

Meeting Minutes of CSt – Executive Body Meeting

Venue : CSt. Office
Date : 01 /06 /07

The CSt. Executive body meeting was held on the 1st of June at CSt. Office. Mr. Raghunath, the Director CMS, Bangalore came as a guest to attend the meeting. Mr. Jerald, the Secretary of Cst. welcomed all the participants and Mr. Raghu. Then the previous meeting minutes was read out and validated by the members.

1. Christu Raj Matriculation School, Veilankanni.

The problem in Cristu raja school was discussed in detail. Since Mr. Ashok from LCPN took the responsibility to contact the people concerned to file a case in the court, he explained that he had already consulted his head office and he told that LCPN will follow this up with in a week. This kind of action will try to minimize the problems in the future.

2. Exclusion of Tsunami Orphans and Children living with single parents.

Mr. Jerald told the members, that with the help of the VIC staff members and the NGOs, many excluded children were identified and included in the government list. According to the list, 224 children living with single parents and 30 fully orphan children, who were left out in the govt. list were identified and included in the list. The govt. department was very helpful in this process to include the real beneficiaries.

3. Child Secretariat Registration.

It was announced by the secretary that the Child Secretariat was registered under the Society Registration Act of Tamil Nadu, 1975 and the registration no. is 94 / 2007. All the members were extremely happy about the registration.

4. Official Meeting with the Collector

It was announced by the secretary that the collector has given the appointment to meet him on 8th June at 10 AM in the collectorate. All the executive members are asked to attend the meeting without fail. Mr. Jerald also explained about the meeting he had with the DRO about the Child Secretariat. It seems the DRO is very positive about the concept of Child Secretariat.

5. Opening of Bank Account

The Executive body members decided to open a SB account in State Bank of India, Nagapattinam. The account will be jointly opened by the President – Sr. Mercy Joseph, Secretary – Mr. Jerald and the Treasurer – Ms. Dhanlakshmi. Account will be operated by any two of the above mentioned executive body members. The account will be opened with

the amount collected as membership fees from the members. The amount already deposited in the name of the “The Executive Committee” in the Union Bank of India will be transferred to the new account in the State Bank of India.

6. Members for the Advisory Board

The Executive body members suggested the following people from various departments for the advisory body for the CSt.

- CEO from Education Department
- Member from Child Welfare Committee
- Member from Health and family department
- Member from police department
- Director of Social Welfare Department.
- Ms. Girija , Child Rights Consultant
- One lawyer from Nagai.
- One doctor from the GH – Child specialist
- Member from SSI.

It was suggested that the list of above mentioned people can be given to the Collector to formalize the members for the advisory body.

7. State Level Consultative Meeting to validate the guidelines

The secretary told the members that already NCRC has contacted TNTRC for the state level consultative meeting to validate the guidelines drafted for the residential care centers. The proposed meeting will be conducted either in the second or third week of June, involving different departments and the organization.

8. Visit to the Residential Care Centers for the Children

The members of the body expressed the desire to visit all the residential care centers in the district to understand the status of children as well as the improvement taken place for the past one year. The members will divide into groups and visit the homes. The dates and the area will be decided in the next meeting.

9. The Image of CSt.

A serious discussion took place regarding the image of CSt. Since CSt is going to be a neutral body to be responsive to the needs of the children in the district, what kind of image we are going to project. The members came out with the following reflections –

- There should be no conflict between the agenda of a NGO and the CSt. The agenda of CSt should be different from a NGO.

- CSt should keep itself above from the NGO and it should look into the larger issues / common issues of the children.
- NGO should not make use of CSt to fulfill their agenda.

Mr. Raghu from CMS pointed out that the role of the CSt can be as an **enabler** with regard to different stock holders. The movement type of activities might hamper the vision and the mission of CSt. But CSt can always go with evidence to the concerned departments to get things done. He also suggests that in the initial stage the CSt has to show its visibility of the organization by disseminating the information, and by conducting training and workshops.

10. Fixing the date for the Meeting

The members wanted to fix a date for the meeting, so that all the members can attend the meeting without fail. They also suggested that based on our activities we can come together once / twice a month. Based on the discussion, every body felt for a need for deeper reflection about the mission of CSt, and they have agreed to come for LFA training on 7th evening at 6 PM at the office. This LFA training program will help the members to set the priorities and the roles and the responsibilities of the members will be very well understood.

Meeting came to an end by 5.30 PM.

Participants list

1. Sr. Mercy - President
2. Mr. S. Jerald - Secretary
3. Mr. Ashok - Joint – Secretary
4. Ms. Dhanlakshmi – Treasurer
5. Mr. Alfred - Board Member
6. Mr. Raghu - Guest from CMS

Thanks
