

Kings Norton and District u3a

Minutes of the Committee meeting Tuesday 21st February 2023

Present: Vicki Hone- Chair, Beryl Blood, Lorna Brown, Pauline George, Chris Lock and Margaret Lusher.

1. Vicki welcomed members to the meeting.
Apologies from Pauline Amor and Helen Kempster.
2. **Minutes** of the meeting of 17th January 2023 were accepted.
3. **Matters arising:**
 - Bournville Pages: LB will chase again if no reply. LB
 - u3a mugs: LB will take some to sell at the next general meeting. LB
4. **Chair's Report**
 - VH was using a new email address for notifications from national office.
 - CL was continuing with the process of arranging for VH to become a signatory for Barclays u3a account. CL
 - Linda Curry's funeral: VH reported that she, Jackie Spearpoint, Paul Smith Allan Walmsley and LB attended the funeral. It was Agreed that a donation of £100, from u3a funds and £41 collected at the January general meeting, would be made to St Mary's Hospice. CL
 - VH would notify members of the donation at the next general meeting. VH
5. **Speaker bookings**
 - LB would ask Lichfield u3a if they could recommend Nigel Metcalf as a speaker. LB
 - As all members of usual catering team will be on holiday on 2nd May it was agreed that the afternoon tea would be postponed and a speaker invited instead.
 - Holding an afternoon tea for the December meeting was considered. VH would liaise with Pauline Amor regarding future speakers. VH
6. **Treasurer's Report**
 - As Virgin Media had not answered CLs requests to close the wifi account for St Joseph's, CL had stopped payments. This prompted Virgin to make contact and the account closure was nearly complete. A refund from Virgin was anticipated.
 - CL was expecting the cost of hiring the small room at St Joseph's and the kitchen facilities at Bournville Quaker Meeting House, to increase in March. PG would remind Interest Group leaders to keep up to date with room costs and depositing money collected from members. PG

7. **Charity Commissioners** CL
 CL has a new password and can access the entry for Kings Norton u3a. He will remove Linda as chair.
8. **AGM**
 LB will draw up a timetable for notifying members and check the constitution for length of time members can serve on the committee. Nomination forms and the agenda will be posted on the web site. LB
 Pauline Amore may join the committee. BB will approach Geoff Dixon. BB
 All the current committee are willing to stand again. The vacancy for Vice Chair needs to be filled.
9. **Membership**
 299 members.
 ML will ask members to renew membership 5 weeks before 1st April and send reminders at the end of March. Members will be able to deposit cheques at the February, March and April general meetings.
 CL will check Paypal and the bank transfers, as the renewals arrive. CL/ML
10. **Interest groups and leaders meeting.** PG
 Leaders meeting at Toby Cavery was very successful. Many questions were dealt by Committee members present and leaders had an opportunity to share common problems with others. It was suggested that another Question and Answer session should be arranged for those unable to attend and that more Beacon training arranged. IG leaders could be encouraged to join the committee. At least 16 present.
 New group : Image Shapers is only attracting a few members but it was agreed that the group may take a while to become established and financially viable.
11. **Planning for Showcase.** PG
 PG produced a time table for the afternoon to include play reading, barn and circle dancing. IG leaders had received a copy of the timetable and the floor plan at St Joseph's with IG tables marked. Access to the hall will be from 1pm. Leaders would be asked to have demonstrations no longer than 5 minutes.
 Before the Showcase, VH and LB would arrange for the collection of the large display boards from the high platform at St Joseph's. VH/LB
12. **Beacon Administrator Support**
 VH offered to support Anne Jones and would contact her directly. VH
13. **Any Other Business**
 IG leaders to be reminded to contact VH for the new code for accessing Zoom. PG
 LB to contact Roger Jones for a copy of the template for the Emergency Contact Cards. Arrangements would then be made to print and distribute new ones. LB

The Meeting closed at 4.05 pm.