

## INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

In attendance: Viv Pritchard (Chairman), Robin Vickers, Graham Bough, Julie Reza, Caroline Lees, Gill Dixon.

1. Apologies - Jan Bobba, Kailash Maunick, Dee Mepstead, Rosemary Doyle, Leonard Rea.
2. Minutes of last meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 agreed
3. Matters arising
  - a. Child Aid to Eastern Europe – RV explained that he had checked this organisation through the web. They appeared to be doing valuable work in various former Soviet countries and had received a good audit report. The Charity Commission had inserted a qualification to the audit report, without further explanation. This is likely to be a technical matter and it was felt that this should not mean that they should not be eligible for support. **It was agreed that the committee would make a donation of £300, preferably to support work in Eastern Ukraine.** We should invite them to attend a future meeting to talk about their work.
  - b. Rohingya Refugees – JR explained that she had investigated possible charitable organisations who support the refugees. This was proving difficult, as the relief work is being coordinated by the UN and there is little information on other charities being involved. She agreed to investigate further and contact Pat Kerr, who had previously been involved in this area.
4. Proposal to donate to Mary's Meals – The UK government has agreed to match fund charitable donations to Mary's Meals to a maximum of £2m. The club has made donations in the past and it has demonstrated its effectiveness in relieving hunger and encouraging education by providing school meals. They are active in many African countries and elsewhere in the developing world. **It was agreed that the committee would make a donation of £500 to Mary's Meals.**
5. Juba Bursary Project
  - a. Budget – The cost of Year 2 of the project is now paid up. Year 3 will commence in February and, currently, we have secured about 60% of the cost. A bid for District Grant of \$1000 has been submitted and a decision is expected before the end of February.  
The President will be visiting Juba at the end of March. Dick Beath, the accountant for the Salisbury Diocese will also visit the school and he has been asked to provide a report on the expenditure on the project to date.

Another Open Farm Day event will be held in early Summer. The proceeds will go to the Juba project.

- b. "The Rotarian Raffle" – Club Council will consider the best way of auctioning off the print.
6. Lend with Care – KM confirmed with VP ahead of the meeting that he had given a further £280 in loans since the last meeting. The sum available to invest is currently £403. The committee asked if it would be possible for KM to provide a status report with a summary of the loans made and repaid.  
**It was agreed that the committee would increase the Club's loan fund to Lend with Care by a further £500. It was also agreed that up to £50 should be made available for administration.** VP will discuss the mechanism for actioning this with KM.
7. Budget – Before the meeting, the funding available to the committee was £4222. This meeting has committed £1350 of donations.
8. Ideas for new donations – VP circulated a list of donations made over the past two years with contact details. VP suggested that the list provided a useful reference for possible future donations, and it would be worthwhile contacting them to find out if they were seeking funding for new projects.  
  
VP had contacted Health for All prior to Christmas but had not received a reply.
9. Any other business - none
10. Date of next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019, at 6.15pm