

Minutes of the International Service Committee March 10th 2015

1.Attendance: Rtns B. Anderson, V. Banks, D. Connolly, A. Holmes, M. Griffin, C. Lees, T. Pomeroy (Chairman) and the President observing.

2. Apologies: Rtn J. Harris.

3. Minutes of the 13th of February and no matters arising.

4. Finance £5,222-27 available – we are grateful to Club Council for more funds.

5. Noted the delay in getting the Financial Report from the Kajokeji Educational Charity for the Apprentice Training Project (DG 1314-01) in South Sudan. Action TP to contact Alasdair Hogarth on the need to get this report as District will not approve of other grants until they “sign off” the DG 1314-01. Noted that TP had alerted the President and President Elect on the issue and said we have to comply with Rotary funding rules. Action TP to contact Alasdair Hogarth again.

6. Correspondence

a. Noted the delay in getting approval of our Ethiopian Midwifery Project (DG 1415-27) – probably because of the issue in item 5.

b. Noted the delay also with our District Designated Fund Application to fund Leuven’s JPP project in the Congo – also likely to be delayed because of the issue in item 5. It has been approved by the Chairman of the District Funding Committee but needs formal approval by the District Governor.

c. Noted that Alicia Schultmaker had been told that she did not meet our funding criteria.

d. Noted the protocol from the JPP steering committee and that they welcomed discussion on our project and that it could always be amended. Bob Anderson said the protocol ought to mention how and why the funding gets distributed. Action TP to contact Paul Bosmans on the mechanics of the funding process.

e. Noted the receipt from Aquabox.

f. Noted the request from Rosemary Berry and the Village in Syria Charity. Suggested we invite her to an International Committee meeting to talk about the charity. Action TP to contact Rosemary and get a suitable date.

g. Noted the request from Florence Coleman and the Tearfund Charity. The Millennium Trust has turned her down but they have different criteria. Action TP to check with Leslie Stephenson- Florence is at Christchurch University but lives in Berkshire. I will contact her and emphasise our funding criteria.

h Same issue with Kate Nedderman but she goes to Simon Langton Girls School so she has a local connection. Kate has raised only £300 out of £3,000. Again the Millennium Trust has turned her down and she needs to raise around £2,500 to meet our criteria. Action TP to contact Kate.

i. No response from Health for All Charity. Put on Hold? Noted that Forest of Blean connection with this charity and we might add our support to them in a joint project. Agreed to reimburse Bob

Anderson in supporting someone who is running the London Marathon to raise funds for the Health for All Charity. Action TP to contact Forest of Blean Rotary and committee to reimburse BA for the £100 he is giving for the London Marathon Fund Raising.

j. Noted the receipt from Operation Sunshine for the £600 cheque. Action We await the completion of this unused room to a library at a Zambia Rural School.

6. Funding for Juba's Teacher Training programme. MG explained the programme and that she had raised some funds already and that we might possibly support one teacher in this programme. As there is no urgency about the funding decided to return to this at a later date when we would look at more detailed costings.

7. Noted that TP always sent Rosemary Doyle a couple of items from the International Monthly Minutes to keep other Rotarians informed about International work through the club's electronic newsletter.

8. The President was asked about the club's support for the District Governor's Shelterbox Funding Appeal. The money has been already been sent to Chestfield Rotary Club.

9. Funding is healthy and we can spread our support more widely- any ideas about future funding.

10. AOB. After the meeting got phone call from Alastair Scott- he had received a letter from Henry Killender, a past member of the club with a cheque for Shelterbox. The committee might want to match Henry's gift aided cheque at the next meeting?

Next meeting – 14th of April at 6.00 but this might have to be rescheduled as some committee members are going to a Rotary function the same evening.