

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Business Meeting minutes

1st May 2018

1. Engage 2018 Presentation by Hillary Brian

- Update on Rotary Conference in Canterbury 7-9th September 2018 and good list of interesting speakers
- Opportunity to have a free banner produced, subsequent orders only £36.
- 800 people anticipated to be present
- Attendees will be seeing our Duck Race.

2. Fundraising

- Peter Hermitage provided an update on the Boxing night on 25 May, a few seats are left available. Donations are welcome, and raffle prizes are being sought.
- Presidents charity event on 29 May still low on numbers and should be a great event. Closing date for applications to Wendy is 8 May.

3. New Member

- Dee Mepstead welcomed as a new Member of the Club by the President.

4. Juba update

- Robert Boyd- Howell gave an update on Juba after Margaret's visit.
- We have 48 students progressing to the second year.
- All money has been received by the school. We are changing banks to get greater confidence on the ease of transfer of future payments.
- Margaret Griffin reports that locally in Juba there are substantial cost of living increases and the school has recently lost 4 teachers who have left for better paid jobs.
- There are serious concerns regarding the competence of Juba Rotary Club. The Global Grant has still not been processed, as the Juba Rotary Club have not spent the \$30,000 grant for a water well drilling project. Juba Rotary Club are also subject to an audit from their District. We have to face the real possibility that we will not receive the Global Grant, although we continue to seek opportunities for funding from other Rotary funding sources.
- The International Team, especially Tony Pomeroy continue to spend a considerable amount of time in trying to progress the Global Grant funding for the benefit of this worthwhile project.
- There is a very high possibility that the Canterbury Rotary Club will not be able to secure the Global Grant. Therefore, we have a moral obligation to continue to support the 48 students. This will involve approximately £3000 from our funds this year, and a further £6000 for the

next 2 years, making a total financial outlay of £15,000. We have just received 2000 Euro from our Pentagular colleagues in Germany; we will be seeking more assistance.

5. Centenary Event

- Harry Cragg has presented a report to Club Council on proposed ideas. The President will e mail this report to all Members, and a decision will be made on the preferred option.
- After a decision has been made on the type of Centenary Event that will be made, Harry will then pass over the responsibility to another Member to make the arrangements.

6. Millennium Scholarship Fund

- Neil Fraser summarised the responses to his e mail to the Club of 18th April. All Members believed that the MSF was an excellent Fund to have to give to local charities.
- Whilst Members believe that the existing Trustees are doing a great job, there are differing views on expanding the number of Trustees, many want President Elect and Past President only; but not clear.
- There is the opinion that there will be the need to change the Deed.
- There is clearly the need more 'horsepower'. It seems that asking the overloaded trustees (who work full or part time) for more information and arranging greater publicity of MSF is a big ask.
- There are a whole host of ideas that needs a dedicated team to progress with this. (We have International Committee, a Community Service committee, where is the MSF committee?)
- If we want a vote at the AGM to expand the Trustees by two, what will that actually achieve?
- Neil Fraser believe that we need a team of 5-6 people to increase the time spent on looking for suitable candidates. Volunteers required for AGM. Surely, we can use existing contacts (Scouts, Porchlight, schools etc) to get suitable candidates. We could tap into Community Service and for suitable candidates we could divert funds into these willing causes.