

School for Peace Support Group
Minutes of meeting held
Tuesday 10 October 2017

Present: Michael Ellwood, Rona Baxter, Sydna Playford, Mary Ellwood, Alan Williams

Apologies: Father Martin, Ann Felton, Jo Haymer, Jane Mawer

The minutes of the last meeting

They were approved and signed by Michael.

Sponsorship/ Donations news

Mary has received copies of 'The Story of the School' from the Loddon printers (Roberts) and Neil has put it on the website. These will be used at all events to attract more people to the project. We received £540 from the wedding in Norwich on 18 August. Somerleyton Primary School have given a donation of £67.76 following from their fundraising day. Jo Knight, who has been helping to source donations for the container, has managed to secure £1000 from Norton Peskett solicitors to help cover the cost of the trip to Antwerp.

News from the Congo

We now have a new date for the departure of the donations to the container in Belgium: 1st November as the warehouse in Antwerp had to put a halt on deliveries because of an Open Day. Mary is in regular contact with Sr Euphrasie and others based in Belgium about this. Fortunately Darren Williams will drive the van and Mike Webb possibly the other vehicle of we need it. There was a positive response to the piece in the Beccles and Bungay Journal about it, featuring the children of Glebeland Primary School. Tim Basey-Fisher's storage facility was also mentioned. No costings have yet been received about the library. We have received a lovely email from Sr Marcelline, who works with youngsters who have not had the opportunity to go to school and who are now learning woodwork and sewing. They are very excited about the prospect of receiving modern tools for their work. Mary also showed photos of the first students to go to university from The School for Peace.

Treasurer's report

Alan has been looking into insurance for this year and it is £318.08, which is quite steep. He will go ahead and renew it and perhaps change companies next year. There is £55,437.12 in the accounts, which includes the £1000 donation from Norton Peskett solicitors. The new paying in books have arrived. Alan gave one to Mary and Sydna's will follow. We recently received £33.14 from Easy Fundraising. James Rudd has the books and will get them to us for the AGM.

Recent events

- The film on Wednesday 27th September was a great success with 30 people attending (£60)
- There was a nice article in the Beccles & Bungay Journal featuring the children from Glebeland School about the forthcoming departure of the goods for the container.

Forthcoming events

- The luton van + another vehicle will now depart on 1st November for Antwerp (arriving on 2nd November).
- Mary will visit St Benet's and St Edmund's schools on 11th and 30th October.
- The next film will be 'Their Finest' starring Bill Nighy on Wednesday 18th October. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 18th October at 64 Northgate at 7.30pm. We will keep the format as last year. Various members of the support group will bring refreshments. Mary will ask Neil about the projector.
- The Italian Evening will be on 28 October at The Old Rectory, Barsham. Tickets soon sold out and we have had to increase numbers to 45. There will be a raffle of Italian goods, most of which have been purchased / donated.
- The Woodbridge Choral Society and orchestra, who are performing The Creation by Haydn at St Mary's Church on Saturday 2nd December, will have a retiring collection for The School for Peace as they will be using the reduced score created by Ian Bauers. There will also be a chance to do some publicity. Collection boxes will be needed.
- There are two concerts lined up for 2018 already. More details to follow.

Next meeting

Wednesday 13 December at 7.30pm