



25th Meeting

FreeSchools World Literacy Australia

DATE commencing: Friday 4th June 2010 TIME: 9 am

DATE completion: Monday 26th September 2010 TIME: 10 pm

INTERNET VENUE: FreeSchools Literacy Australia email network
fswl-australia@googlegroups.com

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Rollcall of members and others present and apologies.

There were 12 participants in attendance

Robert Coenraads (President)
Ben Bowler (Vice-President)
Merindi Belarski (Treasurer)
Delpine Swadling (Secretary)
Ian Esmore (Public Officer)
Melissa Aldis (Committee Member)
Kathleen Swadling (Committee Member)
Jude Townsend (Committee Member)
Linda Alcorn (Committee Member)
Betty Lyon (Committee Member)
Paul Garrioch
Sue Tennant
Sister M. Crescence

Apologies: none

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the 24th meeting were sent to each member of the committee and were accepted by the committee
Moved by Robert Coenraads and Seconded by Ian Esmore

3. Reports from the Committee.

The Committee received the President's Report

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Committee,

Please note that on this coming Friday, the 4th June we will open our 25th Monthly Meeting of the FSWL Committee of Management.

This meeting will be quite a important one in which we need to finalize discussion and adopt policies that were placed on the table during our last monthly meeting in February (the Minutes of which I will forward shortly). Please find the agenda for our 25th meeting below and, as always, thank you for your support

Kind regards,
Robert

Robert Coenraads
President
FreeSchools World Literacy Australia

4. Progress in Thailand

Moo (Mirror Foundation): Dear Khun Robert Coenraads, Thank you very much for supporting. Last month Linda and Jim Free School Volunteer visit the Mirror for 2 weeks. We bring her and volunteer do activities with children and give donate about 500 Blankets for children and villager who are in the Free School project area. And we have plan to do more in next few days. Now the weather starting cold especial up the hill in the Free School project. As you know we just miss with Khun Sue, she cannot come this year will change to next year. I also hope you can visit us sometime. Thank you very much for keep in touch with us. For transfer funding you can use the same as last year.

Robert: Dear Khun Moo and Khun Oat, On Friday the 29th October I sent 114,507.01 Thai baht (\$4,147.30 Australian) by telegraphic transfer to the account of Mr Weera Yoram for FreeSchools activities. These donations have been raised throughout the year thanks to the tireless work of Judy, Julia and Jake and their friends in Australia. This also includes donations to the Elaine Callan Memorial Fund (Judy's mother's memorial fund). It is good that Linda is there, and I shall be there to visit you and your team one day in the future for sure. Kind regards/sawatdi khrup from all of us here in Australia,

Robert: Hi Judy, Here is the breakdown of the \$4,174.30 donation that I sent to Thailand 29-Oct-10 Telegraphic Transfer Sent to Thailand \$4,174.30

Date Donors - Thailand Fund	Amount	Comments
21/12/09 Linda Alcorn	\$ 500.00	50th Birthday donation
21/12/09 Jacob Hoogesteger	\$ 300.00	donation
15-Mar-06 Judy Townsend	\$1,831.80	Garage Sale Julia Judy and Jake
8-Jun-06 Clive & Sue Gothleib	\$ 40.00	donation
12-Aug-06 Judy Townsend	\$500.00	Rotary Inner Wheel donation
21-Sep-06 Judy Townsend	\$522.50	Garage Sale and kids trivia Judy
TOTAL	\$3,694.30	THAILAND DONATIONS

Date Donors - Elaine Callan Memorial Fund	Amount	Comments
1-Jun-00 Ian Callan (Birthday)	\$ 40.00	donation Elaine Callan Find
7-Feb-06 Deb Lew Morgan	\$160.00	donation Elaine Callan Find
31-May-06 Jude Townsend	\$200.00	donation Elaine Callan Find
7-Jul-06 Judy Townsend	\$ 80.00	donation Elaine Callan Find
TOTAL	\$480.00	ELAINE CALLAN DONATIONS

GRAND TOTAL **\$4,174.30** **THAILAND DONATIONS**

Foreign Currency Amount 114,507.01 Thai Baht

It certainly is a pleasure to be able to send these funds off to Thailand on behalf of FreeSchools World Literacy and to know of the vital education that they will be helping provide to those children in need over there.

Jude: I wish it could have been more. It has certainly been a tough year. Next year will be one of celebration, with good health, (especially for your wife and Linda's Mum) and a new sense of moving forward.

Moo: Thank you very much ka. The money already in the Bank account. Please pass our Thank You to everyone who helping to do fund raised. I'm now on waiting translate the Free School report. I will sent you and Khun Sue when it finish. I hope it will be ready with in next week. It's will very good if you can come visit some time.

5. Progress in India

Sr Crescence: Report from India on Bridge Course. Date: 17-08-2010.

Dear Friends ,

Loving greetings from all of us. Finally I come to share with you in detail about Bridge Course Program . I hope you have been informed with some photos that our program started on 02-07-10 in a very simple way. The parents brought the girls and a short welcome was given to them followed by some snacks and tea. The guardians signed the admission register and other document and left for their homes.

Now started our mission that to introduce the girls with place and some important member of the convent, their daily schedules, their places in sleeping hall and in class. The day ended. Two teachers, Amit and myself had to be very close to the 16 girls, as their best friend, because they looked timid and homesick.

Next day was another ceremony, All were given everything of their need their mattress- pillow, their bed linens, their plates- glass, their bucket and mugs.

Every article was numbered and every girl had same number on each article of her use. They had simply to remember one number, Oh, what an exciting scene it was. My both teachers- Risti and Ranju & Amit played very good role at this time.

Choice of text books, was another tuff task, But along with it we had some huddles to cross which we were unaware of.

Drive the Demon away - One fine afternoon, one girl started acting strange . When questioned she answered some evil spirit was on her. When taken to the doctor she was declared having worms in her stomach. The girls were so much frightened of her that they refused to talk to her, to play with her to be near her. At last I had to hand her over to her mother. The first scene of the drama was over.

Why away from my mother???? - Second scene started one girl inspite of all love would not cease crying saying "I can't live away from my mother" four days past I feared for the therapy something serious may happen. Her mother was called, congratulation to the mother that she gave, she said 'O' Kay I take you from here, but if you stay at home I will go to my mother's place or I stay at home, you go to any other place no staying with me .And the scene changed totally Juhi changed and said I will stay here only and study. She stopped crying for her mother.

The ugally boils - Classes had begun. Carefree girls were brought in a controlled environment for serious studies and they had sacrificed their carefree roaming with goats chewing sugarcane, and eating fruits such as mangos, guavas' and blackberries. Nature did not like it and resulted in big – big heat boils on the faces and all over the body of the girls some boils needed to be operated. You know very well the reactions of the children how many kiks you and the doctor gets when a small cut is needed on a child .We did not get only the kiks but the threat "live me or else I kill you to-day" but the surgeon's mild reply was "Let me perform this first and you kill me later".

So one by one the battles are over and the teaching is in full speed. The first job of ours was to make them competitive (among themselves with other centers, other schools sometimes with teachers and some other elders) To be winners they needed to be over confidant and smart in all they learn. They are ever excited to ask questions. The whole tempo of their life is changed. Now they are waiting to ask jolly

questions at anytime to anyone. Their time of recreation is full of life. Strange and cute are their performances.

*Much love
Sister Crescence*

Robert: Dear Sister Crescence, On Friday 29th October I prepared a bank draft for the Fakirana Sister's Society for 125,643 Indian Rupees (\$3,015.09 Australian) raised by our Australian donors for Indian FreeSchools projects including the scholarship students. I will be sending the bank draft by registered post this week. The funds are largely from our regular monthly donors who are on the the FreeSchools Australian Committee - Melissa Aldis, Trevor & Kathleen Swadling, Betty Lyon, Andrew & Delphine Swadling, and Bernie & Merindi Belarski. Over \$1000 was raised through the efforts of Trevor & Kathleen and their musician friends who put on a fundraiser concert for FreeSchools. I attach a photograph of them all playing on stage for your enjoyment.

It is a pity that I was unable to accompany Sue on her trip to India this year and to visit you personally. It has been 10 years now since we last met, but I hope that we will have the opportunity to meet again soon.

We greatly appreciate your tireless work with the poor and needy children who would otherwise have no opportunity or chance in life.

6. General Business.

The following discussion took place during the meeting and is recorded here:

Betty: Hello Robert and fellow members of the committee, My apologies for not being involved in FSWL these past months. I have been reading the reports from each of you and you are all to be congratulated for what you are doing.

Unfortunately, I will have to tender my resignation from the committee. Over the past 6 months I have been having many problems with my health.....lack of energy being a big one; imbalance, confusion and memory problems adding to the list. It seems my past 'busyness' has at last caught up with me and after umpteen medical tests which point to the 'thyroid' being one of the problems, I have to do as I am told ...and as I feel.....and just rest. My biggest frustration is the mind wanting to get stuck into things, but the body just wont acknowledge.

So my dear friends, even tho' I have not had the privilege of meeting most of you, upon reading the wonderful work you are doing with FSWL I feel I can relate quite closely to you.

Robert, it is so good to hear that Carleonet is responding to the chemo treatment. My prayers are certainly with her, you and your family. I am sorry to pass on my own problems to you at this very difficult time. I still want to be a part of FSWL and when I improve, hopefully, can contribute in some way towards this wonderful cause.

Fondest love and best wishes
from Betty Lyon

Sue: Dear Betty, Thank you for all your support. Do what you have to do and when you feel better we hope you will remember FreeSchools' important work of empowering women and children with free education. Our prayers for your total recovery are already affirming better days ahead. Love & Blessings, Sue Tennant (Canada).

Robert: Dear Betty, Thank you very much for your service to FreeSchools over the past few years. If everyone in the world just worked a little for others – even just a small fraction of what you have done – then the world would be in a far better shape. I think that it is fair to say that you have done way more than your share of work for the various causes that you have been involved in. It is time for you to have a break and perhaps cut back to a single relaxing sedentary hobby for the time being. I am sure that you will improve rapidly with a completely stress free and unscheduled/regimented lifestyle where you don't feel as if you have to be somewhere or doing something. Thanks for your kind thoughts and we will continue to remain

positive. All being well with Francis, we may catch up in Tasmania later this year. Kind regards,
Robert

Robert: I hope that you have all had time to read the documents attached to the Minutes of the 24th Meeting:

- Draft FSWL Organizational Chart
- Draft Memorandum of Understanding
- ACFID membership application document
- AusAID accreditation application document
- Gener Equality Policy for FSWL
- Code of Conduct for Staff and Volunteers of FSWL
- Child Protection Code of Conduct for FSWL

I would like to move that the draft documents be accepted by the Committee enabling us to move ahead with our applications. These documents will then be able to form the basis for policy that can evolve as our organization grows and develops. Would anyone care to second that motion?

Ian: I would like to second the motion put forward.

FSWL Charitable Status

Robert: Dear Committee, As we raised more than \$10,000 for the first time last year (good news!), there is unfortunately more paperwork (bad news!). Ian has obtained the application paperwork for Fundraiser Registration which I have scanned and attached here. He will kindly fill it out and lodge it on our behalf. Thank you Ian for undertaking this task on our behalf.

Judy: Thank you Ian. I am holding another garage sale next weekend as I find it is easier to ask people for their junk than their money when I can't issue a receipt. Having a Fundraiser registration (whatever that is) would be just marvellous for me. Just let me know if you need any info on how the money has been raised. I presume you got the money this year from the first big garage sale, then my brother's 60th, and next Inner Wheel. It is a lot harder this year because Linda is looking after her very sick Mum and Jo has a new job that finds her more often out of the country than in it. Her hours are horrendous and FreeSchools has taken a back seat while she adjusts. Here's hoping that Robert's wonderful wife will be all clear very soon, Linda's Mum gets some pain relief and we can continue on trying to help the vulnerable village kids.

FSWL Website and Communications

FSWL Newsletter and Publicity Materials

FSWL Fundraiser Events

Kathleen: Hi Folks, Some of you may already know that my husband Trevor and I have an acoustic folk style band called "Selalu". We perform all original songs that are written by Trevor. Two of our band members, Tully and Matt also play in another original band with their father Harry Dingle and another brother Luke and sister Teagen. They call themselves "The Dingle Brothers" and perform songs written by Harry.

On Saturday night of the 18th September at 7:30 pm both bands will be doing an acoustic house concert at Humph Hall in Allambie Heights on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. All the proceeds from the door will be donated to FreeSchools. If you'd like to come and enjoy a night of good quality original live acoustic music as well as help raise some funds for FreeSchools, see the attached flyer for more information. Here's a brief description of what's in store:

Selalu and The Dingle Brothers

Trevor Swadling and Harry Dingle are both magnificently well kept secrets of original Australian music. Both poetic and philosophical in their musings on life, love, beauty and the world around them, their music is at once imaginative and extremely moving. For the first time, they come together with their respective bands, Selalu and The Dingle Brothers for a shared bill that will have the walls of Humph Hall come alive with song.

Entry by donation \$15. (Proceeds will be donated to FreeSchools World Literacy, a non-profit organisation for the purpose of "breaking the cycle of poverty and ignorance through free education". Visit www.freeschools.org <<http://www.freeschools.org>> <<http://www.freeschools.org>>

Humph Hall 85 Allambie Rd Allambie Heights

For bookings contact Wayne Richmond 9939 8802 or wayne@humph.org <<mailto:wayne@humph.org>> Concert starts at 7:30 sharp so get there early. Hope you can make it along. Cheers.

Kathleen: Hi Robert and all, I'm happy to announce that the Selalu/Dingle Brothers fundraising concert at Humph Hall last Saturday night was a great success. We raised \$1,000!! which I've just transferred into the FreeSchools account.

Thank you Robert for coming, and for speaking to the audience in these trying times for you. Would you also please pass on our thanks to your daughter Francheska and her friend for their violin duet? You should have seen them, folks. They were dressed in the prettiest pink dresses and looked absolutely stunning under the stage lights. They played Ode to Joy and Botany Bay which got the audience singing and swaying. I wasn't able to take any photos but hopefully Robert you have some that you can share. Thanks to those of you who could come and support this great evening. Cheers.

I just transferred \$1,000 into FreeSchools' account. Also as promised, here are the email addresses of some of the artists as well as Wayne Richmond if you want to send them a quick thank you. Only Tully and Matt have email addresses – Harry doesn't do computers but Tully and Matt can pass on any message.

Robert: It was an absolutely marvelous evening of musical entertainment, and the reaction of some of the people that I spoke to during the intermission, was very positive. The idea of being able to enjoy yourself listening to wonderful music whilst at the same time contributing to something as significant as education for poor children, and doing so with such value for money (\$15/child/year) is extremely appealing. It was indeed an entertaining evening, with at one stage no less than 6 guitars up accompanied by a range of orchestral instruments. It was a sight to behold and I attach a photo. The second photo shows the entire group on stage at the end. It was a pleasure to have been part of the evening.

Ben: Great work Kathleen and Trevor and all involved. Would have loved to have been there...

Jude: I held another garage sale and will add the proceeds of the kids trivia night and bank it next week. I ask my students to contribute \$1 to FreeSchools in Thailand when they come to the night - but not all do. Aout \$100 come so here's hoping for at least \$80 to add to the \$400 from the garage sale. Thank you for all you do Robert. We know that your wife must take priority now.

Robert: Thank you so much for your continued efforts with your fundraisers for Thailand. I am also going to send a bank draft to the Mirror Foundation next week.

Linda: I'm at Mirror Foundation for 2 weeks and have just given P'Moo \$200 for FreeSchools. My partner Jim and I are going with her next week to help deliver blankets to remote communities that are supported by FreeSchools. I'm so excited to be finally seeing some of the projects. I finished teaching Year 12 the day I left and my mother is fairly stable at the

moment so I'll be able to spend some time organizing a fund raiser next term. I'm thinking of Carleonet and wishing her much strength in beating this.

Melissa: How are things going? I pray for Carleonet and your family regularly and I hope things for Carleonet are improving. Stay strong and God will take care of things. Also, I was just wondering if you received the \$500 that I deposited for FreeSchools India and if that was being sent over to Sister Crescence?

Jude: Rotary has asked me to present again in March to their International Day. If I present well - we may end up being chosen as their International Project for the year. There will be other presenters as well so here's hoping they pick us. Obviously the tax deductible question will come up again - can you please give me an update on the progress? I present on 12th March. Just letting you know that I banked \$721.55 into FreeSchools account. Our staff gave money this year instead of Christmas Presents to each other. Hope it helps. I will keep a list of donors for receipts if our application gets through. I am very proud of my staff.

Robert: Thank you so much for your kind thoughts, they are very much appreciated especially at this moment. That is very good news about Rotary. I will try to move the FSWL tax deductibility status issue forward again this year - but I also recall discussions with the Rotary International representative at Belrose Rotary last year who said that FreeSchools should be able to accept donations via Rotary who would then be able to issue tax deductible receipts on behalf of FSWL. This could be worth following up. I have recorded in our accounts a deposit of \$721.55 made on the 16th December - thanks very much to the kindness of your staff. I will shortly be calling our 2011 AGM to accept the 2010 accounts.

Essentially we have now achieved getting our accounts into a recognized ACFID accredited format and audited (which you will shortly see for 2010). The next step is ACFID accreditation which then allows application for AusAID membership, which then, in turn, allows application for charitable status. The hurdle which we will have to overcome is that ACFID is going to ask us for an \$800 membership (payable each and every year) for us to be able to progress). This is one of the reasons that I am leaning towards accepting some of our donations through Rotary at this present point in time (who can issue a tax receipt). This does need to be followed up. Right now I have been pressed for time to get many things I need to do

Robert: I would like to wish you all the best for 2011. As you know, these last few months have not been easy for me and the family, however we managed to have some time away with the children and Francis Carleonet's mother and brother during the Christmas holiday. They returned to Venezuela last Sunday

In accordance with Carleonet's wishes, we asked friends that, if they wanted, they could make a donation to FreeSchools World Literacy instead of purchasing flowers for her funeral. I also instructed the Director of Peninsula Funerals not to include floral arrangements and that I would donate the equivalent amount to FSWL. This worked very well as there were, in fact, plenty of flowers that our church friends brought from their own gardens on the day and, as a result, Carleonet's final gesture was to raise \$615 for FreeSchools. The Celebration of Life Ceremony went beautifully as Carleonet would have hoped.

Melissa, I would appreciate it if you could prepare letters of thanks for the following friends that chose to donate to FSWL instead of bringing flowers to the service:

Martin and Paula Staudinger 13 Trigalana Place, Frenchs Forest NSW 2086	\$30
Lorna and Warrick Brady 26 Roselands Ave, Frenchs Forest NSW 2086	\$100
James and Susan Farrell 3 Bentley Ave, Forestville, NSW 2087	\$35

Doug Bird 29/36-42 Osbourne Road, Manly NSW 2095	\$100
Rodney and Susan Scotford 7 Craig Place, Davidson NSW 2085	\$200
Coenraads family (don't worry about A letter for us)	\$150
TOTAL	\$615

Julian: I was not aware of this memorial fund. Please send me the bank details so I can make a donation. You can put me down for \$500. Again I am still very saddened by the news of your loss. That said I can't think of a better and more capable man than you to pick up the pieces with your beautiful girls and make something good out of a very sad situation.

Robert: Carleonet would be most appreciative of your kind thoughts to donate on her behalf to FreeSchools World Literacy. Thank you so much. Despite never having visited the schools personally, Carleonet had always wanted to become more involved in FreeSchools but, of course, her time was mostly taken up in performing her own duties as a mother. It is rather strange to think of being able to plan your own funeral arrangements, with the aim of achieving something for others who are essentially in good health but nevertheless desperately in need. I know that we have both been very busy over the last year, but I am hoping that we will be able to catch up sometime soon.

Julian: Thanks for your reply Robert and thoughtful words. Last year was a difficult year with my mother passing away, my best friend Stewart also passing away within two weeks of that and my attempt to start up a business going belly up and going broke..... those were challenges but nothing like what you have been through and I regret that I could not have been more supportive. That said I have been getting news from Kathleen and Trevor and B & M about your situation and been encouraged by your ability to cope and stay lovingly positive in the face of it all. I guess the point for me to learn is that there are seasons in life and sometime you have to just go with what's coming at you and trust that relationships and dreams survive even if you can't give them your full attention.

7. Correspondence with Supporters and Donors

Melissa: I am confirming that the thankyou letters have been sent to:

Miss Hannah Lyon -	\$30
Miss Sophie Lyon -	\$30
Bruce & Fiona Lyon -	\$40
Mrs Alison Kindred -	\$40
Miss Jessica Kindred -	\$30
Miss Susannah Kindred -	\$30
James McGarry -	\$15
Hugh McGarry -	\$15

I will keep the paperwork and give it to you next time I see you!

Melissa: Dear musicians, On behalf of the Freeschools World Literacy Committee, I would like to thank you for the wonderful concert you put on to help some of the world's poorest and most needy children. Your very kind donation of \$1000 will be used to provide education to these children within the Freeschools system allowing approximately 66 poor children to attend Freeschools classes for one year. Your contribution will help such students to complete their school education, better support their poor family and take a place in

their local community. Your sacrifice provides a wonderful gift to these poor children who will be eternally grateful. Thank you!

Funds raised by Freeschools and sent to India and Thailand are most carefully used, with all of the donations reaching the school communities in their entirety. The Freeschools program supports over 3500 students under the guidance of 90 teachers at 72 Freeschool World Literacy funded centres in India and Thailand. With your help, this number will continue to grow. More detailed information is found on our website at www.freeschools.org.au

<<http://www.freeschools.org.au>>

Thank you again for your support, and we hope that you will feel the sense of reward and pleasure for the vital work that you are enabling Freeschools World Literacy to achieve.

Dear Ms Marshal,

Thank you for your kind thoughts that your organization "Inner Wheel" might be able to assist FreeSchools World Literacy with fundraising. As you know, Judy Townsend is a powerhouse of energy and drive. Under her watchcare, together with that of her family and friends, donations raised by FreeSchools have jumped from an average of \$2,000 - \$3,000 per annum (2005-2008) to a total of \$18,751 in 2009. She has virtually single-handedly enabled FreeSchools to commence major support of the schools projects in Thailand that we otherwise would not have been able to do.

The requirements for becoming a registered international charity here in Australia are very stringent. We currently are an incorporated organization with modal rules and objects and a Committee of Management that meets monthly online. I am currently working though applying for FreeSchools to become a signatory to ACFID (Australian Council For International Development) requiring our accounts to be presented in a standard format and annually audited. These accounts will be presented for approval at our 2010 AGM this month allowing us to the next step. ACFID is a mandatory requirement for accreditation with AusAID, and the granting of this will, in turn, allow us to apply to become a registered charity with the ATO. Unfortunately I am unable to rush this lengthy governmental process, compounded by the fact that I have a full time job that keeps getting in the way!!!

As part of the AusAID application, I have compiled everything about FreeSchools World Literacy in a logical format in the Profile Document (attached) with annexes totaling hundreds of pages (not attached). These annexes include our audited annual accounts (which I also attach). If you wish to have a look at any of the other annexes cited in the Profile Document please let me know. Perhaps some of these may allow you to satisfy "Inner Wheel's" technical requirements to be able to help us.

I have also just learned that FreeSchools World Literacy is also to be honoured with an award for international service at a dinner held by the Rotary Club in Belrose. I was advised of this by Mr Neville Marsh, Director of International Services of Belrose Rotary, just last night, so perhaps he might have some technical details for you as to how Rotary was able to do this. His home phone number is (02) 9451 9053

I hope all of this may be of help to cover Inner Wheel's criteria, and please let me know what other information (listed in the attached Annex list) that you might need.

Thank you again so much for your interest in supporting FreeSchools World Literacy.

*Kind regards,
Robert*

Judy: Good news. I went to Inner Wheel last night (Ladies Rotary) and as you know they said they just wanted to know about FreeSchools but their fundraising was already allocated to other areas. They held a quick get together during the supper afterwards and decided to give FreeSchools \$500, because they thought it was an amazing idea. I am also going to go along to Rotary in the future. I HAVE to give a receipt. I will put it into FreeSchools account today and then get you to organise a receipt for them, thanks Robert.

I know that it is the most awful time for you at the moment Robert and I hate to be a bother, but I had no way of giving a receipt and I know that getting Rotary behind us would be amazing. I do hope this little bit of good news will join onto a big bit of good news when I hear that the chemo has worked.

I am also holding another garage sale in 2 weeks time as I still have lots of accumulated junk from last time and Murray's Mum.

Hope this all helps.

Robert: This is great news about Inner Wheel. I will ask Melissa to send a formal letter of thanks and acknowledgement of receipt for the Rotary Donation. Can you please provide the name and address details for the letter.

Judy:

Dear Christine,

I banked the cheque into the FreeSchools account today and Robert will post you the receipt. I will also post you the deposit receipt from the bank. Could you please pass on my thanks to everyone for their generosity and warmth on Wed evening. I was very nervous when I was asked to tell you about FreeSchools but you made me feel very welcome and it was a complete pleasure to be there.

I will CC this to Robert Coenraads - our Australain FreeSchools president and I added my email as well. Hope your sale goes well at Gosford. I am madly gathering junk for my next garage sale. Funny that the things that the Western World throw away make money for our Third World schools.

So glad that more people have now heard how FreeSchools gets schools into places where most organisations think it would be impossible. Robert knows more about the Indian schools that are more permanent than the Hill Tribe schools, as in India they are often based on female literacy, income generating skills and hygiene. The Indian children have no hope of an education if they don't attend a FreeSchool, whereas the Hill Tribe children can often go to a Government school once they learn Thai and get a basic education at a village FreeSchool.

*Warm regards and grateful thanks
Judy Townsend
for
FreeSchools World Literacy.*

Melissa: Hi Robert, Just letting you know that the letter has been sent to the Inner Wheel Club (Rotary Club) as requested. I am more than happy to help where needed, please don't hesitate to call on me when required.

Robert: Hi Melissa, Thank you very much for sending the letter of acknowledgement and thanks to Inner Wheel on behalf of the Committee. I have just received a cheque for \$200 donation from:

The Forest Kirk Women's Evening Fellowship
C/- Mrs Anne Nicholson
Hon. Secretary
2 Milham Crescent
Forestville NSW 2087

This is a second donation by the church in response to a presentation that I made to the Forest Kirk last year. These ladies raise their funds through food and craft stalls in the church hall. They are a great bunch of people. Could you please send out a letter of receipt and thanks to Anne for this generous contribution to FreeSchools World Literacy.

Robert: Also, Melissa, could you prepare two more letters. These are two girl guides who have raised money for FreeSchools by doing chores. This also counted towards one of their badges.

Rebecca Poynton \$15
1 Richter Crescent
Davidson NSW 2085

Emma Meredith \$30
34 Maitland Street

Davidson NSW 2985

The letterhead is on the 2009 Newsletter and I also attach a copy of a previous letter of thanks to the Meredith family as an example

Judy: One of the girls asked me today at work, if I would like her to suggest FreeSchools as the Christmas charity for our staff this year. We usually buy a goat for a village or something similar. Hopefully it will get passed at our meeting tomorrow and it will be a bonus for FreeSchools in December.

8. Set date and time for COM meeting. Close meeting

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting. The AGM will begin on the first weekend of March (Friday 5th March – Sunday 7th March 2010). I attach the agenda for the AGM here.

Meetings of the Committee of FSWL Australia will be held on the first Friday of each month, and the date of the next Committee Meeting will be announced after the AGM.

I would like to thank the Committee of Management and other supporters for all of their efforts

END OF MINUTES: