

Soroptimist International Cockermouth & District

Minutes of the meeting held at VeeVa – 21st June 2018 8pm

President Helen welcomed fifteen members (Guida Bass, Doreen Bertram, Chris Blake, Tricia Burgess, Martha Dewis, Ros Earthy, Lindsay Edmiston, Katherine Eilbeck, Joan Hetherington, Sue Mendus, Lynette Norris, Hazel Potts, Helen Tinnion, Barbara Williams, Angela Winkworth)

Apologies from Mhairi Angus, Maureen Foy, Jane Inman, Claire Rawlinson, Judith Spencer,

Minutes The minutes of 17th May had been circulated and amended so were accepted and signed.

Matters arising would be dealt with in the agenda

President's remarks.

Letters of condolence following Wendy Dempster's, our founder President's death on 31st May had been received from SI Tynedale and our friendship link SI Edinburgh.

Jane had offered to hold a Friendship coffee morning on Thursday 2nd August 10.30am at Chapel's Hill to fundraise. Jane also had asked members to check that if they were '63 shareholders, they had nominated where they would like their shares to go on death. Jane would attend the '63 AGM on 19th January 2019.

Ros had submitted an article to Times & Star so it is hoped they will publish in full.

We had been invited to visit Calvert Trust for a tour of facilities so perhaps we could go for a pub meal afterwards? The Winner of the 'Blue Week' in Cockermouth was 'Wishes' Card Shop with Heal's opticians as the runner up. The boxes had been collected on 4th June and yielded £350 collectively. Helen and Chris were meeting Sue from Alzheimers at 10.15am the next morning and needed someone to take a photo.

Seven members had attended the Regional Tea (AD, DL, JS, MD, LE, JI, CR) for a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon after the challenge of finding parking! Sue Biggs, Federation President and Anne Dawson, former Federation President gave inspiring speeches on their experiences about inclusivity and the importance of our Programme Action.

Programme Action.

JI would liaise with Penrith re Violence against Women initiative asking the police to wear a white ribbon on 25th November and carry teddies for children involved in their vehicles, on Wed 11th July 10.30am at Rheged. This would follow up the training organised by local hosing associations which members had received so let Jane know if you can attend.

HL & SM would be accompanying the Chernobyl Group of six boys and six girls to Watchtree Wheelers on Tuesday 3rd July. A list was circulated to provide donations for lunch.

Summer Lunch for Brain Tumour research would be at Trish's Sunday 1st July at 12.30. Hazel has tickets, £10, (Tel 01946861581) and our linked members from the Whitehaven enclave would be especially welcome. Raffle prizes and food contributions were being coordinated by Chris. Trisha has asked that members close by bring some extra chairs.

Barbara circulated the list for bed making in August at Calvert Trust.

Federation

Ballot 9, the change to wording to satisfy requirements of the Charity Commission was read out and agreed. Proposed by Katherine Eilbeck, seconded by Joan Hetherington and unanimously accepted by members present.

Votes were cast after LE read out the candidate statements for the posts of:-

Federation Vice President (Barbara Dixon 8 Johanna Raffan 5 Abstentions 3)

President.....

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Director of Communications - Gail Teague unanimous

Director of Finance – Ruth Healey unanimous

APD Education – (Yvonne Gibbons 10 Carol Infanti 3 Abstentions 3)

APD Environment - Naina Shah unanimous

APD Violence & Conflict Resolution Nisha Ghosh unanimous

Friendship Link co-ordinator Baswati Biswas unanimous

MD may be able to attend conference in Liverpool.

There was much discussion on the Questionnaire received from Federation on the way forward for Regions. Many Club members felt it was unduly complicated and the survey itself presented accessibility issues and anomalous completion dates. KE, LE, MD, & DB will try and complete. MD will contact Jane Katsambis at Region.

Treasurers report

Admin £922-26 Charity £671-56 (of which £350 is going to Alzheimers Soc.)

Subscriptions £366.22 (Prepaid for next year)

This means that only about £20 will be left in Admin account to carry forward to next year. This necessitated some fundraising /increase in subs next year as capitation fees to International, Federation, UKPAC and Region were all increasing.

MD had received some supporting financial documentation for 1998-2006 and members agreed that these could be disposed of securely.

Membership

There was some discussion on how we could raise a permanent tribute to Wendy Dempster and how to sustain it. This would be setting a precedent. Members were asked to think about this and prepare for a discussion in the Autumn. A Tree, BTR plaque and bench were all suggested.

Judy Davidson, prospective member had been ill with shingles and the club wished her a speedy recovery.

Could members please let Judith know what their menu choice would be for the Whitehaven Walk. Members were reminded that they had been circulated with a flyer from SI Penrith for a Strawberry Tea at URC, Lowther St, Penrith at 2.00pm and that we should support them as they frequently supported us.

Members needed to consider the format of our Christmas Party as we had relied heavily on Wendy Dempster's contributions in the past.

Members had been asked if we could help man the Dementia Alliance stall for a couple of hours at Cockermouth show on 4th August. Details will be given at the next meeting.

The club's responsibilities under GDPR seemed to have been unduly complicated by Federation. A good number had provided MD with additional contact details for distribution to members. LE and MD would help CR look at these requirements and find a way forward.

Lindsay will book tickets for the performance, 'It runs in the family' at Rosehill on 8th September if members let her know. Helen L will have the list at the next meeting (£9.00 + cost of meal)

Ros is hoping to do a 5k run in the Park in August which she hopes to link to Claire's Just Giving site for Brain Tumour Research and also the 5 in 5 for MS challenge

AOB

Joan is performing at the Theatre Royal in 'TWO' 19th-22nd September

The meeting closed at 21.14.

President.....

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