

Sunday May 2nd 2021

Meeting started at 9:18 pm EST

Attendance:

Sabu M	Dr. Divya V	Jaimon K	Lijo M	Cyriac K
Phinu T	Jenny T	John K	Jomon K	Shiju A
Jude K	Raju P	Justin T	Bennett V	Jomon C
Jitty P	Fr Mulavanal			

Absent: Fr Mulavanal, Shiju A , Justin T, Jomon K, Raju M, Jude K

Agenda:

Follow up from our meeting on Wednesday on action item for our crisis in India.

1. Prayer by John Kusumalayam
2. President – recapped the meeting from last Wednesday. President called KCYL president in India, their request is need of PPE kits (100) and that was the only request he had received thus far.
3. We had received ideas from Phinu Thoompanal and Johny Kusumalayam which will be shared today. Divya recommended if we do a go fund, have one of the KCCNA executives personally bring that money to India if possible so we know for sure the money reached there and is accountable
4. Phinu presented a powerpoint to showcase his idea called “Adopted a family”
 - a. He explained the way this will work is if we contact our local church in India, find out who are all the needy families and make a list of them and potential sponsors. Each sponsor will contact the family personally to understand their needs and donate 50k rupees (700 dollars). The money will go directly to the family. The sponsor keeps in contact with them if they are in more need, the sponsor can try to help them out more. This will create a bond with the sponsor and the family in need. Phinu mentioned this may not be just for Covid relief, this can be a long term project.
 - i. Discussion came around how this can be a long term project for KCCNA. This can also be in conjunction with KCYLNA to build a house for a needy family in India.
 1. Jaimon said we can use Phinu’s idea for the long term. For right now, for PPE kits, don’t think we need to do a go fund.
5. Johny talked about his friend that works for CIDIT in India and there are some misconceptions of what is really happening in Kerala. He said there are enough oxygen tanks and enough ICU beds. The Kerala government has given the order for this company to publish accurate information. He mentioned there is definitely a shortage

of vaccine, there is a need of PPE kits and Masks. So if we can do something about donating for that, it would be a good gesture.

6. Jomon asked if we can ask if the ambulances that are running now, if they are in need for Gas or other things, we can do some sponsorship there. Additionally, if we can check to see if we can get a rental ambulance for 6 months, for urgent needs to take people to hospital that would be a good thing. President said he will look into that.

Decisions:

- KCCNA or KCCNA EC will sponsor 100 PPE kits to KCYL India. Each PPE kit costs 800 rupees, so a total of 1 lak. Suggestion came to send this as KCYLNA to KCYL in India to create a bond. Decision as to who will pay will be on Tuesday's meeting.
- Cyriac will contact Bombay Knanaya Association and Jaimon will contact Delhi Knanaya Association to find out what are their needs and see if KCCNA can help.
 - a. Jomon said that he really appreciated the email sent out on disapproval of the court decision. President said that we will discuss more on our EC meeting on Tuesday.

7. Vote of thanks – Secretary

Meeting ended at 10:16 EST