

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Club Business Meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2023

1. Welcome – President Tony welcome members to the meeting including Mike Talbot & Jake Davies via Zoom
2. Apologies Julie, Stephen Thompson, David Lewis & Alan Mepstead
3. Almoner/Health Report – no report as David had been unavoidably detained.
4. Minutes of last Business Meeting - 10th January 2023 on website were agreed
 - a. Matters arising from the minutes:
 - i. Water Bottle Filling Point update – Steven Thompson emailed to say that on-line meeting with the City Council has been held and that there are points regarding the issuing of the licence to build and a related bond which are being investigated.
 - ii. Rosemary's List – final request for volunteers for roles 2023/2024. Those interested please contact Rosemary.
 - iii. District Council Meeting – update subs increase to help subsidise District Conference. Tony to circulate minutes to members.
5. Presidents' Matters
 - a. Dining Review
 - i. Of Tony advised members of a proposed increase in the cost from £18/£20 per meal – Centreplate increase £22.95 from April 2023 with average attendance for 30 each month.
 - ii. Advantages to Cricket Ground include lift access, parking, good size room, late booking for meals and the storage of our regalia. Other possible venues don't meet all four requirements.
 - iii. Club Council recommendation that we stay here as venue can be booked flexibly £23 per meal.
 - iv. Dining A/C surplus £2K from previous years and will be used to help meeting costs – speakers, entertainment, tips etc.
 - v. Work with Cricket Ground on issues such as microphone, food quality/consistency.
 - vi. Concerns expressed by members included:
 - i) Fewer lunch time meetings? Could result in loss of fellowship? Drop in numbers of members attending. Evening meetings attracting those members who are working. Examples for fortnightly meetings/other options. Non-attending' members are still valuable and may be able to attend at some point in the future. Balance accumulating via s/o, Committee structure could need reorganising with more decision making at business meeting.
 - ii) Members accepted proposal for £23 per meal – Tony to action with Centreplate.
 - vii. Turkish/Syrian Earthquake disaster
 - i) Tony proposed that the Club immediately authorise one Shelterbox (from raffle)fund with additional £200 from general account.
 - ii) Gill proposed that we send two Shelterboxes, the second Shelterbox with money from Emergency Reserve – agreed by those present.
 - viii. Events
 - i) 14th Feb Valentine's Dinner – Peter Hermitage organising a quiz, & Romeo and Juliet sequence. All welcome, please bring along guests
 - ii) 14th March – St Patrick's Day at POWYC with band and Irish Dancers –
 - iii) The meeting authorised Peter Hermitage to contract with the band 'Camine' for Six Hundred and Thirty Pounds, and with the Dean Academy of Performing Arts for Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds for their performances at the celebration to be held at The Prince of Wales Club £250 for dancers, and a subsidy of £300 from Dining Account. Ticket prices is £30 each.

- iv) Again, all welcome so please bring guests. A flyer will be sent out shortly,
- v) Please confirm numbers to Peter.

6. Treasurer's Report- Jim Gascoyne

- a. Accounts for last year will be independently scrutinised next week. Tony gave his thanks to Jim & Graham
- b. Accounts for January 2023 are on the website.

7. Committee Updates

a. Vocational – Mary McGeary reported:

- i. Mock Interviews 2nd and 7th March at CC
- ii. Regional young chef competition 25/2/23 including the winner of our local competition.
- iii. Primary writing comp completed, 131 entries, prizes going to five schools.
- iv. Dear Future Me – entries in and are at CCCU
- v. Innovation Competition deadline for entries 31st March
- vi. Visited QEGS – Eclipse team going to Singapore in September
- vii. Possible outings:
 - i) for blue bell woods in Elham and 13th June
 - ii) SA Farm
 - iii) London visit to Chelsea Hospital

b. International – Raj Dasan noted that the Committee met 7th January and are considering the following requests:

- i. Request from Mauritius RC for support of their cleft palate provision – details awaited,
- ii. edible water pouches – further details awaited.
- iii. Bangladesh buildings – Julie to visit when on holiday
- iv. Lending with care - £2000 from RCC for £45 per project.

c. Community Service- Richard Kemball-Cook reported that:

- i. He had delivered a £500 cheque to the Salvation Army Canterbury Toddlers group,
- ii. Maxine reported on her visit to CIC My Birth Support who meet at the Thanington Recourse Centre. Subject to checking cost of room hire, the Committee has approved a donation of £320.

8. MSTF

- a. Roger noted that promotion materials have been sent out to local organisations.
 - i. Enquiries back from Archbishops School, Simon Langton Girls Grammar and Barton Court Grammar School and he is looking at these regarding eligibility etc.
 - ii. £2900 available, £2000 committed this year to those travelling.

9. AOB none