

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 11TH SEPTEMBER 2018

In attendance: Viv Pritchard (Chairman), John Bobba, Rosemary Doyle, Robin Vickers, Leonard Rea.

1. Apologies received – Wendy Jones, Caroline Lees, Kailash Maunick, Julie Reza, Michael Leadbeater, Graham Bough
2. Minutes of last meeting, 14th August 2018 – correction, note that apologies sent by Leonard Rea. Otherwise minutes agreed.
3. Confirmation of donation to Rohingya refugees and Chaaria Hospital – cheques for £150 each and letters sent to Children on the Edge and Dr Michele Hamer respectively.
4. Donation to Shelterbox for Kerala Flood Relief – Viv explained that RIBI had advised that the most appropriate contribution from clubs would be through Shelterbox. On the basis of this advice, and the need for urgent action for the relief effort, Viv agreed with the President and the Treasurer to confirm donation of £1300 for two shelterboxes. Members understand the principle of Shelterbox and that new donations usually allow restocking of boxes. Our donation will provide emergency relief either in Kerala or a future disaster area.
5. Juba Bursary Project – Viv confirmed that he had sent an update report to the Pentangular clubs and had received one email response. There was a general discussion about the circumstances which led to the failed bid for Global Grant. Members were disappointed that Rotary Foundation and the Nairobi District had not informed us of their concern about the Juba club earlier in the process, especially in view of problems encountered on another Global Grant scheme. Rosemary suggested that we should consider allocating our club's annual Foundation contribution to the Juba project. Viv will raise this at Club Council.
Post meeting – confirm that a further \$1675 has recently been transferred to the Juba School and a further \$1675 will be paid in October to complete the total \$9500 payments for Year 2.
6. Lend with Care – Kailash sent Viv an email to update on the Lend with Care account - the balance of funds is currently £541. Kailash has suggested that he starts making new loans in the near future, maybe start with £100. The committee supported this and is happy to leave Kailash to manage the account and award loans as he sees fit. Prior approval from the committee will not normally be necessary but he should report activity to each monthly meeting.
7. Budget – after payments of £1300 for Shelterbox and £300 for Rohingya and Chaaria Hospital, plus the £2000 set aside for the Juba Bursary Project, the funds currently available is £855.
8. Ideas for new donations -
 - a) Gerald will fix up a presentation regarding the Kent College school project in Africa
 - b) Robert has sent details of the African Pastors Fellowship which supports faith communities in Africa with development, education and environmental projects. Agreed that we should invite Rev David Stedman to speak to the committee. Robin will check up on the organisation through the web.

- c) Viv said he would like to investigate support for the project to provide girls with sanitary products, following a recent presentation to the club.
- d) Robin suggested looking for opportunities to support the Toilet Twinning Scheme. Members agreed that this warrants further investigation.

9. Any other business - none

10. Date of next meeting – 9th October 2018 at 6.00pm

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