

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9TH OCTOBER 2018

In attendance: Viv Pritchard (Chairman), Rosemary Doyle, Robin Vickers, Caroline Lees, Wendy Jones, Michael Leadbeater.

1. Apologies received from Graham Bough, Leonard Rea, Kailash Maunick, Julie Reza.
2. Minutes of last meeting, 11th September 2018 - Agreed
3. Matters arising
 - a. Update on African Pastors Fellowship – Robin had undertaken research via the web on the work of the Fellowship and confirmed that they were financially sound. They are a Christian charity but have some very practical schemes for various African communities. The committee felt that they were a suitable organisation for Rotary to support, but we would need to stress that any donation would need to be spent on community projects and not on any of their work to promote faith. Members were attracted to their solar powered ovens project and VP undertook to contact the organiser to explore ideas.
 - b. Update on Toilet twinning – Robin had also researched this project which is part of Tearfund. New toilets cost just £60 each. Members felt that this may best be supported by individual donations rather than by the Rotary committee.
 - c. Update on Shelterbox – VP had received an update on the work of Shelterbox, which gives a long list of countries round the world, where they have operated in the past year to provide relief from earthquake, flooding, drought and conflict.
4. Update on Juba Bursary Project
 - a. Graham Bough has suggested that the Club should auction the print “The Rotarian Raffle”, by Sue Macartney Snape, kindly donated by Jake and Philippa Davies. The committee agreed that this would be suitable for auction, possibly at the Christmas Dinner, but VP would make enquiries to ascertain an estimated value. VP will raise the matter at Club Council.
 - b. Juba Funding – no further information. VP did raise with Club Council the suggestion that we allocate our Foundation contribution directly to the Juba project, in view of the disappointing way RI had dealt with our Global Grant application. The treasurer confirmed that this year’s foundation contribution had been paid but Club Council may consider options for next year.

VP also said that he hoped to explore the possibility of applying for a district grant and would contact district officers to see if this could be viewed sympathetically.

5. Lend with Care – Kailash had emailed his report. Loans totalling £115 have been given this week, leaving a balance of £426. The loans covered textile industries, farming, butcher and trader in Cambodia, Zimbabwe and Ecuador.
6. Budget – Current funds available £3591, allowing for £2,000 set aside for Juba
7. DEC appeal for Indonesia disaster – The Treasurer has approached VP to suggest that the Club should respond quickly to the disaster. He suggested that £500 could be paid out of the Club's Emergencies Fund, with a further £500 from the International Committee. The Committee agreed this unanimously.
8. Ideas for new donations – VP undertook to contact Days for Girls and African Pastors Fellowship, which the committee have already agreed would be suitable organisations to support. The committee agreed that, if discussions with both were satisfactory, VP could approve donations ahead of the next meeting. It was suggested that £250-300 would be a suitable level for both.
9. Any other business - none
10. Date of next meeting - 13th November 2018
 - Apologies received from Caroline Lees, Rosemary Doyle and Robin Vickers