

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2018

In attendance: Viv Pritchard (Chairman), Rosemary Doyle, Robin Vickers, Leonard Rea, Graham Bough, Margaret Griffin, Kailash Maunick, Julie Reza.

1. Apologies - Caroline Lees, Michael Leadbeater, Jan Bobba
2. Minutes of last meeting – 9th October 2018 agreed
3. Matters arising
 - a. Update on African Pastors Fellowship – VP sent a cheque for £250 towards a solar energy/ environmental project and has received a letter of thanks.
 - b. Update on Days for Girls – VP sent a cheque for £250 and has received a letter of thanks. In both cases, VP asked for some feedback on the use of the donation in due course, with a view to considering future support.
 - c. Update on DEC appeal for Indonesia disaster – International Committee has donated £500 from its funds to be matched by a further £500 from the club emergency fund.
4. Juba Bursary Project
 - a. Budget – a current budget summary and breakdown have been produced and these are attached with the minutes. The full cost of Years 1 and 2 have been met and sent to the school. Year 3 will commence in February and about half the funding for the year has already been secured. However, a further \$9.500 will need to be found for Year 4 in 2020. Copies of budget summary and breakdown are to be sent to the pentangular presidents, following recent joint meeting. There is hope that the pentangular clubs will defer the start of JPP4 in order to make further contributions towards the Juba Project.

The Juba Rotary Club have informed us that they have now been formally registered and are eligible for Foundation Grants. Unfortunately, this is too late to resurrect our Global Grant application. However, discussions have been held with district officers about the possibility of a district grant and this appears possible. A draft application has been prepared ready for submission when invited. If successful grants of up to \$1000 pa are available.

The proposal to withhold the club's annual Foundation contribution and allocate to the Juba project was discussed. This suggestion had been put to Club Council. Payments are made in June/ July, so this may be considered again at the end of the presidential year.

- b. "The Rotarian Raffle" – the print is to be auctioned off, probably at the Christmas dinner. JR will forward information to Rotary Radio to invite other bids.
5. Lend with Care – KM explained that he had given a further £100 in loans since the last meeting. With some past loans now repaid, the sum available to invest has increased to £640. It was agreed that we should aim to retain a nominal balance, say about £200, and reinvest the remainder to maximise the impact of the scheme.
6. Budget – Current funds available £4041 – note VP advised by Treasurer that £500 moved back to club account, pending receipt of income from boxing event.
7. Ideas for new donations
 - a. ChildAid to Eastern Europe – VP had received information of a Kent based charity which works with disadvantaged children in Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus. They have asked if they can speak to the Club. VP will liaise with the speakers secretary to consider whether they should come to address the whole club or just the committee. RV agreed to investigate information online, including financial accounts.
 - b. Rohingya Crisis – JR suggested we should make a further donation to help refugees. This was agreed by the committee, but JR will investigate the best organisation to work with.
 - c. Mary's Meals – Post meeting, VP was approached by Harry Cragg, who advised that the government has committed to match fund any donations received by the charity up to March 2019. Mary's Meals provides food for schoolchildren in poor countries with the purpose both of relieving hunger and malnutrition and encouraging attendance at school. This will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.
 - d. VP has asked Robert Boyd-Howell, the former chairman, for contact details of organisations which have received donations in the past 2-3 years. Robert is preparing the list.
8. Time/dates for future meetings – this matter is being discussed as the original scheduled October committee meeting had to be postponed as most members were unable to attend. It is understood that some members find evening meetings difficult as they do not wish to drive in the dark. In contrast, lunchtime meetings will exclude members who are working. There is no perfect solution. It was agreed that

we should stick to 6.00pm on second Tuesday of each month for the time being, but to keep this under review, particularly for the winter months.

9. Any other business - none

10. Date of next meeting – 15th January 2019, at 6.15pm