

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST 2019

In attendance: Viv Pritchard (Chairman), Margaret Griffin, Graham Bough, Michael Leadbeater, Bob Anderson, Julie Reza, Gill Dixon, Caroline Lees (part)

1. Apologies received from - Kailash Maunick, Robin Vickers, Rosemary Doyle.
2. Minutes of last meeting – 9th July 2019 agreed
3. Matters arising
 - a. Wastaid – payment has been sent in time for match funding; letter of thanks received.
 - b. Time of meetings – chairman consulted members of the committee. There was no time suitable for everybody, the majority of respondents felt that the present timing was the most convenient. On this basis, the normal time for meetings for the current presidential year will remain ie ahead of the evening meeting. The exception will be September – see item 10.
 - c. Visit to Tools for Self Reliance – some members of the committee had a guided tour of the TfSR workshop in Canterbury. It was a very interesting and informative visit with an explanation of how old tools are refurbished and recycled for use by tradesmen to set up new businesses in six African countries.
4. Role of the committee – the current terms of reference were circulated ahead of the meeting. There was general agreement to the revised version with a minor addition to para 7 to clarify that urgent matters can be dealt with by email, if required.
5. Juba Bursary Project
 - a. Update – MG reported that there is much interest in the school from organisations in Canada and that consideration is being given to allow students at the school to sit A level exams. This would significantly raise the profile of the school and open new opportunities for successful students.
 - b. Budget – VP has drafted an update of the financial statement of the project. The projections indicate that there could be a surplus of income over expenditure, so the pressure to raise more funds has been relieved. With 18 months to go before the end of the project, it is premature to make definitive plans for any surplus at this stage. However, in due course, Club Council may need to consider options on the use of any spare funds, following consultation with club members and pentangular partners.
6. Lend with Care – The current account total is £2,050. Up to now, 136 loans have been made worth a total of £4951. The credit balance now stands at £368.

The Lend with Care account had been set up by Robert Boyd-Howell, with his email address as the main contact. In view of Robert's resignation from the club, it is appropriate to contact Lend with Care to change the contact and login details. VP will liaise with KM.
7. Budget – Before the meeting, the funding available to the committee was £964
8. Ideas for new donations – paper circulated prior to the meeting.

- a. Kodeni School, Burkino Faso – will defer consideration to a future meeting when hopefully CL will be able provide more detailed information.
- b. Environmental project in Zambia – Chipembele – VP has been in touch with Imogen Sayer. This project has been chosen as Inner Wheel's international project for the coming year. A presentation will be made to the IW at their meeting in the morning of 22nd August and Imogen has invited members of Rotary to attend. Please advise VP if you wish to attend so that we can let IW know.
- c. Seeds for Africa – VP has contacted Change.Org which has now taken over the Seeds for Africa charity. The new charity is based in London and the link with Canterbury is now less apparent. However, the work of the charity remains worthwhile. Canterbury Soroptimists are supporting the charity and it was agreed that VP should contact the Soroptimists to find out more and discuss ideas.
- d. Transaid – VP has agreed with the Speakers Secretary to invite a representative of Transaid to make a presentation to the club. This is scheduled for late in the year.

9. Any other business

- a. Weekly Raffle – BA explained that the proceeds of the weekly raffle was set up for a donation to Aquabox or Shelterbox. There is currently £1400 in this account, from the last presidential year, and this sum needs to be allocated. The matter will be raised at Club Council.

10. Date of next meeting – the normal evening club meeting for September has been cancelled. It is proposed to hold a committee meeting ahead of the lunchtime club meeting on 17th September 2019, at 11.30am. This is subject to confirmation. Any views?