

MINUTES OF 5th VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
12th November 2020 @ 7pm
Venue: Zoom meeting

Attendees		
VSC Chair Dr. S L Chan	IPP Deepak Nagrani	Peter Brock
President Dinesh Sharma	Stuart Pearce	Sylvia Chung
PP Dr. Lip Kee Yap	Horst Hagemann	Sonali Sinha
PP Alan Tan	Dr. Claus Dusemund	Zhi Cheng Chong
PE Mee Lee See	Anindya Dutta	Louisa
PP Stanley Low	Suresh Keerthi	Jasbir Koh
Suresh Hathiramani	Don JQ Chen	
Ranga Somanathan	Total Rotarians attended: ??	
Guest		
Amran, Executive Director of Rotary Family Service Center		

S/N	Item
1	Welcome and Passing of previous minutes
	VSC Chair Dr. Chan opened the session at 7:05pm. Minutes of 3rd VSC meetings minutes have been circulated. Anindya proposed and Dr.Chan seconded the minutes.
2	Matters arising: Treasurer's Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rtn Anindya provided the update. Some money still needs to be recovered since 2015 and 2016. However, since the physical files are yet to be located, Bernie requested for some more time to recover the files. Anindya proposed to wait till the next meeting to take a decision whether to write off the money off or not. Effectively, the total amount to be recovered is around 2000 SGD. Current balance in VSC account 7K after paying out the remaining dues of 15K SGD for the project HCSA Phase1. It was paid out at the instruction of Rtn.Stuart Chair Dr. Chan also mentioned that there are funds for the HCSA Phase 2 project, however though the money is in the Club's Major project account and not in VSC account. Dr.Chan confirmed that no more funds will be asked from the VSC account for the HCSA project
3	Matters arising: Yoon's Kitchen
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr.Chan provided a high level background about the project. This is a project targeted for mature female drug offenders. The model is to train them to cook and then placement in hawker stall. Having hawker stall is very expensive and hence the other alternative business model would be to go for online store instead of physical hawker stalls This new business model of going online has been discussed with them, currently they are focusing on revamping their whole business model. No further action till they come back to us with their new proposal.
4	Events: Artisan Of the Year Award (AOYA)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rtn Don shared the details about the project and some of the changes they he would like to bring after a detailed discussion with PP Stan and Dr.Chan. Rtn Don mentioned that the overall Terms of Reference will remain the same, however he would like to add a new judging criteria related to social impact stating as to how to nominee makes a social impact with his or her vocation. ▪ Also Don shared the list of vocations which will be considered as the vocation to be judged ▪ The judging panel will include PP Stan, who has volunteered himself, previous year winner and 3 Rotarians. Rtn Don will reach out to these Rotarians to get their conformation ▪ Regarding the timelines, he would share the details in the next meeting ▪ Rtn Anindya enquired as to how a Medical professional qualifies as an Artisan or Craftsman. Don reverted stating that someone who uses their hands (in literal sense) to make a difference like a surgeon who does a lot of pro-bono is also to be considered. Rtn Anindya highlighted that according to him, the vocation should include a part of creativity. PP Stan also provided his take on why the classification should include medical professionals. ▪ Additionally, Dr. Chan suggested that instead of crowding the space of Artisans with professionals, we can consider having a new award for the Professionals. This was also seconded by PE Mee Lee.
5	Events: Vocational Visit – Rotary Family Service Centre (RFSC)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Chan introduced the guest, Amran who is the Executive director of RFSC. ▪ Dr Chan showed the virtual tour of the RFSC which he and Rtn Louisa had visited. This was the first online Vocational visit ▪ Amran shared with the committee members that RFSC has been around for the last 23 years and they have been serving over 600 clients which includes people from different backgrounds having emotional, financial, marital etc. issues. They have around 300 residents. They provide support like counselling, group work sessions and also community work, programs for elderly etc. ▪ As a collaboration model with RCS, Dr. Chan suggested that we could run the Junior Engineers Program with RFSC since they have children of similar age groups. Once the COVID restrictions is relaxed, then we can plan to have such a collaboration <p>If this virtual tour raised some interests, though the quality of the video can be improved, similar such virtual tour can be planned.</p>
6	Events: AIDHA Photo Exhibition
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rtn Suresh shared a detailed report about the AIDHA Photography Competition 2020 for the foreign domestic workers in which he was one of the judges. ▪ This was done online due to COVID and all the photos are available online on AIDHA website which under normal circumstances would have been a physical location displaying the photos for public to view and appreciate ▪ Rtn Suresh spoke highly about the work that AIDHA does and he recommends that RCS to continue our work with AIDHA ▪ The photographs are also available on sale as a fundraiser where the proceeds will go to Aidha's 2020 Gift of Education campaign
7	Events: VSC Fireside Chat
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No major update except that the next fire side chat is being planned for Jan 2021 ▪ Based on the feedback, we will be changing the format by having a panel discussion and getting for panellist in. ▪ The chat will continue to be on a VSC night as this is a VSC event
8	Events: Career workshop with YSC for Interactors
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Chan mentioned that this is ongoing.

9	Exploratory Project: 4 Way Test/Guide to Daily Living Sculpture
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr.Chan mentioned that he had a meeting with PDG Ghim Bok and the project planning is in progress. ▪ Once things are more confirmed, then it will be reported again.
10	Crowd Funding
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr.Chan shared that the crowd funding on Giving.sg for ISCOS is live now. Dr Chan requested all the members to forward and share the details with family and friends so as to get the maximum audience and also funding ▪ Regarding the crowd funding initiative for Singapore Poly for students with special needs, Dr.Chan mentioned that he had a discussion with SP and they are not comfortable to go the crowd funding way as SP is a MOE institution and would require a lot of clearance. Hence, we wouldn't be going the crowd funding way for SP but the traditional fund raising means
11	Meeting Closure
	Meeting closed at 8:16pm.

The meeting minutes was recorded by VSC Secretary Debasree and approved by VSC Chair Dr. Chan