

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Vocational Service Committee - 15th September 2015

Present: Peter Hodge, Wendy Jones, Alan Mepstead, Nan Miller, Leslie Stephenson, Mike Talbot, Ian Wright.

Apologies: John Beckett, Tim Brett, Deborah Connolly, Brian Dobinson

Welcome: A warm welcome to Wendy Jones.

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st.July were approved with all matters arising being covered in this meeting's agenda.

2. Innovation competition 2016

It was agreed that following on from the success of 2015 that this should be continued in 2016, and BD has agreed to progress this with assistance from Deborah Connolly. Council have already agreed a total of £400 prize money and it was agreed that the division and manner of this should be left with BD.

3. Children's Choir.

AM has now heard from Kerry Boyle and his suggestion was that we should seek Council approval for a contribution up to £500 and also undertake the organisation and publicity for the final concert possibly at the Westgate Hall. This was agreed subject to other funding being sought elsewhere. It was felt that the admin etc. at each schools training session was best left to the parents.

4. CV/Interview training

Following a discussion with Tim Brett, Mike Talbot commented that Brett's HR Dept. Were very clued up on all this and might be persuaded to update members so that they could offer a service to Schools and beyond. Possibly also through Christchurch and AM will speak to the President at the next Council Meeting.

5. Middle Temple

Nan Miller reported that she had been unable to get definitive answers from the Middle Temple regarding the Cost and manner of Lunch. With Lunch at £25 a head and entry fees and a Guide at £5 each and train fares to London, the cost would rise to £120 a couple with no certainty as to numbers that the Middle Temple could accommodate. Agreed not to proceed for the moment, but thanks to Nan for her efforts.

6. Other Events

- LS suggested a visit to the RAF Memorial at Folkestone and lunch afterwards and agreed to progress this
- With the Manston Dinner and other events coming up it was agreed to hold off pro tem but the following are still in the pipe line. Quex Park, Paul Mansfield, Vineyards, National Grid (no response from them), Dover Tunnels (AM still chasing), Fungi walk (BD).
- Wind ups. Both the Country Walk and the Thames Barge trips had been great successes. Thanks due to LS and BD respectively.

7. Any other business: None

8. Date of next meeting: 13th October.