

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY.

VOCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held 10th January 2017 at the Cricket Ground

Present. Alan Mepstead, , Brian Dobinson. Nan Miller. Tim Brett Graham Bough Julie Reza

Apologies John Beckett Mike Talbot .Leslie Stephenson Ian Wright

Welcome Graham & Julie for their Vocational”tasters”

1. **Minutes of the last meeting** held in October were approved. All matters arising are on the agenda
2. **Innovation competition 2017.** BD updated the committee. Six schools have said that they will enter and the closing date is 31st March 2017 on line. Final judging is 28 June at Christchurch. Whilst at Hall Place to day he had had the opportunity to speak to a meeting of Head Teachers which may possibly produce more.
3. **Other School competitions and involvement.**

- **Youth Speaks.** Canterbury heat is on 21st February at Barton Court. Teams from SLGS and Barton Court in both Intermediate and Seniors. District final is March 2nd and regional final three weeks later. (N.B. Barton Court reached the Regional final last year)
- **Children’s Writing Competition** Four primary schools entered in each of the school years 1 to 6 with over 50 entries. First and second prizes were awarded in each year and subsequently President Martin and AM have visited the schools to present prize and certificates at school; assemblies. We were exceptionally well received and suggestions from them for future competitions included Art. Dance and History composition. Well worth doing again.
- **Schools reading assistance project.** Nan Miller has been in contact with Pilgrims Way primary school. Although they had had less than good Ofsted report, she thought that they were an amazing school and well behaved. There is a diverse ethnic mix with many children not having English as their first language. She has offered to help with their reading and perhaps we could run a reading competition with prizes. She will stay in contact and let the committee know when they can help.
- **Schools public speaking competition** At the Guildhall on the 2nd Feb. 6 teams competing. Inner Wheel is providing refreshments and Roddy Tynedale-Biscoe is organising for Rotary.
- **Big Sing.** April 18th at the Marlowe. Council have approved a donation of £500 and Dan Tompkinson will chose a choir from TCK to appear. Nothing for us to do this year.

4. Events.

- **Graham Clark** is a local artist and NM is following up a visit to see how an artist’s studio works.
- **Dover Museum.** IW together with AM
- **Francis Crick Institute.** BD has had a response. Julie suggested that we could perhaps combine with a visit to the Welcome Institute where she has a contact.
- **National Grid.** BD now has an address.
- **Day trips to France** Graham Bough commented that at his previous club they had organised day trips to French Battlefields and the Paris Louvre. The tour company do the organisation and he will try to get details.
- **SUBSEQUENTLY** Julie has produced a long list of possible events for which many thanks to her. Our President Elect also has a couple of ideas which will fit in with her year.

5. Any other Business. None

6. **Date of next meeting.** .21st Feb at 12.00pm. (The second Tuesday being the day of the Valentines Day dinner)