

VOCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the meeting held Tuesday 10th November 2014

Present:- Tim Brett, John Beckett, Nan Miller, Les Stephenson , Brian Dobinson, Alan Mepstead.

Apologies:- Mike Talbot, Ian Wright, Jacqui Bartlett

1. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 8th August 2014 were approved, with all matters arising being dealt with on the Agenda.
2. **Photographic competition.** AM reported that this had been successful with very good cooperation between Canterbury, Sunrise and Forest of Blean. There had been 130 entries from 10 schools and a very good exhibition organised by Pauline Davies of Sunrise. Perhaps the timing and venue of the exhibition should be looked at next year. RTB would be happy to run with this for another year, and this was agreed together with thanks to him for all his work in running this competition.
3. **Innovation competition.** BD reported on the meeting of the Innovation committee held immediately prior to this one, with both Sunrise and Forest of Blean being involved. They have revised the poster, and allocated schools between them. Prizes will be £200 and £100. In addition they will use social media to publicise the event as well as Kent Messenger and hopefully Local radio (via Martin Ward). Hoped to be out to schools by 30th November. It will be open to all secondary schools in Kent
4. **Schools Public Speaking competition.** This will be held at the Guildhall on 5th February. 7 schools have entered and the Inner Wheel has very kindly agreed to do the refreshments.
5. **Higher Education competition.** AM suggested a possible best recipe competition aimed at students aged 18-25 in higher and further education. We are very much a University city and many students are fending for themselves for the first time. There are at least six further or higher education establishments in the City and its surrounds and it would also help to raise the profile of Rotary. Targeted via student unions (? prior permission of pro vice chancellor) and possibly sponsored by one of the supermarkets. Agreed a good idea but we will need judges. AM will follow this up.
6. **Downe House.** NM reported that this had been very successful with 28 people attending.
7. **Dungeness trip.** AM reported that this had been successful with 42 people attending.
8. **English Chamber Orchestra.** NM reported that interest in this had been disappointing.
9. **Other Visits.**

Possible trip to **Tower Bridge** which will cover a guided tour around the North & South Towers, the walkways and the engine rooms and takes about one and a half hours. Cost approx. £9 if we get 20 attendees. Should we add say HMS Belfast or County Hall. Agreed one and a half hours probably enough for most Rotarians. AM to follow up.

Trip to **British Legion Poppy** makers. NM to follow up.

LS will remind Peter Hermitage re **Police Road Traffic centre at Nackington**

AM will follow up on **Canterbury Huguenots Walk** .

LS to organise **Country Walk and Bird watching walk..**

10. There was no other business

11. Date of next meeting. ?????