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Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting Held on July 25th 2010

Location: Residence of Arundhati Vinod,
92 Hillside Ave, Tenafly NJ 07670

In attendance: Arundhati & Hrishikesh Vinod, Shaila Vidwans, Sunita Dhumale, Rajesh Gilda, Ankush & Sameeta Karnik, Anjali & Pradeep Limaye, Anirudha Kinare, Sharayu Tulpule, Gaurie Tilak, Punit Marathe, Vijay Kale, Madhuri Mukherjee, Surekha Vaidya, Vijayalaxmi Joshi, Vinata Kulkarni (on the phone).

Meeting was called to order at 2.00 pm on July 25th 2010 by Arundhati Vinod, President, Maharashtra Foundation (MF). In the absence of a quorum (based on total membership) meeting was halted for 15 minutes as per constitution, and resumed at 2.15 pm.

Proof of posting of 2010 annual General Body Meeting announcement to the membership was presented to attendees.

The following business was transacted:

1. The minutes of the Annual General Body meeting held on July 25th 2009 were approved. Arundhati Vinod made the motion to approve, Sunita Dhumale seconded.
2. Arundhati Vinod gave her annual report. In her overview presentation, she talked about:
 - a) The India visit – Three MF Executive Committee (EC) members (Arundhati Vinod, Shaila Vidwans, Sharayu Tulpule) and former MF president, Sunita Dhumale visited several NGOs near Nagpur, Mumbai, and Pune in Jan 2010. The members also attended the annual MF awards ceremony in Pune to celebrate the presentation of social services and literary awards. The major outcomes from this India visit were:
 - i. face-to-face contact with NGOs, and seeing how the MF funds are being utilized.
 - ii. enhanced awareness of the problems faced by the NGOs and the workable solutions that they have devised.



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- b) Treasurer position – The MF treasurer’s resignation in early 2010 created accounting issues causing a delay in completing the financial reports. With the appointment of new treasurer, the accounting issues are getting resolved, and the financial reports have been completed.
- c) MF India - The process to close MF India is drawing to a close. It has taken a long time, but finally MF India will cease to exist in 2010.
- d) Annual fund raising event – This event will be held after three years on Nov 13, 2010 at the Ukrainian Center in New Jersey with special guests:
 - i. Carl Pope – Chairman of Sierra Club
 - ii. Dr. Anand Bang - Promising young social worker from SEARCH (Son of Drs Abhay and Rani Bang)
 - iii. Pallavi Amte - Inspiring young social worker from Anandwan (Granddaughter-in-law of Baba Amte)and a dance program – “Conversation in Taal “ by Kathak dancer Aditi Bhagwat and her group.

In addition to the Nov 13th event, efforts are underway to host panel discussion and networking events with Amte and Bang in NY, CT, and Washington D.C..

3. Arundhati gave an overview of MF projects.
 - a) Khedker project – This hospital project is taking shape at Anjanvel, in Ratnagiri district. This year, a cyclone damaged the entire structure of the health care center causing its operations to be moved to a temporary location. The local staff of the partner organization - Yusuf Meherally- and the local community leaders in Anjanvel did an exceptional job of resuming the services of the hospital within 48 hours. Yusuf Meherally Center is now busy repairing the structures and getting back to the hospital premises. The out-patient clinic at Anjanvel, in Ratnagiri district was visited by Sunanda Mane, Aditi Vaidya and Arundhati Vinod.
 - b) Apne Aap (Funding since 2006) - About 150 girl children from the most vulnerable section of the community. Support for nutrition, education, extra-curricular activities, and counseling.



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- c) PIRD - Peoples' Institute of Rural Development, Latur - Prevention of girl child marriages - one of the disguised causes for trafficking. Latur is another impacted district for human trafficking. Implemented in 30 villages in Latur District - reaching out to about 30,000 people covering adolescent girls, boys, married women and parents.
- d) Grant a Smile Foundation - Safe Drinking Water (Funding since 2007) Matching fund in this project is brought in by Rotary Club. Reaching to about 25 - 30 schools with at least 10,000 students getting safe drinking water.
- e) Swyamsiddha (Funding since 2007) - Youth and women empowerment project - over all scope of the project is on: Self-Help Groups, Youth for Change, Gender Training Programs for Men and Women, and Work for Elderly Population. So far, 57 Self Help Groups have been formed with 497 women getting Rs. 8 lakhs worth of total loans for a savings of Rs. 4.78 lakhs. About 1684 women and girls have attended health camps. The number of girls, boys and couples receiving pre-marital counseling is 114, and there have been 700 participants in the Gender Sensitization program/workshops.

4. Shaila Vidwans presented the Treasurer's report. Her overview presentation and financial statements are attached.



Microsoft PowerPoint
Presentation



Microsoft Excel
Worksheet

Because of MF treasurer leaving in early 2010, the accounting books were not completed in time to get audited financial report for the AGM. The audited financial reports will be made available to the MF members in the near future. Surekha Vaidya, the MF accountant, recommended timely distribution of all MF transaction records to her and more transparency in the accounting and book-keeping processes.

There was discussion on the following topics:

- a) Creating a database of companies offering matching donations
 - b) Displaying prominently on the web MF policy of charging 5% admin fees
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- c) Comparison data regarding admin fees for other charity organizations
 - d) Loyalty benefits for patron or life members
 5. EC members resignations – Sharayu Tulpule announced the resignation of two EC members – Rajan Marathe and Atul Tulshibagwale. A third member, Arun Adya, had finished his term, and had decided not to continue as a EC member. Sharayu thanked Rajan, Atul, and Arun for their support to MF on behalf of the EC, and hoped for their continued involvement with MF work.
 6. New EC members – Punit Marathe, Anirudha Kinare, and Ankush Karnik were ratified as EC members.
 7. Sunita Dhumale gave an overview of “Maityrin” – an ongoing Project in USA and managed solely by Sunita. The project in it’s 11th year. Air India and the US embassy in Mumbai have decided to give Maityrin information cards to people traveling to USA. The publicity generated by Air India involvement has increased awareness about Maityrin hotline in USA, thereby causing a significant increase in the number of calls being received. There has also been an increase in the number of calls coming from non-Marathi people. Sunita is planning to hold training sessions at the BMM 2011 convention for Maityrin hotline coordinators.

A resource book, written by Aparna Welankar, with information about various government agencies to help the needy will be published by MF at BMM 2011 convention.

There was also discussion about a “Maityrin” web site.

The EC recognized Sunita for her dedication and contribution to make “Maityrin” a success story.
 8. Gaurie Tilak, a senior from Brown University, talked about her NGO to help AIDS victims in India. She is working with Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General Hospital in Mumbai, and would like to partner with MF. She requested help from MF in fundraising and general financial support for her NGO.
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With thanks to the hosts Arundhati & Hrishikesh Vinod, the meeting was adjourned at 4.00 pm.

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