

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Notes from Meeting held on 5th November 2019

Chair: PE Alan Mepstead

1. Visits to other clubs

- a. Maxine reported that Kara-Jane Senior (Leader, Harbledown Guides) who had received a grant from CSC had met members of Cusco Rotary Club on her fund-raising trip to Machu Pichu in Peru.

2. Almoner: Robert Yonge has had an operation on his ankle. We wish him a speedy recovery

3. Members addressing the Club:

- a. David Barton reminded members of the Guest Night on Monday 11th November with the Lemon Zingers. Please can members contact Inner Wheel and Rotary Widows to see if any would like to come.
- b. Tony Pomeroy reported that the £10 sponsorship of Sailor Ted is going well.
- c. John Hill reminded members to save their used stamps for the Hospice.
- d. Philip Abbott reported on the Sunrise/Porchlight sleep out which has raised £20,000

He is concerned about the use of cardboard for sleeping in and has made his concerns known to the organisers.

Philip also noted that Sunrise are having a Quiz on 16th November at Boughton Village Hall.

4. Prince of Wales Youth Club. 10 Rotarians had attended the presentation of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service which honour had been awarded to the Prince of Wales Youth club.

5. Alan asked for volunteers to act as Speaker Secretaries to cover Philip's absence in the New Year.

6. Dining Club Subs. Alan Mepstead pointed out that at the end of the last accounting period over £4700 was owed by members in respect of the previous six months with 28 members owing over £90 each.

Would members whose account was in the red please consider putting their quarterly standing orders up to £130.

Business Meeting

1. Alan asked if members felt then needed a Business Meeting every month? If members wanted to change this please can they contact Alan with thoughts on frequency/timing.
2. Remembrance Sunday – Members were asked to attend wreath laying at 10.30, Canterbury Buttermarket followed by 11 am Cathedral service.

3. Polio Plus: It was agreed to put the funds from sailor Ted, caption Competition and the raffle at Xmas Dinner to support Polio Plus.

4. Juba Update: Stephen Thompson provided an update:

End of Y2 Balance \$6671

Year 3 Income \$947 Expenditure \$9364 Balance -\$1746

Year 4 Income \$11,683 Expenditure \$9500 Balance \$400

Stephen then updated members on the latest financial situation re JJP3 (Juba) and it would seem that at the end of project there would possibly be a small surplus. Council have agreed that the distribution/allocation of such surplus should be left until the end of this year. The President and President elect are going to Leuven next week and will report back on JJP4 which is St Quinten's.

5. Alan and Neil to meet up with other Pentangular presidents next week.
6. Mini Group Study Exchange Group. Stephen Thompson outlined a funding proposal for the Mini Group Exchange, which would see members being asked to designate part of their annual subscription for MGE. The background is that the MGE is essentially charitable and if its funding were moved from Club funds to the Charity account then gift aid could be claimed on that portion of a member's subscription. Any shortfall might then come from the Millennium Fund, subject to the agreement of the Trustees. There was discussion on the best way forward and it was pointed out that the Club is not a registered Charity but the Charity account is a charitable trust fund. Although there was agreement in principle it was agreed to take the matter back to Council to ensure that it is all in order. Roger Clarke agreed to attend the next Council Meeting to advise.
7. MTSF – Roger Power reported on the progress being made and presented the financial reported. He was thanked for all the hard work and effort that he has put in to make sure that everything was running smoothly.
8. Club Secretary – The Secretary, Lewis Norris reminded members that officers for 2019/2020 were due for election this December, particularly Treasurer and Accounts examiner. The club cannot function without a Treasurer and he asked for members to step forward and take on these tasks

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