



Annual General Meeting 2011 for FreeSchools World Literacy Australia

FreeSchools World Literacy Australia

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DATE commencing: Friday 18th Mar 2011 TIME: 9:00 am
DATE completion: Friday 8th Apr 2011 TIME: 8:30 am

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

Member pre-registration is essential to participate and vote

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Rollcall of members present and apologies.

There were 12 participants in attendance (*Committee member)

Linda Alcorn*
Melissa Alldis*
Bernie Belarski
Merindi Belarski*
Ben Bowler*
Robert Coenraads*
Ian Esmore*
Julian Martin*
Delphine Swadling*
Kathleen Swadling*
Sue Tennant
Judy Townsend*

2. Welcome and background briefing by the Chairperson/President.

Dear Committee and Friends,

Welcome to the FreeSchools World Literacy 4th Annual General Meeting. Thank you for officially acknowledging your ability to participate in this meeting.

Please find attached the standard agenda for this weekend's 2011 Annual General Meeting. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO PRESENT YOU WITH THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF FREESCHOOLS WORLD LITERACY FOR 2010 in preparation for submittal of our application to become AusAID accredited.

The AGM commences Friday 18th March at 9:00 am and will run throughout March and early April to make sure that all of the Committee have a chance to register and vote. Thank you for your continued support since the last AGM and for your attendance at this very important 4th Annual meeting.

Please find attached, the Minutes of the 3rd Annual General Meeting held in March 2010. Could you please read and check those minutes to ensure they represent an accurate transcript of that

meeting. I have attached the complete 36 page document, with reports and appendices for your records, however it should suffice just to approve the first 4 pages (the body of the meeting).

Kind regards,
Dr. Robert Coenraads
President; FreeSchools World Literacy - Australia

3. Minutes of previous years Annual General Meeting (AGM) March 2010.
As circulated to membership

Motion: That the minutes of the 2010 AGM be accepted by the Committee.
Move: Ian Esmore Second: Kathleen Swadling Carried

4. President's Report.
As circulated to membership

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT 2011

It has been over a decade now since Mark Bloomfield and I travelled to Motihari Evening School in Bihar State, India in 2000 – a single schoolhouse for the poor being run by Sister Crescence. There, I realized for the first time in my life, the real need for free education for the poor, and the ability of education to drastically change the lives of those who were lucky enough to get it. I also saw the benefits of that knowledge spread from the student back to their poor families and to the local community.

Now, a decade on, as we enter year 2011, there are over 3,000 students being taught by 90 teachers at 74 FreeSchools World Literacy funded centres in both India and Thailand, with donors in Australia having contributed a total of \$40,800 to those efforts since that time.

Thanks to the continuing selfless work of our overseas field partners; Sister Crescence and the Fakirana Sisters Society in Bihar State, India; Rev. Ashish Amos in New Delhi; and the Mirror Foundation team in Thailand; we are seeing the real benefits of this education flow back into the local community.

The scholarships program, now in its sixth year, has been slowly growing. The results of giving merit worthy students the opportunity to take part in a country's regular educational system is now becoming apparent as some of older ones have now graduated and are in turn contributing their knowledge back to the community.

Application for Charitable Status of FreeSchools Word Literacy in Australia is in progress; for the second year now, we present to the AGM audited accounts in the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) format, thereby creating a track record and paving the way for achieving "Approved Organization" status with AusAID (an Australian government accreditation organization). We hope to achieve this status during 2011.

Dr. Robert Coenraads
President – FreeSchools World Literacy (Australia)

Motion: That the President's report be received and accepted as read.
Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Melissa Aldis Carried:

5. Treasurer's Report.

I have the pleasure of submitting the FreeSchools World Literacy Financial Report and Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2010 as part of full FreeSchools World Literacy Annual Report for 2010 (see APPENDIX 1).. The accounts are an unbroken record dating back to the beginnings of FSWL in 2001 and are presented in ACFID standard format. I will submit these audited accounts as part of our application for ACFID accreditation.

A total of \$8,176 was raised for FreeSchools World Literacy projects during 2010.

Due the amazing efforts of the Townsend family, schoolteacher Linda Alcorn, Deb Lew Morgan and their friends, donations totaling \$4,096 (including \$480 through the Elaine Callan Memorial Fund) were raised for the Thai schools.

A further \$4,066 was raised during 2010 for the Indian FreeSchools in Bihar State thanks to the fundraising efforts of Kathleen and Trevor Swadling and their musician friends (\$1,000 from the Selalu-Dingle Bros Concert), Melissa Aldis, Betty Lyon, Julian Martin, Bernie & Merindi Swadling, Andrew & Delphine Swadling, Robert & Francis Carleonet Nieves Coenraads, the Galloway family and the Forest Kirk Members.

Francis Carleonet Nieves Coenraads raised \$1,115 through her memorial project, with which she would have been very pleased and proud (including Julian Martin's kind donaton of \$500, which will appear in he 2011 accounts).

On behalf of the hundreds of needy FreeSchools children that these funds are helping, I thank you all for your efforts.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report, as part of the FSWL Annual Report for 2009 be received and accepted as read.

Move: Melissa Aldis Second: Ian Esmore Carried:

6. Election of Committee of Management and Nomination of Public Officer

The 2009 FreeSchools World Literacy Committee of Management indicated its willingness to restand for office during 2011. They were elected as follows:

ROBERT COENRAADS nominated as President Chairperson FSWL

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ian Esmore Carried:

BEN BOWLER nominated as Vice-President FSWL

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ian Esmore Carried:

DELPHINE SWADLING nominated as Secretary FSWL

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ian Esmore Carried:

MERINDI BELARSKI nominated as Treasurer FSWL

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ian Esmore Carried:

IAN ESMORE nominated as Public Officer FSWL

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Kathleen Swadling Carried:

LINDA ALCORN nominated as Committee Member FSWL

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ian Esmore Carried:

