

## **Soroptimist International Cockermouth & District**

Minutes of the meeting held at VeeVa –6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 8pm

President Helen welcomed thirteen members (Doreen Bertram, Chris Blake, Tricia Burgess, Martha Dewis, Ros Earthy, Lindsay Edmiston, Maureen Foy, Joan Hetherington, Jane Inman, Hazel Potts, Claire Rawlinson, Judith Spencer, Helen Tinnion,) and guest Tellervo ? .

Apologies from Mhairi Angus, Guida Bass, Katherine Eilbeck, Sue Mendus, Lynette Norris, Barbara Williams, Angela Winkworth

Minutes The minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> July had been circulated and amended so were accepted and signed.

Matters arising would be dealt with in the agenda

### President's remarks.

Helen had attended the Mayor's Service and had taken the opportunity to promote Soroptimism. With CB, TB and HT, they had manned the Dementia Alliance Stall at Cockermouth Show maintaining a Soroptimist presence.

She had met up with Andrea who would be selling Christmas Cards in the Lakes foyer and would be seeking some assistance.

Tea towels for ?

The meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October, Laughing Yoga, would be in the Victoria Hall at a cost of £5 each.

Claire had obtained £500 'matched funding' from her employer for Brain Tumour Research.

### Treasurers report

Admin < £600 of which £200 would be used for the flower arranging demonstration.

The next four meetings were paid for, and there was already £533.47 in the subscription account for next year.

Charity £1154.83 (£39 for water Aid, £830 for BTR.)

It should be possible to hold a fundraiser for Admin Account amongst ourselves.

The SINE accounts had been examined and Dorothy Seth would be notified of our agreement.

### PA

Helen had voiced our concerns about taking on more work for DA at present.

Chris would apply for the Charity Market Stall on Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> 9-4pm in Keswick to advocate support for Handicap International. Sunday would be the Victorian Fair if there was enough support available for walking around and distributing leaflets. A list with 2 hour slots would go round in October.

Judith reminded us about the LIARS Christmas dinner which the Masons were coordinating at Cleator Moor. They had sufficient funds at present and Sally and Dulcie would supply some of the provisions as previously. Judith would let us know if anything else was needed.

Knitting patterns for fidget muffs from the Show and Teddies from SI Carlisle were circulated for copying.

Jane and Moira from SI Penrith had met DS Hanson to discuss projects around Modern Day Slavery. DS Hanson had received recent reports from SI and a joint meeting at Braithwaite was under consideration. The New Start Bags and Global Blanket were examples of previous work. Vera Baird had contacted our Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McColl, to alert him to the White Ribbon Campaign on 25<sup>th</sup> November. (The White Ribbons could be obtained free of charge.) This would be the start of 16 Days of Action for Action against Violence against Women. We could show Joan's video on the 15<sup>th</sup> and bring a friend?

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Doreen appealed for a good cause to which she could donate the knitted and crocheted blankets produced by a friend. Previous ones had gone to Region. Would the Salvation Army in Workington Whitehaven area be interested?

Jane reported Calderwood House were holding a Party on the 18<sup>th</sup> October for the 'This Girl Can Award'. The Coop Foundation had donated £1500 to help set up a new Women's Shelter (women Out West). They were hoping to set up a social enterprise in Howgill Centre and generate Funds through Commercial Activity which would be targeted at the vulnerable.

Claire reported a 'Red Box' providing for west Cumbria was going into Riff Raff for donations of sanitary products which could then be supplied to schools free of charge. We should lobby for free sanitary supplies provided in schools as it was in Scotland- 'End Period Poverty'. The scheme was starting in Copeland and publicity was needed to state where the box is. The Guides also had contacts with the School.

### Fund Raising

The Flower arranging demonstration would now be in the URC(6-10pm cost £29) on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. At 7.30pm. Fresh flowers (£150) would be used for 6 arrangements which would then be raffled. Mince pies and mulled wine would be served and an application made for a drinks licence. Ros would source glasses from Joe Fagin. Tickets and posters needed to be printed to reach more people.

March FR at Kirkgate would require a deposit and we hoped to access from 7pm. We needed to try Radio Cumbria for publicising upcoming events and we needed to thank the shops for their efforts on Blue week.

### Friendship Links

Four Clubs had attended the coffee Morning and five NE clubs had held another get together. Jane was sending off the friendship link request with SI Murau who had celebrated their 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a special brew in June and found support for Orange Day at their local Castle. We hoped to involve our link clubs in 'wear a Hat day' in 2019

### Federation

The club unanimously supported the nomination of Margaret Clark as Federation Consultative Councillor.

Margaret Clark's nomination as Federation Director of Programme was also unanimously agreed. Members agreed with submitting the responses to the Questionnaire agreed at the Exec meeting. Other points included the desire to move the location of the Regional Council meeting around the Region and the need to reform UKPAC as it was deemed not fit for purpose at present.

### Region

JI and MD would be attending the RC meeting and would report back to Club.  
HL and MD were attending SI Darlington's 70<sup>th</sup>.

### Membership

Tellervo was welcomed to the meeting and it was hoped she could attend the next meeting. Orders for diaries would be placed(CR) to collect at Conference (MD & JI). MD to contact Guida.

### AOB

Those attending the meal and theatre on Saturday should meet at 5.30pm in the Green Room.  
21-22 September English Ballet with local youth performing at the Sands.  
19-22 Sept 'TWO' at Theatre Royal 7.30pm.  
The meeting closed at 21.29

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