

Minutes for IAFC meeting on Wednesday 14th June at 4.00pm

At Peter's Place 33Huon rd. Tangambalanga

Present: Irene, Frances, Libby, Mark, Rob and Peter

Apologies: Lesley and Jess

NB. A miscommunication meant Jenny went to Rutherglen for the meeting. Sorry Jenny!

- Students for 2018
- Sponsor's for 2018 and a letter to Sponsors
- Tax Deductibility status

Business Arising and Notes for IAFC meeting

1. Change of Dates – TL election is now to be 22/7

- TL Partnership meeting changed to August 1st
- Planning and Waste Management training visit changed to 16/8 & 17/8

Action : Mark and Peter may go to this meeting. Rob to organise agenda and notify Nick Oats. Ian Scholes (for Mark Florence) has plans for hosting the group one evening (16th or 17th). Committee members maybe guests at this function.

2. TL Education Forum on 10th June –

Action : We will try and get some minutes and reports from the forum which was focused on educational programs.

3. Brochure

Thanks to Jess for preparing and printing the Committee's brochure. Tetun edition is currently being translated by Lucy Barton. 10 Copies were distributed to each committee member at the meeting.

Thanks to Ro Porter for the original work and well done to Lesley for the final draft.

4. Tax Deductibility Status

Irene has confirmed that Alola has this status. The challenge is for the AIFC to be included under the Alola umbrella. We need to negotiate a mechanism that is acceptable to both IAFC and Alola.

Action:

Irene and Libby to visit Alola in Dili.

Irene and Rob will try and organise a meeting with Alola in Melbourne to discuss the process and issues involved in coming under their tax deductibility umbrella before the end of the year.

5. Important Contacts –

Joanna Mott – Manager Timor Leste Programs, Multi-cultural Affairs and Social Cohesion Division, Department of Premier and Cabinet. Ph.0370178156 M.0427335620

Email: joanna.mott@dpc.vic.gov.au

Director of Tibar College Snr.Simao Tito Barreto email:simao.cnefp@gmail.com , ph.67077233957.

Action: Libby will email Simao to organise a time to visit the College.

6. Students for 2018

Attached is a table showing the detail of past and present scholarship students. According to Marcelo's most recent email, 3 students are graduating in 2017 – Anani, Charles and Leopoldina.

That would leave us with 6 students at university in 2018 plus any new vocational students . Marcelo noted that Don Bosco and Tibar college enrol students in November. This brings the selection process forward.

Contacting current and potential sponsors and ascertaining their 2018 plans would give our program more certainty.

Need to make students aware that they must let Alola and Nuni know about their graduation, and their status re study ie if they take leave etc.

Rob will write a letter to all student sponsors to thank them for their past support and ask their intentions in the future, ie whether that they will continue to sponsor, donate money to our Friends group, etc.

Discussion centred around how many students we could sponsor for 2018.

Motion – That we have 4 new students receiving scholarships in 2018. The students can choose either vocational or university studies. Seconded Peter.

The motion was voted on and carried 4 to 2.

Action:

- Frances to contact Marcelo and let him know our plans. Libby and Irene to confirm these plans when they visit Atauro and discuss the process and likely outcomes with Marcelo.
- Rob to write letters to the Skirmer family, Rik and Wendy, Beechworth Uniting Church, Shire of Indigo, the Hosking, Porter, Knopfer and Turnbull families

7. Financial report:

At this stage we have \$21,334.80 in the bank.

Two amounts were identified as Junior Council donation and Community Grant

Action:

The community grant money needs to be spent and acquitted

Motion - We send A\$4290.37 for toilets and Marcelo's salary to ANZbank in Dili and \$5687.21 for the next instalment for students to Alola. Moved Irene, Seconded – Peter.

The treasurer's report was moved by Irene. Seconded Mark. The Chair thanked Irene for her diligent work.

General Business:

Re Irene and Libby's upcoming visit. Libby will talk to Tom OToole, and get the address of the bakery which he is involved with in Dili and ask him if there is any scope for an apprenticeship from students from Atauro.

The program to date –

- Irene has organised a meeting with all the students with Nuni at Alola
- Meet with Marcello/Nuni with the students who have graduated and talk to them. At this stage none of the students have their graduation and their results. Hence no students have got employment. Anani is volunteering in Vila. Graduating students to receive first aid kit from AIFC.
- Follow up re employment opportunities with all students who have graduated. Irene will continue to keep in touch with graduating students.
- Irene has purchased seeds and first aid kits to take.
- Irene and Libby will take 4 ukeles organised by Andy Kimber.
- Libby and Libby will also investigate costs of computers in Dili and investigate whether or not the students who were given computers use them and whether they are of benefit.
- Ask about whether or not Science 1 text book donated by Rutherglen Secondary College would be useful.
- Ask Avelino (Director of Roman Luan) about the development of solar power on Atauro and what opportunities there might be to assist Roman Luan in the development of the program
- Discuss with Roman Luan other organisations working on Atauro. We would like a list of other groups and contacts so we could liaise with them
- Libby and Irene are in Dili for a week, then on Atauro.

Mark moved that the money for the purchase of seeds and the first aid kits be reimbursed to Irene. Seconded – Frances. All agreed.

Outline of the Operation of the Friendship group and its interaction with other individuals and organisations.

Peter asked if the Committee could provide him and any new members with an outline of who is who and who does what in relation to our Friendship Group.

Action:

As part of the Annual Report the Chair will provide such an outline.

Junior School Council:

Frances had a meeting with the Junior School Councillors, which was “wonderful”. There was a discussion about the future of JSC . They have made a commitment for another toilet this year.

Thanks to Frances and Peter for their work in JSC.

Meeting closed – 6.00pm

Next meeting AGM – Wednesday 9th August 2017 in Beechworth at the Shire Offices ,at 4.30pm

Followed by Committee meeting at 5.00pm – Timor Leste report from Irene and Libby

NB. That Rob retires as Chairperson after 2 years as per the committee’s standing orders. Committee members please consider taking on the position of chairperson.