

School for Peace Support Group
Minutes of meeting held
Wednesday 5 July 2017

Present: Michael Ellwood, Rona Baxter, Sydna Playford, Father Martin, Mary Ellwood, Alan Williams, Ann Felton, Jo Haymer, Jane Mawer

Apologies: Benedicta Moxon

The minutes of the last meeting

They were approved and signed by Michael.

Matters arising

Ann's garage is now free and is available for storage, for which we are very grateful, as we have been offered a shedful of old tools to send via the container. Sue Basey -Fisher is also going to ask her brother-in-law if he has any spare storage units at St John's Storage in Bungay. We also have resources to collate at Taverham School in Norwich.

Sponsorship/ Donations news

Mary showed a copy of the letter she is in the process of sending to sponsors to thank them and remind them that school fees are due soon. We agreed to keep the sponsorship at £108 which should be written on the extra sheet entitled 'to summarize'. Alan suggested adding 'by the end of September'. We will send the sponsorship money for 2016-2017 soon and increase it to £11,500 to cover the weak pound. The spreadsheet of sponsors needs to be adapted to allow space for more boxes. Mary and Alan will meet to discuss this. Neil Bauers sent a 'thank you' poster to the children from Wragby school in Lincolnshire, and Mary wrote a letter of thanks to the Headteacher, suggesting an assembly in the autumn term.

News from the Congo

There is still no firm news about the container. We have received an email from Sr Angeline, thanking us for the money for the playground and saying this will be paved as soon as possible.

Treasurer's report

Alan has now updated the Gift Aid declaration which will be useful for the garden party (16th July).

Our finances remain healthy and we have in excess of £61,000 currently in the bank. This could be used to contribute to the library, but we will wait to see if that is going to be the next project. It would be sent in instalments.

Mary has been unable to complete the application for the 'Big Give' Christmas Appeal unfortunately, as she ran out of time as the end of term approaches. However, this will hopefully run again next year.

Recent events

- Neil put on a curry lunch for his walking group and raised £124. Some of the donors also signed gift aid forms.
- Sue and Chris Boyes have been busy making jam to sell for the school.
- Mary spoke to the children at St Benet's on Tuesday 4th July.

Forthcoming events

- Mary will speak to the children at Somerleyton Primary School on Tuesday 11th July and to the children at St Edmund's on Monday 17th July.
- The films at Geldeston will start again on Wednesday 27th September.
- The garden party will take place at 51 Northgate, Beccles, at the Nicholson's on 16th July. A couple of marquees will have to be erected on the 15th. On the morning of 16th tables and chairs will be put out as well as tables or the stalls (plants, bric a brac and raffle). Jo will take charge of the raffle table as Sydna will be on the gate and will arrange the floats. Michael will borrow the urn from the library and Mary will collect the crockery from St Benet's hall. We have plenty of cutlery and napkins. Six good raffle prizes will be needed. Everyone else agreed to make a cake or scones. Posters were distributed.
- A colleague of Mary's is getting married on 19th August and instead of presents has asked for donations to The School for Peace.
- The Italian Evening will now be held on 28 October at The Old Rectory, Barsham. Tickets will be sold in advance (price to be agreed, possibly £15). 40 places would be available. There'll be a raffle of Italian goods. It was suggested that we ask Italian businesses such as Paravani's or Carluccio's for gift vouchers or food items.

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- The AGM will be held on Wednesday 18th October. Venue to be discussed.

Next meeting

Wednesday 6 September at 7.30pm