

School for Peace Support Group
Minutes of meeting held
Wednesday 6 September 2017

Present: Michael Ellwood, Rona Baxter, Sydna Playford, Mary Ellwood, Alan Williams, Benedicta Moxon

Apologies: Father Martin, Ann Felton, Jo Haymer, Jane Mawer

We welcomed Paul and Addy White to the meeting who are visiting from Leicester to prepare the Italian Evening in October.

The minutes of the last meeting

They were approved and signed by Michael.

Matters arising

Ann's garage has been used for storing the tools, for which we are very grateful. We now have storage units at St John's Storage in Bungay, thanks to the Basey-Fishers. We have been receiving lots of resources which have to be collected, sorted, boxed, labelled and recorded.

The Boyes have been busy making jam. We cannot say how much exactly has been raised from this, as at the garden party all the money was put into the 'donations' pot. However, it is well over £70. We are very grateful to Sue and Chris for all the hard work involved.

Sponsorship/ Donations news

Mary and Alan have met to discuss this, and although some sponsorships have dropped off, there is usually a donation from another source to cover it. However, it would be good to have more sponsors, and the updated leaflet 'The Story of the School' should be used to attract people to the project. Mary will get 50 copies printed on good quality paper. Alan mentioned the printers in Loddon for this. Rona said that the Wednesday Club money will soon be paid. Mary has written to most of the sponsors to thank and remind them and will continue to write to the rest.

News from the Congo

We now have a date for the departure of the donations to the container in Belgium: 27th September. Mary is in regular contact with Sr Euphrasie about this. We are grateful to Darren Williams (husband of the new Head at Glebeland) for driving the van. We will use the departure of the van to publicise the Basey-Fisher's storage facility as well as Glebeland School, perhaps. Alan suggested contacting the B&B Journal to see if they will go and take a photo of the van departing and write an article about it. We still have no news from either Sr Virginie or Sr Rosine, and so we await news of the next project. If it is to be the library, we will need costings.

Treasurer's report

Alan did not have the latest bank figures with him as the books are with James Rudd. However having sent the money for sponsorship there will be around £50,000 currently in the bank.

James will have the accounts ready for the next AGM. The way money is paid into the Co-op bank will alter at the end of September: the paying-in slips will be barcoded, making the process easier. Three paying in books will be needed for Sydna, Alan and Mary. CAF cheque payments have also been simplified and will save postage.

Recent events

- Mary went to Somerleyton Primary School on Tuesday 11th July and to St Edmund's on Monday 17th July. Both schools are committed to continue with fundraising.
- The garden party was a great success raising £720 in spite of the rain. We were lucky to have some extra helpers drafted in at short notice. Thanks to all who helped on the day, especially to Mary and John Nicholson who say they would be willing to repeat the event.
- The wedding on 19th August brought in over £500. The exact sum should be known by the next meeting.
- Mary asked for a collection in lieu of a leaving present and received £155 from her colleagues at Langley School.

Forthcoming events

- The Luton van will depart on 27th September.
- The films at Geldeston will start again on Wednesday 27th September with The Time of their Lives, starring Joan Collins.
- Mary will visit St Benet's and St Edmund's schools on 11th and 12th October.
- The AGM will be held on Wednesday 18th October. Venue will be 64 Northgate.
- The Italian Evening will be on 28 October at The Old Rectory, Barsham. Tickets are now available at £15 and limited to 40. There will be a raffle of Italian goods. It was suggested that we ask Italian businesses such as Paravani's or Carluccio's for gift vouchers or food items.

Next meeting

Tuesday 10 October at 7.30pm