

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Business Meeting minutes

3rd April 2018

1. John Beckett letter of resignation

A letter of resignation has been received from John Beckett due to ill health, and the President read out the letter. His membership would continue to the end of this Rotary year. All Members agreed that they would be delighted to see John and his wife Pauline at any guest night if they are able to attend.

2. District Assembly

District Assembly is due on 28th April at Holmsdale School, Snodland. The Rotary Conference is in Canterbury on 7th-9th September and is called Engage. (Hilary Brian will do a brief presentation on Engage during the meeting on 1st May)All Members encouraged to attend each event where possible.

3. Juba Update

Margaret Griffin gave a brief update on Juba:

- 700 applications made this year, of which 280 students have been selected.
- All teachers have returned for the start of the school year.
- 48 of our students are starting the second year.
- We have approval for the Global Grant to proceed, but it has not yet been secured.
- MG visiting the school on 15th April
- Dick Beath will be attending with Margaret and will audit the school accounts

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- Martin Ward gave presentation of applications. There are typically 3-5 grants made each year.
- In 2016-2018 there were 20 expressions of interest, but these are reduced by issues such as illegibility, forms not returned or postponed applications.
- MW has investigated why applications have tailed off, and there is clear evidence that this has been partly due to increase university fees.
- Only 30% of Canterbury 18 year olds go to University
- We need to use social media to promote MSF more
- MT raised the issue that we need more clarity in the election of Trustees.
- The President identified that as part of the AGM on 15th May that there would be a proposal for the Trust Deed to be amended by the Club at the AGM in accordance with clause 7(ii) of the Deed. In order to provide greater continuity for the operation of the MSF it will be proposed that the Trustees (that are currently The President, Secretary and Treasurer) be increased to include the Administrator, President Elect, Past President and a Club Member. An e mail will be issued to all Club Members to vote on this proposal.