

School for Peace Support Group
Minutes of meeting held
Wednesday 4th September 2019

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

Apologies: Chris Scott, Colin Childs

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

Sponsorship/ Donations news

Mary reported that we have had a great number of donations this summer.

We have a new sponsor from Pakefield and Brigid would like to sponsor a second child – Mary to send her details for a Standing Order. Anne Felton and Natasha Green would also like to sponsor a second child. We have now received the donation of £500 from Mr & Mrs Mascarenhas and £300 from Hector De Cavilla's estate. We have received a further £500 from Margaret Knox's funeral which together with a previously donated £1000 (MW) for resources and a new donation of £1000 (HT) will be used for the library books, furniture and chairs. The Library is going to be named after Margaret and Andrew Knox and Alan suggested that we produce a plaque for it.

Jam sales have raised over £100 so far and the Garden Party raised £432.15 which included £81 from a Raffle. Colin Childs kindly donated a hamper of Pimms which was raffled and is going to be used at a Pimms Party and all donations will be given to the School.

Mary and Sydna are to meet up to check on sponsorship payments once the books have been returned from the accountant.

Next time the Sponsorship Form is printed we need to include a space for sponsors to write their email address and it was also suggested that the leaflets should be dated.

News from the Congo

Mary has been in touch with the sisters and they are very grateful to the whole team in England for all their help.

The whole of the 6th form have passed their exams and also Year 6 Primary have passed so that they will be able to continue in Secondary school.

We need to decide if we want to help the students with college or university fees.

The sisters said they need chairs urgently for the library.

Treasurer's report

We currently have £25,597.50 in the Co-op deposit account and £5,889.44 in the Co-op current account with a further £835.76 in the Santander deposit account and £410.86 in the current account making a total of £32,733.06.

£12,500 in sponsorship money was sent on 24th July 2019.

Recent Events

- **Peter Hobbs** has completed his cycle ride from John O'Groats to the Shetland Isles which was nearly 1500 miles long and we are waiting to hear how much was raised
- **Joy's Musical Garden Party** was a great success
- **Mary** spoke at 3 Primary School assemblies – St Benet's, Glebeland and Barnby
- **Mary** talked about the School and the Zambia trip on Radio Suffolk's Sunday morning religious show
- **Geldeston Hall** held a meeting about the future of the Wednesday afternoon films and have decided that they will carry on but as they need funds for their community they will no longer be able to donate to the School. Alan suggested that we continue to publicise the films in the hope that they might change their minds in the future.

Forthcoming events

- **Claire Williams** from Glebeland School and her husband Darren are going to drive an old banger from the school to the Arctic and all proceeds will go to the charity. You can sponsor a Snowflake for £5 (which will be displayed on the car with your name) by going to the appropriate Virgin Money Giving page. **Sam Barlow** from St Benet's is interested in the children doing a project on the car drive and maybe also Somerleyton school – Mary to put them in touch with Claire. Also to find out if there is a sponsorship form rather than having to make a donation online.
- **Brian Norman** has suggested showing old footage such as Abbott & Costello along with some early Magic Lantern material which could be held in October at St Benet's providing that the blinds have been replaced. Mary to talk to Brian about the length of the film as it might be better to show on a Sunday afternoon.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 17th October @ 6.00pm** before the AGM which will be held **@ 7.30pm** in the Library