

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2020

In attendance: Viv Pritchard (Chairman), Margaret Griffin, Rosemary Doyle, Graham Bough, Bob Anderson, Gill Dixon, Robin Vickers, Michael Leadbeater, Julie Reza, Caroline Lees, Kailash Maunick

Apologies – none

1. Minutes of last meeting of 11th February 2020 – belated apologies from JR, otherwise agreed

2. Matters arising

- a. RC Dhaka – JR circulated information from the club about the recent project to provide hygiene kits to young women. Pleasing to note that our support was publicised.

- b. Team Tanzania – donation given, as agreed at the last meeting and acknowledgement received.

3. Pentangular Projects

- a. Update on JPP3 Juba – The examination results at the school have been spectacularly good and there has been widespread publicity about the success within South Sudan. 34 bursary students have registered for Year 4. VP will draft a financial statement for the last phase of the programme to establish any funding shortfall or surplus. Due to current problems MG and the Independent Examiner will not be able to visit the school in March as planned. However, she is in constant contact with the school.

- b. Update on JPP4 – No information on progress on Global Grant application nor about project management arrangements locally. An agreement was made by the pentangular presidents that all future JPP projects should receive 3 contributions of 2,000 Eu pa. So far, two payments sent to St Quentin. Need to clarify whether the third payment is required this year or next.

4. Lend with Care – The login details are:

Email: Km13ykk@gmail.com, Password: Rotary1922

KM has made available a further 13 loans. Total is now 199 loans, 1014 entrepreneurs have been helped, 3124 family members supported and 705 jobs created. The credit balance now stands at £252.

5. Budget – £836 available to spend.
6. Shelterbox appeal for Syrian Refugees – BA informed the committee of recent appeal through RI and suggested that a street collection may be appropriate. Agreed to put the question to the whole club and, if there is support, to discuss possible dates. GD to approach the management of Whitefriars to find out if we can set up a pitch. Also need to get a demonstration shelterbox. Post meeting – strong agreement from the club members attending the evening meeting. Any volunteers to act as coordinator?
7. Ideas for new donations
 - a. Meru Women's Gardens Project – VP has contacted the organisers and Child.org to find out the current situation with this project and the associated Team Mum project which seeks to help young unmarried pregnant women and new mothers, who are stigmatised in many parts of Africa due to cultural norms. Post meeting – further information received which has been circulated to members for discussion at our next meeting.
 - b. Ideas for possible district grant application – VP suggested that the Team Mum project may be suitable for application next round in September. RV briefed members on news from Chipembebe which received a donation in October 2019. The school has lost a roof following a recent storm and they also need more desks and chairs. This could also be a candidate for a grant application. RV to investigate further.
8. Any other business - none
9. Date of next meeting – 14th April 2020 at 6.00PM