

## **Minutes of Meeting**

**Date :** 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**Attendees :** Kirti, Indranil, Megha, Nandan, Shyam, Sujit, Piyush, Agomani, Ankita and Divya.

**New members:** We had a new member joining us this week. Her name is Ankita. She is a PhD student at PSI. She will be helping us at the weltmarkt this week.

**Change in Meeting Days:** It was agreed in the meeting that all the Asha meetings henceforth will take place on the first Friday of the month instead of the second Friday. The time and venue remain unchanged.

**VMS :** The new proposed budget was discussed. They have increased the half yearly budget by INR 60000. The increase was mainly in the teachers' salaries and travel allowance. All the attendees of the meeting agreed to the increased budget. So Indranil will make the transfer this week. In addition Kirti will contact them and discuss the budget as well as other aspects of the project (no. of classes conducted, students joining/dropping out etc).

A site visit has to be conducted to this project. We are looking for volunteers who can do a site visit, so if anyone knows people who can do it/ can do it themselves, please contact Kirti.

**New Project :** Indranil presented a new project – Lok Birabari Prakalp. He visited the project in India with Kirti. Everyone liked the project and we shall take up the project. The final decision in this regard will be made at the next meeting. Indranil/ Kirti are willing to be the project co-ordinators for this.

**Annual Report :** The AR has been send via post to the donors. It was also sent by email. In case someone has not received it, send ur email id where you want to receive it.

**Asha Picnic :** The Asha picnic took place on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Since no families with children turned up, we combined the picnic with a hike around lake Uri in Flüelen. Thanks to Nandan who did a good job with organising the hike, it was a fun day. And we will conduct more such events in the future.

**Asha on Facebook :** As most of you would have seen the Asha FB page is now created and is being updated regularly. I would like to request all of you to invite friends to join us on FB. Presently we have only 24 members.

**Bharat Yatra:** Mr Vijay Kakkar who is organising a huge Indian event in Basel had approached us for a stall at the event. From talks wth him, looks like the show is going to be on a large scale. He has offered Asha a publicity stall at the event –for FREE!! We discussed this in the meeting and there was a consensus as we all agreed to be a part of it. Kirti/Shyam will talk to Mr. Kakkar again and finalise the details and other formalities. This event is in August, so more information will follow after the other meetings.

**Weltmarkts :** We shall have our first weltmarkt stall this week. Kirti has taken charge of all the organization. We had requested for 2 stalls, as this year Nandan will also sell some merchandise he brought from India. But we managed to get only one stall, nonetheless we have the permission to bring our own table. I wrote to Asha commies for a table as a donation. If we don't get a donation until next weltmarkt we will consider buying one. For now we have a folding table from Ajinkya which he has lent for the first Weltmarkt.

The flyers have been put up on the FB page. Please bring all your friends and come to the stall tomo. At the meeting the following people were assigned the responsibility of advertising in their companies/institutes. This applies for all the weltmarkts this year -

Credit Suisse – Sujit/Kirti/Ajinkya

ETH zentrum – Nandan/Piyush

ETH Höngg – Divya

INSAZ – Nandan

Facebook – Nandan

ABB – Bindu/Ginu

Bombardier – Vatsal

UZH – Nandan

PSI – Ankita

We don't have anyone for UBS. If you guys know anyone who is willing to do this, it would be great. The person will have to put up the flyer at her/his company. Or send a mail to her/his colleagues inviting them to our stall.