

School for Peace Support Group

Minutes of meeting held

Thursday 24th May 2018

Present: Rona Baxter, Michael Ellwood, Mary Ellwood, Sydna Playford, Alison Scott

Apologies: Ann Felton, Alan Williams, Colin Childs, Jane Mawer, Neil Bauers, Benedicta Moxon, Father Martin, Chris Scott

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

Sponsorship/ Donations news

Mary reported that Rona had given £100 donation from the Wednesday Club which was closing after 55 years – Mary to send letter of thanks. We received £110 from Helen Thies to be used as sponsorship money and £490 following the funeral of her son, Andrew Lewis. Also after the funeral of Margaret Knox we have received £261.06 plus a relative of hers from New Zealand would like to make a donation – Mary to check that they have bank Swiftcode, etc so they can do this. We have a new sponsor – Andrew Leeman from Ross-on-Wye. Mary is hoping to give a talk after Mass on June 10th to encourage more sponsorship.

News from the Congo

Mary told us about various letters she had received:

Sister Virginie in Zambia thanked all the supporters. She also gave her thanks for the money to start the Library construction. She sent condolences for the 3 supporters who have recently died.

Sister Rosine also offered her condolences.

Sister Angeline gave her thanks for the Library money.

Treasurer's report

Alan will update us at the next meeting.

Recent events

- The BBJ published article on the arrival of the container.

Forthcoming events

- Mary hopes to give a short update after Mass on June 10th and make an appeal for more sponsors.
- We hope to have another bric-a-brac stall in Leicester on 1st June. We will have a stall at St Benet's Summer Fair on 6th July – Sydna offered to help Mary – this needs to be advertised in the Newsletter.
- We are still waiting for the musicians to suggest a date for a concert at St Benet's. It is looking like September now. We all looked at their programme which might have to be slightly adapted.
- Alan will investigate costs of a Film Archive evening and Mary will check on the blinds in St Benet's School Hall.
- We discussed Garden Parties for this summer. It was agreed to accept Joy Jeffrey's offer and also Howard Trust. Mary to liaise with Hazel (Howard's housekeeper) about a suitable date and also John Quinlan to see if he would be happy to provide the music.
- Brigid Rawlinson has suggested a book sale in St Benet's Hall but at the moment there are no dates free in August.

A.O.B.

- Mary has spoken to Peter Aldous MP who is still very interested in the project – she will let him know the Garden Party dates.
- Mary to let Louis de Bernières know the Garden Party dates.
- Mary to get in touch with Brian Norman regarding films at Geldeston Village Hall from September.
- Mary is to meet with the Head of St Benet's and St Edmund's on 6th June to discuss their cross-curricular project – St Benet's to run week of 25th June with an exhibition on 29th June and St Edmund's from 2nd July with their exhibition on 6th July. Need to have lots of publicity!!
- Mary heard back from Louise Wright and it was agreed that she should be invited to the school exhibitions and/or the Garden Parties.

Next meeting

Wednesday 4th July at 7.30pm