

## **April 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 International Committee Minutes**

**1. Attendance Rtns B.Anderson, R.Boyd-Howell, J.Harris. C.Lees, T.Pomeroy (Chairman) President V.Pritchard and M. Leadbeater observing. Rosemary Berry guest speaker. Rosemary and a new Rtn Mike Leadbeater introduced to committee.**

**2. Apologies Rtns G.Colson and D.Connolly**

**3. Minutes of the March committee meeting – no matters arising.**

**4. Finance £5,100 available.**

**6. Correspondence**

**a. Noted the cheque for £600 ( gift aided) from Henry Killender for Shelterbox and chairman's letter of grateful thanks to Henry. Cheque given to Lewis Norris and committee agreed to match that with £600 out of our own funds and £1200 sent to Shelterbox. Noted that the charity had sent over 1,000 boxes to Vanuatu to help with the devastation caused by the recent cyclone. Receipt received for the money.**

**b. Noted that the District Grant 1314-01 had been "signed off" by District.**

**c. Noted Email from Denis Spiller the Chairman of the District Funding Committee that our DDF Grant of \$1200 for Leuven's Congo Project (JPP2) had been agreed but will be released only when the other Pentangular Clubs and RC of Kinshasa have had their DDF agreed.**

**d. Noted that our second District Grant DG 1457- 27 for £578 has also been agreed and that the Chairman has told the Ethiopian Healthcare Trust who are delighted. It was agreed that the committee would match that with £ 578 out of our own funds. Nicky Morgan one of the trustees of the charity said that a team of East Kent Midwives would be going to Ethiopia in April and another in November and it was not decided yet which team would be taking the midwifery equipment with them but receipts for the spending of the £1156 would be given to the International Committee so that our Final Report on the project would have full financial proof that the money had been spent appropriately. Action TP to get the cheque.**

**e. Noted that the chairman had contacted Ellie Madeira the local girl guide who wants to go to Vietnam in July this year but has only raised £523 of the £ 2125 needed.**

**f. Noted that Florence Coleman the student at Christchurch University who wants to go to Bolivia in June this year has been advised to try to get financial support from her local home Rotary Club in Berkshire. Her request had already been turn down by our Millennium Trust.**

**g. Noted Email from Carl Naesens of Leuven Rotary Club on their overseas Pentangular Project (JPP2) saying that their Global Grant application GG 1527576 has been submitted on line a few months ago. Canterbury has already sent our E4,000 to Leuven and Carl knows our DDF Grant of \$2,000 has been agreed and this completes Canterbury's funding of the Congo Project.**

**h. Noted that the Chairman had sent a brief description of our Juba Bursary Project (JPP3) to the Denis Spiller for his observations- no reply yet.**

**i. Noted that the steering committee has been in contact with Juba Rotary Club (Host Club) for our jointly funded Juba Bursary Project which starts in April 2017 and ends in March 2019. Canterbury will be the Sponsoring Club for our Global Grant Application.**

**j. Noted that the Chairman had been in contact with Paul Bosmans of Leuven Rotary who explained the funding arrangements that had been a part of their Global Grant Application. The cost of Leuven's project would be \$61,000 and the our own steering committee had incorporated those funding arrangements into their protocol for JPP 3. A copy of this updated protocol will be sent to all members of the International Committee and the next meeting of this steering committee would be on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May.**

**k. Margaret Griffin gave us an update on the Juba Model Secondary School and the Juba Girls only Bursary Project. It was agreed to give the last cheque for £1,000 for the Bursary Project which was a four year project. Action TP to get cheque.**

**l. No ideas given about future funding.**

**7. Rosemary Berry spoke about her charity "Village in Syria" registration number 1158494 with the Charity Commission. Rosemary was working for the British Council in Damascus during 2004- 2006 and was in a rural village where they had thousands of refugees but most of the men had been executed by the government. Since then she has become the secretary of a humanitarian agency and had noted that our web site said we gave money to local charities. The committee thanked Rosemary and said we would discuss her request at the May meeting.**