



Annual General Meeting 2012 for FreeSchools World Literacy Australia

FreeSchools World Literacy Australia

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DATE commencing: Saturday 12th Mar 2012 TIME: 9:00 am
DATE completion: Sunday 22nd Apr 2012 TIME: 6:00 pm

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*
Donna Cervantes
Robert Coenraads*
Ian Esmore*
Julian Martin*
Delphine Swadling*
Kathleen Swadling*
Judy Townsend*

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

Dear Committee and Friends,

Welcome to the FreeSchools World Literacy 5th Annual General Meeting. Thank you for officially acknowledging your ability to participate in this meeting opening on Saturday 10th March at 9:00am.

Please find attached the standard agenda for this weekend's 2012 Annual General Meeting. The main purpose of this meeting is to present the 2011 Annual Report containing the audited accounts of FreeSchools World Literacy for 2011 and to elect our new Committee of Management for 2012.

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 4th Annual General Meeting held in March/April 2011. Could you please read and check those minutes to ensure they represent an accurate transcript of that meeting.

Thank you for your continued support since the last AGM and for your attendance at this meeting.

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

3. Minutes of previous year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) March-April 2011. As circulated to membership

Motion: That the minutes of the 2011 AGM be accepted by the Committee.
Move: Melissa Alldis Second: Delphine Swadling Carried

4. President's Report. As circulated to membership

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT 2012

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, twelve years on, as we enter year 2012, there are over 3,000 students being taught by 87 teachers at 74 FreeSchools World Literacy funded centres in India, Bangladesh and Thailand, with donors in Australia having raised a total of \$50,221 to those efforts since that time. It now costs roughly \$135, 000 to fund these schools annually.

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 and ISPCK in New Delhi; Amarok in Bangladesh; and the Mirror Foundation team in Thailand; we are seeing the real benefits of this education flow back into the local community.

A total of \$9,496 was raised for FreeSchools World Literacy projects during 2011 in the following campaigns.

1. \$5,128 (including \$165 through the Elaine Callan Memorial Fund) was raised for the Thai schools due the amazing efforts of the Townsend family and friends. A highlight of the year was "The 1st Grader" film night fundraiser at Avoca Theatre organized by Judy Townsend and the Inner Wheel Club of Gosford North. This single event accounted for \$3,738 of those Thai funds, with a further \$1,000 to come during 2012.

2. \$3,545 (including \$500 through the Francis Carleonet Nieves Memorial Fund) was raised for the Indian FreeSchools in Bihar State thanks to the fundraising efforts of a dedicated group of regular monthly donors including the Galloway Family, Kathleen and Trevor Swadling, Melissa Alldis, Bernie & Merindi Swadling, Andrew & Delphine Swadling, Robert & Francis Carleonet Nieves Coenraads, and members of the Forest Kirk Members.

This year the Committee of Management has proudly achieved a key milestone of being granted signatory status to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and this year for the third time, we present to the AGM audited accounts in the ACFID format, thereby creating a track record and paving the way for achieving "Approved Organization" status with AusAID (an Australian government accreditation organization).

With this milestone, however, our Australian organization has, for the first time, annual fees to pay. We have created a special ACFID fund for this purpose into which Julian Martin has made the first generous donation of \$800 during 2011 and has pledged to continue doing so for three years (and from which our ACFID fees were paid during 2012). By creating this fund supported by specialist donors such as Julian, we can continue to promise all of our regular and other donors, that every cent they contribute will make its way to the needy FreeSchools of India and Thailand.

Finally, I would like to thank the FreeSchools World Literacy Committee of Management, many of which have been members since the Committee's inception, for their tireless ongoing support.

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

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

5. Treasurer's Report.

Dear Committee,

I have the pleasure of submitting the FreeSchools World Literacy Financial Report and Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2011 as part of full FreeSchools World Literacy Annual Report for 2011 (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.

Cash movements for year ended	Designated Project	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
2011	Bihar, India	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 2,945.00	\$ -	\$ 4,075.00
2011	Thailand	\$ 241.55	\$ 4,963.30	\$ -	\$ 5,204.85
2011	E.Callan MF	\$ 480.00	\$ 165.00	\$ -	\$ 645.00
2011	Africa	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
2011	F.C.Nieves MF	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
2011	ACFID Fund	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00
2011	Interest	\$ 14.07	\$ 22.73	\$ -	\$ 36.80
TOTAL 2011		\$ 2,865.62	\$ 9,496.03	\$ -	\$ 12,361.65

The figures in the President's Report are taken from the Cash Movement Summary, which shows \$9,496.03 raised during 2011 giving a total of \$12,361.65 available at the end of December 2011.

No donations were dispersed (sent over to Thailand and India) at the end of 2011 (because I was overseas), but all of the cash available for Thailand and India has since been sent as follows (and this will appear in next year's audited accounts):

India \$4675 (\$4075 + \$600 F.C.Nieves) sent via FSWL-USA

Thailand \$5,849 (\$5,204.85 + \$645 E.Callan) = (\$2,111.55 sent to Mirror & \$3,738.30 sent to Dalesford Rotary for Mobile Library project).

Could you all please review the annual accounts in the FreeSchools World Literacy Annual Report to December 2011 for acceptance at this 2012 AGM

Motion: That the Treasurer's report, as part of the FSWL Annual Report for 2011 be received and accepted as read.

Move: Ian Esmore Second: Melissa Alldis Carried:

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

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

ROBERT COENRAADS nominated as President Chairperson FSWL

Move: Melissa Alldis Second: Merindi Belarski Carried:

MELISSA ALLDIS nominated as Vice-President FSWL

Move: Kathleen Swadling Second: Ben Bowler Carried:

DELPHINE SWADLING nominated as Secretary FSWL

Move: Ian Esmore Second: Robert Coenraads Carried:

MERINDI BELARSKI nominated as Treasurer FSWL

Move: Melissa Alldis Second: Robert Coenraads Carried:

IAN ESMORE nominated as Public Officer FSWL

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Merindi Belarski Carried:

BERNIE BELARSKI nominated as Committee Member FSWL

Move: Melissa Alldis Second: Ian Esmore Carried:

LINDA ALCORN nominated as Committee Member FSWL

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Merindi Belarski Carried:

BEN BOWLER nominated as Committee Member FSWL

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ian Esmore Carried:

KATHLEEN SWADLING nominated as Committee Member FSWL

Move: Melissa Alldis Second: Robert Coenraads Carried:

An expression of interest for membership to the Committee of Management has been received by the Secretary of the Committee from Donna Cervantes. Donna has previously served as an active Committee Member and I would certainly recommend that the Committee accept her expression of interest.

DONNA CERVATES nominated as Committee Member FSWL

Move: Ian Esmore Second: Robert Coenraads Carried:

7. Chairperson to confirm appointments.

President Robert Coenraads confirmed the appointments to the Committee of Management as listed in Item 6.

8. Confirm schedule of membership fees

It was confirmed that FSWL Australia will have NIL membership fees for 2012.

Move: Ian Esmore.

Second: Kathleen Swadling

Carried

9. General Business :

ROBERT COENRAADS – I would like to propose a letter of thanks for

Mr Robert Mills CPA
3 Wakely Place
Forestville NSW 2087

On behalf of the Committee of Management of FreeSchools World Literacy for volunteering his services to audit our 2011 annual accounts.

As a result of his kindness, we do not have to spend valuable funds to pay an auditor (an ACFID requirement).

10. Set date and time for next Annual General Meeting. Close meeting

The next Annual General Meeting of FSWL will be held in March 2013.

Meetings of the Committee of FSWL Australia will be held on the first Friday of each month.

The business of the meeting concluded at 6:00 pm on Saturday 22nd April 2012

The Committee is thanked for its involvement in the AGM

END OF MINUTES