

Canterbury Rotary Club

April 9th 2013 Minutes of the International Service Committee

1. **Attendance:** Rtns BA, CL, VP, TP (Chairman) and PS. The President attended for the last item.
2. **Apologies:** Rtns VB,GC ,JH.AH and LR
3. **Minutes** of the 12th March – no matters arising.
4. **Finance:** £2659 but with the commitments agreed today this will reduce to £1909 so we do have funds for other charities/projects.
5. **Correspondence**
 - a. **Noted** receipt and thanks from the Health for All Charity for our £500 towards their Micro Credit Programme in rural India- aimed at women to help with employment and boosting family income.
 - b. **Noted** receipt and thanks from the Kajokji Educational Trust for the second and final £500 towards their school feeding programme in Kenya. This has allowed children a daily hot meal in a region hit by draught and rising food prices.
 - c. **Noted** receipt and thanks from Sophie Elkins for the £250 we gave towards her trip this year to El Salvador. This money added to the £450 she raised herself and she will keep the committee informed about her trip.
 - d. **Noted** receipt and thanks from Margaret Griffin for the £1,000 we gave for her South Sudan Bursary Scheme- this is now a four year programme and Margaret will talk to the committee on her return from South Sudan
 - e. No receipt or thanks from the **Disabled Equipment Sent Overseas** Organisation for our £200. I will contact them to ask for a receipt.
6. The application for a District Matching grant for our Apprentice Training Project was not successful- there were eight other applications and five were successful. TP was asked if the District Funding Committee would give us some feedback on how we could improve this and other applications. Viv Pritchard said he would have a look at the application. It was agreed to pay the Kajokji Educational Trust the £500 so that they can start the three month training programme and that we would re-apply for a District Matching Grant in the summer when District has more funds.

7. The funding sub committee of MG,RV and TP met to discuss the new South Sudan Project. MG explained that the pressing need for the Juba Diocesan Secondary School was for a new accommodation block for the boys and more classrooms. She had to discuss this with the staff in Juba and then we can start funding applications. These building projects would be suitable for a Global Grant and there is an on line process and no deadline on the date so we have time to make a considered and fully costed application.
8. I Emailed Martin Vye on our decision not to fund their web site costs and wait for him to come back on alternative ways of helping the International Youth Council he runs.
9. Seeds for Africa – I have tried the Email address I have been given at Rutherford College UKC for this Charity but the Emails are bounced back so I will contact the Charity's London address.
10. Awaiting Tenterden Rotary Club to respond to my request on what they are funding at the Operation Sunshine Charity
11. Lydia Ashton has reached her target of £700 so we agreed on giving her the £250 for her trip to Cambodia?

Tools for Self Reliance. This was a Charity that John Sullivan was interested in and it would be good if we could continue to be involved . I understand there would be an announcement to the club today to see if anyone would be willing to act as collector. I will contact their Southampton HQ to check on the collection process.

13. As I have had no response from Ashleigh Bell from UKC about her self-funded orphanage in Kenya – this item is closed.
14. Informed the READ INTERNATIONAL Charity that, as there is no current local connection, the committee cannot consider any funding.
- 15 **Pentangular Project.** The President attended for this item. All five pentangular clubs contribute £2,000 into a joint account but no decision has been made on what project has been chosen. That decision will be made at the meeting in Leiden on the 25th May. We have been told that there will be sufficient money to run two projects so International will be applying for pentangular funding for our new South Sudan Building Project- possibly a classroom build and costed at the same figure as the Leuven Prosthetic Limb Project – £35,000. The President is trying to get this put forward as Canterbury's candidate for the Pentangular Project and it will be a late application so he will try to get it included on the agenda for the 15th May meeting. The funding sub committee will put together an application which will need full costings, dimensions of classrooms etc.
16. **AOB** none forthcoming.

Date of Next Meeting 8th May 6.30 at the cricket ground.