

School for Peace Support Group

Minutes of meeting held

Tuesday 13th November 2018

Present: Rona Baxter, Michael Ellwood, Mary Ellwood, Sydna Playford, Alan Williams, Colin Childs, Alison Scott

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

Sponsorship/ Donations news

Mary reported that we have 2 new sponsors – a lady from Winchester and some former colleagues of hers.

Sydna is continuing to remind Mary on a monthly basis of outstanding payments from sponsors. Sydna, Mary and Alan are to meet on 21st November to update the sponsors payment list.

Mary received an extra donation of £50 from a supporter.

News from the Congo

We have not heard from Sister Virginie apart from a message on 1st November to say they were thinking of the sponsors that had died this year.

Treasurer's report

Alan informed the meeting that there is £49,257.71 in the bank accounts. Alan told the meeting that you can now get Easy Fundraising on Greater Anglia train tickets and railcards.

Mary to ask the Sisters to send a receipt with an official stamp for the money they have received this year.

It was suggested that some of Anne's original donation information should be put up on the Church notice board. Maybe we could also say that 'Our goal is £500,000 in 20 years'.

Mary and Colin are booked on the Charity Commission Workshop in London on 26th November and Alan will attend the Workshop in Newcastle on 5th December.

Recent events

- The film at Geldeston on 24th October raised £50.00.
- The International Dinner held on 20th October at St Benet's was a great success and we raised £1175.23. Lessons were learnt such as tickets need to be paid for and issued before the event which would avoid last minute cancellations, one menu would be better and getting more people to help with the setting/clearing up.

Forthcoming events

- **18th November @ 4pm** - Auriga Capella will be singing at Broadlands Care Home, Oulton Broad to raise money for the Medical Centre
- **28th November @ 2pm** - Film at Geldeston – The Bookshop

A.O.B.

- Mary is to meet with Jo Knight to discuss Waveney Swing Band's offer and possible venue also The Blyth Music Group's concert at St Benet's possibly in the Spring.
- Mary is to visit the Congo in 2019 maybe via Zambia
- Website – we need to react to information including photos more quickly so maybe Neil could show Mary how to put them on the website
- An Afternoon Tea at Barsham Rectory with a performance from Auriga Capella – suggested dates are 10th, 17th or 24th February 2019
- Alan asked if we wanted to have a Xmas Tree next year at Hungate Church
- Another Victorian Evening at the Hungate Hall was suggested – Mary to talk to her sister regarding this
- Father Martin has produced a leaflet showing the charities that the church supports which includes the School for Peace
- Mary to get in touch with the Sisters to get an update on the costs for finishing the Medical Centre and the Library including books
- At the next meeting it was agreed that we would reassess the 5 year plan

Next meeting Tuesday 11th December @ 7.30pm