

School for Peace Support Group

Minutes of meeting held

Wednesday 4th 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 15th 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 29th June. St Edmund's will hold their week from 2nd July with an exhibition on 6th 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 **6th 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 22nd 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 2nd September**.
- The films will resume on Wednesday 26th September at Geldeston Village Hall at 2pm
- **AGM Thursday 27th September at 7.30pm**
- We will be holding a Dinner on **20th 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 27th September at 6.30pm

At the Library