

### **March 11th 2014 International Committee Minutes**

- 1. Attendance Rtms Bob Anderson, Margaret Griffin, Alan Holmes, Tony Pomeroy (Chairman) and V. Pritchard.**
- 2. Apologies. R. Boyd – Howell and Peter Sayer.**
- 3. Minutes of January 2014 accepted – no matters arising. February meeting was cancelled.**
- 4. Finance. £6595 but with today's grants this is reduced to £5045.**
- 5. Correspondence.**
  - a. Agreed to consider Clare Johnson's request once we have more information. She is a second year student at Christchurch University who wants to go to Uganda with East African Playgrounds.**
  - b. Received receipt and grateful thanks for Daniel O'Shea for the £250 towards his trip to Tanzania in the summer.**
  - c. Received receipt and thanks from Alasdair Hogarth for the £640 we gave his Kajokeji Educational Trust for his Apprentice Training Programme in Liwolo South Sudan.**
  - d. Receipt and thanks from Tools for Self Reliance - Canterbury for our cheque for £500. Bob Anderson told us that his second hand tool collection continues.**
  - e. Email from Carl Neskins of Leuven Rotary Club regarding their Orthotics and Prosthetic Project in the Congo. Their application for a Global Grant is about to be submitted. Replied saying we still needed more information before we can put forward our District Designated Fund Application. This came after the meeting so the minutes are updating the committee.**
  - f. Agreed to give £1,000 to the Juba District School in South Sudan – this is now a four year project and ends in 2016. Action. TP to get cheque.**
  - g. Agreed to give £500 to Aquabox. We need to match our grant to the weekly raffle income. Action TP to get cheque.**
  - h. Still not heard from Nicky Morgan of the Ethiopian Midwifery Charity. Action TP will contact her again.**
  - i. No reply from Ashleigh Bell but will continue to Email her on her Charity Commission Application.**
  - j. Request from Billy Jo Hart from Champaign Illinois who wants to come to Canterbury to study in the autumn but needs \$10,000. Decided this request doesn't meet our funding criteria. Action TP to notify her.**
  - k. Email from Mike Pearson of the Forest of Blean Rotary Club about the request from Brindisi Rotary Club for participation in a joint project with the three Canterbury Rotary Clubs. We too had a similar Email. Agreed that Blean, Canterbury and Sunrise would decline. Action. TP to contact the other two International Committees.**
  - l. Request from Becky Huckle a teacher from Canterbury Academy for funding for an overseas trip to Uganda with the North Kizazi Diocese. This would be deferred until we had more information.**
  - m. Letter from Shelterbox – thanks for our £1750 donation towards the Typhon Haiyan Disaster in the Philippines. This was to pay for four boxes and in addition to the money from the street collection.**

- n. Given the March 2014 Update on the Juba Diocesan Secondary School by Margaret Griffin and noted that the student numbers had increased to 450 and almost all the staff had returned despite the unrest. The school had closed a few days because of the unrest in the city but is functioning normally now. The school buildings were intact because of the security fence although other areas in the city were occupied by displaced people. The school is awaiting their application to become a Cambridge University Associate and there is a need soon to build a new 4 classroom block.
- o. Agreed to look into overseas charity "Bikes for Africa" Action. TP to investigate.
- p. Sent our best wishes to Peter Sayer who is in William Harvey Hospital with a broken Patella.
- q. AOB none.

Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> April at 12.0 before the weekly lunch meeting.