

CSt. Executive Body Meeting

Date : 13 /09 /07

Venue : CSt. Office

1. Validating the previous meeting minutes:

The president of CSt. Sr. Mercy welcomed the members of CSt. and then the minutes of the previous meeting was read out by Mr. Jerald Secretary of CST. It was unanimously passed and accepted by the rest of the members.

2. Visit to the Residential Care Institutions:

Mr. Jerald informed that the District Collector has given an authorization letter to the CSt. to visit and inspect all the residential care institutions in the district and submit a detailed report to the administration for their intervention. The Collector also has given the ID card to the Executive members who are going to visit the homes for the children. Based on the letter, it was decided to visit all the residential homes before the end of September.

3. District level workshop on Differently able Children:

The CSt. is planning to conduct a district level workshop for all the NGOs working with the children on differently able children. The main objective would be to give awareness to the NGOs on various schemes that are available to the children and the second objective would be to sensitize the NGOs on the issues and concerns that affect these vulnerable children. Before the workshop, the CSt. felt to conduct a FGD with the children to understand their issues. So a format was prepared by Mr. Ashok from LCI and it was finalized in the meeting. Then it was decided to conduct the FGD with the children and the care takers on 23rd September at LCI office. Tentatively October 9th was fixed for the workshop. It was planned to invite the Collector and the members from Govt. Departments for the workshop.

4. State Level Federation of Children Groups:

The Secretary informed about the consultative meeting conducted at Madurai on state level federation of children groups / parliaments. CSt took the responsibility with the support of NGOs working in Nagapattinam Dist to send 20 children from the district to participate in the state level meeting which is going to be held on 23rd October at Madurai.

5. Criteria for New Membership:

Discussion took place regarding the criteria for the membership in CSt. It was decided that the Code of Conduct which is on preparation will be the best criteria for the membership. Mr. Ganesh and Sr. Mercy have come forward to help in preparing the Code of Conduct. Once the guidelines are ready, it will be sent to the experts to get their comments.

6. Study Report on the Status of Children:

Mr. Jerald informed that the report on the status of children has come and he suggested that the Executive members should discuss the report with Mr. Naga from CMS, when he comes to Nagapattinam. The members expressed their willingness for a discussion with him according to his convenience.

7. Role and Activities of CST - Proposal:

Then the Secretary read out the role and the activities of CST planned in forthcoming years. Since this is going to be the proposal sent to the donors, all the Executive members took it seriously and discussed in detail. Finally everybody accepted the proposal and felt that all these activities can be achievable with the support of the NGOs working in the district. The members are very clear about the role of the CST as an ENABLER.

8. Inclusion of new members:

The Secretary informed about the requisition letter received from the NGOs – PCI and TMSSS. The members felt that the requisition letter should always come from the Chief functionary of an organization, so that they will fully involve in all the activities of CST. As per the decision, a letter should be sent to PCI to inform them to send the requisition letter from their Chief Functionary.

Regarding TMSSS, everybody felt, that before giving the membership to TMSSS, it is better to meet the director and explain their involvement in CST.

9. Children –Education Schemes:

Discussion took place regarding the education schemes done through the NGOs. Everybody felt that the NGOs are really taking care of the children and they have spent the money for the education of the children. It was decided to have a meeting with all the children and the concerned NGOs in November according to the convenience of the children.

10. Study on Child Headed Families:

It was informed to the members that the study on the child headed families is on progress and it will be over within a month time.

11. Accounts:

Since Mrs. Dhanam (treasure) came late for the meeting, the account was read out by the Secretary. The balance amount in the bank is Rs. 37995/-. The members accepted the financial statement. The treasurer informed that she will spend time in arranging all the bills and vouchers before the next meeting.

12. Educational assistance for the Children:

Based on the request came from two children, the Executive committee has decided to give Rs. 5000/ from the children Core Group fund to Ms.Shubashri from Akkaripettai and Nancy from Tharngambadi,

With this the meeting came to an end.

The following members attended the meeting.

1. Sr.Mercy - President
2. Mr. Jerald - Secretary
3. Mr. Ashok - Joint Secretary
4. Mr. Ganesh - Vice – President
5. Ms. Danam – Treasurer

