

Minutes of International Committee Meeting 08/11/16.

Apologies: Caroline, Margaret and Peer.

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Matters Arising: Confirmed that cheques had been sent to Aquabox and Care International.

Tanzania: Ms Janet Glass and student Hattie Adley from Kent College outlined their ongoing programme of fund-raising and support for Klerruu Secondary School, Iringa, Tanzania over the last eight years. The school was now complete and no further assistance was required. However they were then taken some seven kilometres from Iringa and shown a school for nursery age children that was basically four walls, a roof and rows of rocks acting as seats for the pupils. Ms Glass advised that Kent College had agreed to support this school as part of their ongoing fund-raising aid programme. The most basic items were needed from doors, windows, etc. plus a toilet block.

It was agreed to donate £600.

Tanzania (2): Caroline Lees mentioned a different Tanzania charity and it was agreed that Peter Warr would be invited to address the committee.

Syria: Vivian advised on 'Syria Relief', a well-established charity sponsored by Manchester City Council. Robin advised that this charity received an annual income of £11m last year! A further suitable charity 'The David Nott Foundation' was outlined. David Nott being a surgeon who travelled the world's war zones teaching local doctors how to treat the badly wounded patients.

It was agreed to put the Syria situation on 'hold' at this time.

Yemen: Robin advised on a charity called 'Saba Relief'. It would appear that this is a new charity with uncertain aims and a lack of transparency regarding its expenditure. Mary suggested contacting Rotary in Lebanon for more information. This was agreed. Robert will also discuss with Peer.

Juba: Robert and Margaret will be visiting in ten days time as part of the presentation for the Pentangular Project. Tony detailed the various grants available and the regulation hoops that needed to be jumped through. Robert reminded the project meant that this club will be committed to financing an annual inspection visit.

Malawi: In response to an e-mailed appeal from Kate Devis of Christchurch University asking for support for the costs of sending text books to the library of Mzuzu University in Malawi. These books to replace those lost in a recent fire. Kate had previously taught at this university teaching nursing and midwifery. Total shipping costs are around £600. It was agreed to donate £200.

Wheels Appeal: After a report from M McG the committee unanimously agree the motion: The Rotary Club of Canterbury has agreed to suspend, until further notice, the proposed joint Wheels Appeal project with the Forest of Blean Club.

A.O.B.: Robert moved that the committee's grateful thanks and appreciation of the past efforts of Victor Banks be recorded in the minutes. Approved unanimously.

Michael asked for someone else to take minutes in future. Agreed to take it in turns.

Next Meeting: 13th December 2016.

Any errors in the above will be amended at the next meeting.