

**School for Peace Support Group**  
**Minutes of meeting held**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Present:** Rona Baxter, Michael Ellwood, Mary Ellwood, Sydna Playford, Alan Williams, Colin Childs, Alison Scott & Father Martin

**The minutes of the last meeting** were approved and signed by Michael.

**Sponsorship/ Donations news**

Collecting sponsorship money is going well. Glebeland School are holding a sponsored walk with the money collected going to the School for Peace. In St Edmunds School's recent Ofsted inspection, their Congo week was mentioned!

**News from the Congo**

Sister Virginie (who has malaria at the moment) has stressed to the other Sisters that communication with Mary is very important so hopefully this will improve. All the money that was sent for sponsorship and the library has now been received. Mary had asked for photos of the students with the machinery that we have sent but Sister Virginie reported that it is being released to the students slowly to prevent pilfering and she will send photos in due course.

Sister Virginie will send a summary of the Head Teachers meeting and Mary has now put her on the mailing list for St Benet's.

**Treasurer's report**

Alan informed the meeting that there is £46,662.45 in the bank accounts. £25,399.19 has been received since the end of the financial year but that includes the Gift Aid money. We have received £31.41 from Easy Fundraising. £319.20 has been paid for insurance. Alan asked if Mary could ask the Sisters to send a receipt with an official stamp for the money they have received recently.

Alan showed a list of income received since 2001 and some of Anne's original donation information – it was suggested that this should be put up at the International Supper on 20th October. Maybe we could also say that 'Our goal is £500,000 in 20 years'.

Alan to find out when there are spaces for a Workshop with the Charity Commission.

**Recent events**

- The film at Geldeston on 26<sup>th</sup> September raised £75.00.
- The AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> September was attended by 21 people

### **Forthcoming events**

- We will be holding an International Dinner on **20<sup>th</sup> October** at St Benet's. We will be setting up on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Raffle tickets will be a strip for £1 or 6 strips for £5.
- **18<sup>th</sup> November 4pm** Auriga Capella will be singing to raise money for the medical centre at Broadlands Care Home, Oulton Broad.

### **A.O.B.**

- Waveney Swing Band have offered us a gig but they need a fee of £800 – Mary to set up a meeting with them with regard to a possible venue and costs
- Mary is to visit the Congo in 2019 maybe via Zambia
- Claire Williams (from Glebeland School) and her husband Darren are to take part in a Banger Rally to the Artic Circle in October 2019 and all proceeds will be donated to the charity
- Website – we need to react to information including photos more quickly so maybe Neil could show Mary how to put them on the website
- The Blyth music group to give a concert at St Benet's Church?
- An Afternoon Tea at Barsham Rectory in February 2019?

**Next meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm**