



Phuket Has Been Good To Us Foundation: Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th December 2007, at Samsara, opposite Nakatani Village,
Phuket 83150, at 6.30pm.**

In the Chair: Tom McNamara

Agenda Item 1: Attendance

Present: Tom McNamara, Suthat Vorasri, Kathy Davies, Arnaud Verstraete

Apologies: Netipong Wichitwechkarn (proxy authority to Tom McNamara), Dr. Sriyada (proxy authority to Tom McNamara), Michael Chugg (proxy authority to Tom McNamara), Fleur Birch-Atkinson (proxy authority to Kathy Davies)

Observing: Charles and Helga Feeney, John Green

In attendance: Kate Cope, Tom Doherty, Stephen Cope

Proxy forms were received prior to the meeting from Netipong Wichitwechkarn, Dr. Sriyada, Michael Chugg and Fleur Birch-Atkinson (see Appendix).

Agenda Item 2: Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 26th March 2007

The minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 26th March 2007 were endorsed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Proposed by Tom McNamara, seconded by Kathy Davies.

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Reports

4a: Report of the Director of Education for April – December 2007

The Board considered the report of the Director of Education, for April – December 2007, which described: the number of children and hours of English tuition at each school, benchmark testing

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results for September, written testing of students and streaming, the qualifications and experience of professional teaching staff employed by the Foundation, volunteer involvement, materials development and teaching methodology.

Mr. Feeney invited the Foundation to visit the English Language Institute (E.L.I.), in Vietnam, which is funded by Atlantic Philanthropies. He suggested that it would be beneficial to discuss their testing methods, the Foundation's 'Train the Teacher' program, and to ask them to recommend people who could potentially carry out research on the Foundation's methods and results. E.L.I. is a joint project between the University of Danang in Danang City, Vietnam, and The University of Queensland in Australia.

Tom McNamara expressed the view that training teachers was an affordable and economic way of expanding the Foundation's English program.

It was resolved:

- 1 That the report be endorsed by the Board of Directors
- 2 That the Director of Education contact E.L.I. about arranging a visit

4b: Report of the Director of Development for April – December 2007

The Board considered the report of the Director of Development, for April – December 2007, which described: funding and resources received, projected funding, donor development and the setting up of feeder charities in the U.S. and the U. K., media coverage, the Foundation newsletter and promotion, paid and voluntary workers and developing the 'Train the Teacher' program.

It was resolved:

That the report be endorsed by the Board of Directors

4c: Financial Report for 1st January – 17th December 2007

The Board considered the Financial Report, for 1st January – 17th December 2007, which referred to the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for the period.

It was resolved:

That the report be endorsed by the Board of Directors

Agenda Item 5: Any other business

There was a discussion about changing the name of the Foundation to reflect emerging opportunities and priorities beyond Phuket; it was suggested that a name that clearly described what we do would be best.

Tom McNamara formally thanked Mr. Feeney for his extremely generous donation of 1.3 million Baht,

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which has enabled the Foundation to expand into its second school at Kamala.

Arnaud Verstraete advised the Board that the Rotary Club of Patong Beach would soon be able to submit more Matching Grant applications and that he was keen that the Foundation puts in a submission.

Tom McNamara expressed the view that it was time for the Foundation to develop a three or five year forward plan, a view shared by Mr. Feeney.

Agenda Item 6: Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the next Board meeting would take place in March 2008, on a date mutually convenient to Board members, members to be advised of the exact date.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

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Appendix: Proxy Forms Received from Board Members

Proxy Authority from Netipong Wichitwechkarn

Proxy Authority from Dr. Sriyada

Proxy Authority from Michael Chugg

Proxy Authority from Fleur Birch-Atkinson

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