

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Meeting of the Club Council to be held on Monday, 24th April 2023 at Tony's Home starting at 17:00 **Agenda**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of meeting held on 27th March 2023 – had been circulated and agreed.
 - a. Matters arising (not listed below)
 - i. Pentangular Visit to Leiden – update. 16 attending. Awaiting full details
 - ii. MGSE – Martin update- so far 4 applicants which was promising
 - iii. Archbishops School Interact Club – likely to start in June 2023 in conjunction with Sunrise RC
3. Correspondence
4. President's Business
 - a. The Point update.- Meeting to Be held with Council Leader on 25/4/23 to try and break cycle of stakeholder delays and replies. Stephen and Rosemary to attend.
 - b. Alternative venues for meetings. Tony and Stephen tasked to evaluate and report back.
 - c. Cooperation with Local Clubs - Presidents of FOB and Sunrise request to support their upcoming fundraising events.
 - i. Sunrise
 - ii. Forest of Blean
 - iii. Inner Wheel
 - d) Tony raised concern over numbers attending 25/4/23. He had received an email from the Cricket Ground given the expected minimum is 25. Actions : Tony to write to members and See note above about finding alternative venues.
5. President Elect Report – Rosemary updated the Club from her written report.
 - a. Community Service
 - b. International
 - c. Vocational
6. Treasurer's Report - Jim
 - a. Finance report March 2023- updated and all in order.
 - b. Accounts. The Club accounts to June 30th 2022 are nearing completion and will be ready to upload to Charity Commission by the deadline 30/4/23.
Tony to email to the Club ahead of Business meeting for Information.
 - c) The bulk of the meeting was taken up with discussions over the budget and subscriptions for 2023/24. Graham Bough with Jim Gascoyne and Rosemary has reviewed the Budget for the the next Rotary Year. There had also been a meeting with Martin Ward re the IT costs and how these could be reviewed and incorporated in the budget to further reduce costs (see attached paper)

GB Comments

Increasing costs for IT and MGSE and reducing accumulated balances on the RCC Club accounts, mean that, should Club Council decide to calculate membership subscriptions for 2023/24 in the same way as they were calculated for 2022/23, there would need to be a 31%

increase in the Club membership element of the subscriptions as demonstrated in the Option 1 column of the attached Budget schedule.

Two suggestions arise from my discussion with Martin:

1. That Dining charges from 1 July 2023 are increased by £1 to £24 and that £1 accumulated for each meal for the year will cover the Extra Digital fees of £600 for EMS support.
2. That the £1,200 budget for the MGSE could be met out of the RCC Millennium Trust as the aims of the two are very similar.

Should these suggestions be accepted, then the 2023/24 membership subscription could be maintained at £105 as it was for the 2022/23 year as demonstrated in the Option 2 column of the attached Budget schedule.

Should the suggestions not be accepted by Club Council, the 31% increase in the membership subscription may have a significant effect on the current and potential members.

As the membership fees for the 2023/24 Presidential year will need to be announced at some stage in the near future, I assume that Club Council will consider this matter soon.

Conclusions

After discussion coupled with the IT recommendations from Martin Ward Council agreed.

- a) We should as far as possible work to a budget and subscriptions for 23/24 that is as close as possible to 22/23. To achieve this the cost of running the EMS should come from the dining club surplus rather than individual members paying extra. That is the fairest system.
- b) Council was in agreement with the paper written by Martin Ward on the IT requirements for the Club and where we could be saving money. This in turn will feed through to lowering the costs for the budget.
- c) Council was in agreement to the Millennium Trust meeting the yearly budget of £1200 from the Trust Fund as the aims are very similar. Tony to speak to Roger Power about this and then the Club as agreement will be needed from clause 1B.

7. Recruitment – Martin

- a. Resignations- none
- b. Prospective Members. New applications received from Andrew Clague, Irina Martin and Roger Hickman. Martin will move forward to the Interview stage.

8. AOB

Council discussed the paper from Peter Hermitage on the Choir Project. All were in favour of supporting this.