

## **School for Peace Support Group**

### **Minutes of meeting held**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Present:** Rona Baxter, Michael Ellwood, Mary Ellwood, Sydna Playford, Alan Williams, Colin Childs, Jane Mawer, Benedicta Moxon, Alison Scott

**Apologies:** Ann Felton, Chris Scott

**The minutes of the last meeting** were approved and signed by Michael.

#### **Sponsorship/ Donations news**

After the funeral of Margaret Knox we received £261.06 plus a relative of hers from Canada would like to make a donation – Mary has emailed bank Swiftcode, etc so they can do this.

After her interment on 15<sup>th</sup> September we might receive some more donations.

Following on from Mary's talks 2 new sponsors have signed up.

As sponsorship monies are now due in different months throughout the year Sydna is compiling a monthly list so that all payments can be checked.

#### **News from the Congo**

Mary told us that she had sent a detailed email to Sister Rosine requesting information but had not received a reply. In future she will copy Sister Virginie into any correspondence.

Mary also emailed everybody regarding two TV programmes about the Congo that have recently aired on the BBC.

#### **Treasurer's report**

Alan informed the meeting that there is £52,735.72 in the bank accounts including £16,228.93 Gift Aid. Sponsorship money for 100 children will be sent to the Congo in July – this will be £11,500 to allow for changes in the exchange rate.

Alan also mentioned that the library money was still in a bank account in Brussels so Mary needs to make the nuns aware of this.

#### **Recent events**

- The BBJ published article on the arrival of the container.
- St Benet's Primary School held their Congo week which was a great success ending with an exhibition on 29<sup>th</sup> June. St Edmund's will hold their week from 2<sup>nd</sup> July with an exhibition on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Forthcoming events**

- Mary and Michael took some bric-a-brac to Leicester for a future sale.
- We will have a stall at St Benet's Summer Fair on **6<sup>th</sup> July**.
- We are still waiting for the musicians to suggest a date for a concert at St Benet's. It is looking like September now. We all looked at their programme which might have to be slightly adapted.
- There will be a 'Thank You' Garden Party for all sponsors and supporters at 3pm on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – venue to be confirmed. Peter Aldous hopes to attend this.
- Joy Jeffrey is to hold a Garden Party with all proceeds going to the School for Peace on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**.
- The films will resume on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at Geldeston Village Hall at 2pm
- **AGM Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm**
- We will be holding a Dinner on **20<sup>th</sup> October** at St Benet's – **Mary needs to book**. There will music from John Quinlan and international cuisine!
- Alan will investigate costs of a Film Archive evening and Mary will check on the blinds in St Benet's School Hall.

## **A.O.B.**

- Mary to let Louis de Bernières know the Garden Party dates.
- Mary to get in touch with Brian Norman regarding films at Geldeston Village Hall from September.

## **Next meeting**

**Prior to AGM Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm**

**At the Library**