

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Club Council meeting held on Thursday 30th November 2020 at 18:00 Hours

Present: A. Mepstead (AM), S. Thompson (ST), L. Norris (LN), V. Pritchard (VP), M. Ward (MW), M. McGeary (MMG), Tony Loughran (AL), R. Anderson (RA), R. Kemball-Cook (RKC), D. Barton (DB).

In Attendance: C. Lees (CL) Taking Minutes

Apologies: N. Fraser (NF), P. Hermitage (PH)

Minutes of the meeting of 26th October 2020: Approved

1. Matters Arising

Correction to Item 4 of 26th October minutes. Split of money should be £500 to JPP4 and £500 to Community Services.

2. President's Business

AM reported that £65 had been made from sales of Rotary Face Coverings.

English Speaking Union (ESU) has requested that judges for Public Speaking competition should attend an on-line training course. Further discussions to take place between AM and ESU to understand full requirements.

Pentangular

AM attended online Pentangular Presidents meeting. It was agreed that current surplus for JPP3 should be used for bursaries and contingency fund.

Third and final payment for JPP4 due by 31st December 2020.

JPP5 will be for Prenatal and Perinatal care in Surinam.

The 2021 Pentangular is cancelled.

Leiden has completed a successful merger with an adjacent club from their area.

Voluntary Service Partnership

The Community Service Committee will co-ordinate our response. Crispin Rampling will take a leading role on behalf of the Rotary Club of Canterbury.

3. Financial Report

It was agreed that £706 from the Charity (general) account should be transferred to JPP4.

100 Club reserves should be made for the future prizes. The balance then pays £400 towards the President's Pentangular Gift with the remaining balance being transferred to the Mini Group Study Exchange.

£425 Raffle money approved by members to go to Charity account.

£300 for lifesavers at Duck race not cashed. AL will investigate and report back to council.

Christmas Card money will go to Polio Plus Foundation.

\$1900 Juba payment not collected due to query with NatWest. ST will contact the bank and report back.

€2000 remaining payment for JPP4 due by end of month.

AM will send email to members requesting decision on whether they want to donate their payments or receive a refund.

RKC has a problem with the bank rejecting signatories. Would be easier after move to internet banking. ST will follow up with Nat West and report back.

RKC will provide monthly accounts summary to LN for upload to Club Website.

£2685 donated by members so far from dining account. To be allocated according to their wishes

£1534 in Charity General Account

£425 from Events-Already transferred to Charity Account

Agreed donation of £400 each to Salvation Army, Foodbank, Porchlight, Pilgrims Hospice and Children of the Rising Sun.

4. Regeneration

PH presented the output from recent sub committee meetings on regeneration in a separate Club Council meeting on Monday 30th September. This presentation will be given to the whole Club at the Business Meeting on Tuesday 8th December 2020.

5. Project 1 Million

AM circulated an email from Rotary District explaining a proposed joint fund-raising scheme for all clubs. It was agreed that the Rotary Club of Canterbury should take part. Details to be presented to the club at a later date.

6. Juba School District Grant

VP reported that JPP3 will be completed in the next few weeks. Additional funding has been secured for 7 students to continue their studies. A district grant has been agreed to provide £350 for equipment related to Covid-19 and £650 for student bursaries.

VP presented his report on the District funded project for the Juba School. District Grant of equivalent £500 has been received, with £600 allocated from the projected surplus on JPP3. The total project value is £1100. It was agreed that £350 will be spent on scientific textbooks for the library and £750 on bursaries for 5 students to complete their secondary education. Priority in allocating the bursaries will be given to students who have received JPP3 bursaries over the past 4 years, but are compelled to repeat a year.

7. KidzOut

A request for money to provide toys for KidzOut was discussed. No money was allocated at this time.

8. Honey Bears Funding

BA has contacted the Masonic Lodge regarding repayment of their donation of £1K. He is awaiting a response.

9. Clarification and Selection of Community Service Projects

DB will continue to consider smaller requests for funding from local individuals/groups. Larger projects subject to council approval.

10. Any Other Business

LN will run the voting part of the Special General Meeting on Tuesday 8th December. He will provide the minutes.

Date of next meeting: Monday 25th January 2021 at 18:00 via Zoom