

# **AID Conference 2004**

## ***Minutes for Session Named Chapter presentation***

**Date:** 5/30/2004

**Time From:** 5.40 p.m

**To:** 6.30 p.m

**Minutes Taken By:** Prasanthi Ganti

**Number of attendees:**

**Audio/Visual Component?** Slide presentation followed by video presentation of Samarthanam.

**Speaker/Panelist Names:**

1. Kishore Ganti

**What they are speaking about:**

20 chapters are presenting the events and activities of the last year.

**Main Presentation:**

Ann Arbour - Murali

Megha sandesa- Dance drama by high school kids. Fundraise for Nirman.

Art Fair: Annual event; Mehendi booth 250 to 300 bstalls each year. Generate 3000 to 4000 every year.

Screen movies in UMICH

Cavern fundraiser

Supported 2 projects – RVC fundraiser in Assam, AP project

Activism events: SAAN conference organized in Jan every year. 40 attendees went for the workshop on activism.

Atlanta - Apoorva Modi

Raised 24000\$.

Cricket for India

One for India

Bhoipal express movie

Projects Supported: Vigyan vahini, Exnora Green, Shustiu, Baran, HBP

Austin - Madhulika

Medha Patkar talk Nov 2003

Narmada awareness week

Remember Bhopal week- candle light vigil documentary, signature campaign

May 2003 - Candle light vigil in support of fast in DC

Projects: Utthan, SPRAT, GANA chetna, Alternate Energy, TNSF libraries, HBP

Rachna's visit from Bhopal

Visit by Chandrika followed by a story writing workshop for TNSF libraries

FUND RAISAERS: Concert, scavenger hunt, AID dinners

Clemson: Arthi

First time crossed \$10000 mark!

Day with India fundraiser- food . mehendi etc

Projects: HBP, Juna Mozda, CHORD, Made pamphlets for HBP

Boston- Shailja

Anthakshari competitions- money raised used in various projects

Children's mela: worked with shishu bharati school in Boston for Indian kids born in US

Bangalore:

105 active and passive volunteers

25 active volunteers

projects: HBNP- in kandhili

Health initiatives and savings initiatives

Eco shops in bangalore

Working with Dalit groups

Chennai

34 full time 40 part time

work with HBP program

Studies and action research by AID volunteers visiting India

Cincinnati- Satish

Projects: APVVU, HBP, Kajla, SPS , Suraksha

Events: Harmony 2003 9.5 k raise, One for INDIA campaign(Temple lunch)  
Taste of India 2004  
Bhopal, candle light vigil, skits  
GGV by SR Hiremath (Second independence movement)  
Issues on globalization

College park: Priya Ranjan

Picture presentation  
Puppet show organized  
80% volunteers are women  
Organized 20 talks last year

College Station:

\$6000 raised  
Fundraisers: Swaad- ' a taste of india', Independence day celebration, Penny drive  
Projects: ALOKA : Dhenkanal, Orissa, Trust for empowerment of Ladhakhi women,  
Anawim – TN

Delhi: Nishant

First CSH jan 26 2004  
15 volunteers  
Visited Streebal for AID Bloomington  
Projects:  
Joy of Learning  
Life of Yamuna  
Collaboration with Delhi NGO's- Parivartan, center for science environment

Houston: Pranav

1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary!!  
Events: Women's rights: Flavia Agnes  
Environmental Protection: Leo Sadannah  
ILR Discussion  
Active volunteer donations  
Donation boxes at restraints  
OFI campaign  
Monthly potluck dinners  
Projects: Utthan, Youth center, Sarvodaya

JHU: Divya, Arun Shripati

Student chapter

Projects in: Maharashtra, Pune, TN and more

SKITS are the main activities of the chapter.

Performed in different places like temples etc

Fundraisers:

Focus on community outreach

Best student activity award

Reach out to community organization

Theme this year: Gender issues

Effect of media on violence

Meditation session

Inspiration of the season was to convey the message of Mahatma Gandhi

EVENT: Turning away from violence- rehabilitating criminals

Milwaukee: Govind

Went through AID by- laws and adopted a chapter version of it

Voted on taking Bhopal gas tragedy as a key learning and mobilizing issue

Projects: HBP, MPI in TN and Bihar Kala Azar

Tucson: Reena

15 volunteers

Fundraising: raised \$4.5 k

Garam chai stalls

Projects: Completed 2 mock reviews

Currently looking to start co-projects with AID- Austin on low cost libraries in 2000 villages in TN

Alberquerque

1 Year completion!

Organized one event of each style last year

Talks by various prominent people- Ravi Kuchimanchi, Rajendar Singh

Chapter is setting targets for next few years and are aiming and meeting those targets

Sandiego: Nirmala

5 years completion!

Projects: BTS, Abhiyan, Srikakulam

Fundraisers: concerts, OFI, Diwali Mela

**Question/Answer Session:**

**Additional Notes/ Observations:**

NGO based in Bangalore Smarthanam, a group which works with blind children presented a video of its work