rs.10000/- paid on 21.07.2022
2. Kaaviya B.Sc.(Trauma care) Financial assistance – Rs.10000/- paid on 8.8.2022  
This is the third consecutive year
3. Deepam Trust : Rs.10000 paid on 11.08.2022
4. Dheenabandu Ashram Walajapet – Rs.10000 paid on 25.08.2022
5. Narikoravar Educational trust - Rs.20000/- & Rs.21000/- paid on 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022
6. Financial assistance to late Suresh family CDL Rs.5000/- paid on 15.11.2022
7. Educational assistance to S. Balamurugan B.Sc. IT Rs.7000/- on 15.11.2022



For all the above cases approval received from the trustees and special invitees through WhatsApp group messages and payments were made on the dates noted against each.

**Special drive:** An appeal was made by our Managing Trustee for the (Late) Suresh ex-casual labour in BSNL. 55 members have contributed a sum of Rs. 1.29 lakhs till the date of meeting. The modalities of making the payment to the family may be decided in the meeting. After discussion it is decided that as per the request of the Wife of Late Suresh the amount will be paid by way of Fixed Deposit receipt.

Our trust account for the financial year 2021-22 has been finalised and sent to the Auditor on 5.10.2022. We are pursuing to get it audited at the earliest. 80 G exemption application will be made after audit & filing the return.

Secretary thanked **Shri K.S. Manoharan** our senior member who has sponsored breakfast to the members & special invitees came from Chennai.

**Discussion regarding Educational Assistance to Meritorious students / Toppers studying ITI / Polytechnic courses in Government Institutions:**

This has been discussed in depth by the trustees & special invitees. As per the input given by Shri C.P. Ravikumar and others regarding Government stipend / support to ITI / Polytechnic students the proposal is at present deferred.

**Discussion regarding granting of Educational Scholarships to poorest among poor students studying X, XI and XII std. in Government Schools:**

The Scholarship will be given on the basis of family situation and economic status of the students studying in X, XI and XII to encourage them in their academic pursuits. The amount of scholarship will be Rs.1500/-per student per year. This proposal was discussed at length by the trustees and special invitees. Some members mentioned the difficulty in identifying the right person as the feedback / report from some school authorities are not encouraging. MT & Secretary replied that our coordinators have to overrule the obstacles



and shared their experience too in such cases. It is unanimously decided by the trustees and the special invitees that Rs.1.5 lakhs for this year will be allotted for this specific purpose. Trustees' committee will decide the proposal application form.

**Financial Assistance to +2 toppers Year 2023:**

Government has announced that the Higher Secondary Examination will be held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March 2023. As such our letter indicating the proposal to honour the meritorious students are to be delivered to HMs in the first week of January 2023. We will call for volunteers and complete the process before December 2022 and will follow last year procedure.

**Finance secretary report on the status of funds:**

Shri P. Mohan FS read the report for the information of the trustees.

**Donation to NGOs. New Cases for consideration and approval:**

New proposals for discussion and approval of the trustees & Special invitees:

- a) Ray of Life Foundation (Cancer care for children) started in 2002 and taking care of around 200 children.
- b) Sevalaya
- c) Anbagam rehabilitation centre
- d) Thilliambur home for the aged (150 inmates)
- e) Manithaneya Unavagam (NLC Dindivanam – Poovaragan)
- f) Sharada Ashram Ulundurpet
- g) West Mambalam school for providing snacks to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> class students who are attending special classes after school hours
- h) All the children (Home for Orphanage boys)

The above proposals were discussed by the trustees. Rs.10000/- has been approved for the cases (a) to (g) each and Rs. 5000/- was approved for (h).





**Any other item with the permission of the Chair:**

Trustee **Shri. C. Sathiamurthy** sought for clarification/status on three items, which are indicated below together with the response from the Secretary:

**80 G Exemption:** It is clarified by the Secretary that the after completion of accounts and auditing for the last year and submission of IT return, we can initiate the process. Preliminary discussion has been completed with the Audit firm in this regard.

**Capital gain tax refund:** It was clarified by **Shri C. Duraiarasan** that due to non-availability of PAN no. for TN AFSSOA the capital gains tax could not be paid in the name of AFSSOA. Hence it was paid through the then TN Secretary AFSSOA. After discussion, it was stated that the concerned year IT return of Secretary AFSSOA will be made available to the MT/Secretary for information. It was stated by the then Secretary AFSSOA TN Shri Duraiarasan that *prima facie* no refund was eligible owing to the fact that he had to show matching income to set off the capital gains tax paid. He confirmed that no refund was received by him from the income tax department. He agreed to provide copies of the income tax returns for the concerned years to corroborate his statement to the welfare trust for record purposes.

**Corpus fund and matching FDs:** Secretary clarified that all the amounts received towards corpus fund so far has been converted into Fixed deposit in PNB. Rs. 84,500 is available at bank and FD will be taken after it crosses one lakh.



Before winding up, copies of the trust deed dated 10th February 2014 and supplementary trust deed dated 3rd March 2022 were issued to all the trustees and special invitees who attended the meeting.

Everybody present were of unanimous view that the arrangements were excellent, and there were unified opinion that future meetings can be planned in other stations.

**Vote of Thanks:**

**Shri R. Guruprasad** Vellore thanked all for conducting the meeting at Vellore. Invited friends to know our activities and become future members.

The meeting ended with sumptuous Lunch at the venue.

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