School for Peace Support Group Minutes of meeting held Thursday 27th September 2018

Present: Rona Baxter, Michael Ellwood, Mary Ellwood, Sydna Playford, Alan Williams, Ann Felton, Alison Scott

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

Sponsorship/ Donations news

After Margaret Knox's funeral and memorial service we have received £1,121.06 – Mary to let her daughter know.

Following on from Mary's talks 2 new sponsors have signed up but we have only received money from one. Mary to chase up sponsors who we haven't received money from to see if they wish to continue sponsorship but we have lost a number of sponsors through illness and death. We need to maintain enough sponsors for 100 children.

News from the Congo

Sister Rosine is now in Zambia so communication has been difficult. Sister Virginie is now to be copied in on all correspondence and hopefully we might then get some answers to our questions about the children.

Treasurer's report

Alan informed the meeting that there is £46,190.53 in the bank accounts. All the money 43,000 euros has now been transferred for sponsorship and building the library.

Recent events

- St Benet's Primary School and St Edmund's held their Congo weeks which were a great success.
- Summer Fair at St Benet's
- Garden Party to say 'thank you' to all our supporters and sponsors was well attended and we received £62 in donations
- Joy Jeffrey's Musical Afternoon raised £536.00
- Films re-started yesterday at Geldeston and we received £75

Forthcoming events

- We will be holding a Dinner on **20**th **October** at St Benet's. There will music from John Quinlan and international cuisine! The tickets will cost £15 and include three courses and either a glass of wine or beer.
- **18**th **November** Auriga Capella will be singing to raise money for the medical centre at Broadlands Care Home, Oulton Broad.
- Alan has received a letter regarding Film Archives but they are unable to help at the moment.

A.O.B.

- Waveney Big Band have offered us a gig but they need a fee of £800
- Mary is to visit the Congo in 2019 maybe via Zambia