FMS AGM 2025 summary: edited Zoom AI transcript

Event name	FMS AGM 2025
Time	11 June, 2025, 7:00 PM - 7:39 PM
Participants	John, Barbara, Laura, Maggi, Nick, Martin, Eliane, Katrin

Quick recap

The meeting covered various aspects of FMS and Madurai Seed 2024-2025, including updates on new premises, exam results, and ongoing programs. Financial matters were discussed, including recent donations and potential funding options for future projects. The group expressed gratitude to donors and supporters, reflected on the organization's history, and discussed plans for maintaining communication and expanding their efforts.

Next steps

- ☐ John to check with Elaa about Karthik's next medical checkup in Kerala.
- ☐ John to convey everyone's good wishes to Karthik and Elaa.
- ☐ John to edit the AI summary of the meeting and send it to all participants via email.
- ☐ John to look into sharing the meeting video, possibly using a file transfer system like WeTransfer.
- ☐ Additional note inserted after the meeting: unfortunately, the video recording failed to save – I don't know why, and I'll look into it for future meetings.
- ☐ Maggi to follow up with the Oxford representative about potentially getting free books for *Madurai Seed*.
- ☐ Karthik to consider options for funding the expensive bookshelves project (₹300,000).
- ☐ Additional note inserted after the meeting: ₹300,000 = CHF 3,000
- ☐ Elaa to organize the selection process for students participating in the Zoom teaching program with John and Laura.
- ☐ John to start the Zoom teaching program using the Oxford Bookworms texts, beginning with *Dracula*.
- ☐ Laura to conduct her part of the Zoom teaching program with a cap of 4 students per session.

Summaries

AI Meeting Process Overview

The meeting began with John explaining the AI recording and summary process, which will be edited and distributed to attendees. John introduced Barbara to the group and outlined

the meeting's structure. He noted that a detailed summary of 2024's activities and numbers had been sent to attendees previously, so he wouldn't repeat it. Martin briefly outlined the 2024 end-of-year balance, which was included in the above-mentioned mailing. He also informed the meeting that about 95% of all donated money is transferred to *Madurai Seed* (95 cents per Swiss franc). This is much higher ratio than many charities achieve.

New Premises and Exam Success

The new premises funded by GoFundMe and further supported by donations from three donors have become fully operational, replacing the old office and library building. The new infrastructure includes a digital projector, water purifier, and an inverter for backup power, with only the expensive bookshelves project remaining unfunded at CHF 3,000. *Madurai Seed* reported good results in the 10th and 12th Standard Exams this summer.

Madurai Exam Success Celebrations & Elaa's new job at TVS

John shared the exam results from Madurai, where *Madurai Seed* students achieved a 100% pass rate, with Kamalesh scoring the second highest mark in the city and being invited to a ceremony with the mayor and education department head. Two students received rewards: Kamalesh who was offered a place at an elite school near Madurai, plus ₹5,000, and Jansi who scored 94% and also received ₹5,000.

Ella secured a teaching position at TVS Teacher Training College, where she works five days a week training B. Ed students in chemistry and physics methodology, with paid preparation time included.

Oxford Bookworms Program Expansion

The group discussed an ongoing reading program using Oxford Bookworms, which Nick and Maggie previously funded and provided books for. John explained they are extending the program, with plans to teach *Dracula* next week and later move on to *Jane Eyre* at a higher level with Laura, working with smaller groups of 3-4 students to allow for more interaction. Maggi mentioned she is in touch with an Oxford representative about potentially obtaining more books. In addition John shared news that Karthik is seeking additional volunteer teachers externally for Madurai Seed, looking to add 4 more teachers to their existing team of 8.

Karthik's Health and Fund Updates

The meeting discussed financial matters, including recent donations totaling around CHF 5,000 and a medical fund for Karthik's health-related expenses. John provided an update on Karthik's health, noting that while his brain tumor checkup was positive, he needs to address weight issues and exercise more. The group also discussed a potential crowdfunding option for plastic surgery, which Karthik had previously rejected as too expensive.

Gratitude for Donor Contributions

The meeting focused on expressing gratitude to all donors, including those who contributed to the GoFundMe campaign and others who provided financial and moral support. John acknowledged one member's contributions while noting his preference to remain in the background. The conversation ended with expressions of appreciation from Barbara and others for the collective efforts that are making a positive impact.

Friends of Madurai Seed Anniversary

The group discussed the history of *Madurai Seed*, which was founded by Karthik in 1999, and *Friends of Madurai Seed*, which was founded in 2008 by Laura, John and others. John shared that they have about 80-90 members who receive newsletters, with around 50 on the email list, and mentioned a regular donor who contributes CHF 1000 annually. The conversation ended with John planning to meet Elaa next week on Zoom to maintain regular communication, as their weekly Zoom meetings have become less frequent due to her new busy schedule.