**Rotary Club of Canterbury**

**Minutes of the Club’s Business Meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at the Cricket Ground at 1pm**

1. Rosemary welcomed members to the meeting.
2. Apologies: Andrew Clague, Robert Yonge & Farrukh Hassain
3. Almoner/Health Report – David Lewis
   1. Welcome back to John Hill
   2. Jenny Anderson is waiting for an assessment to see if she can return home to convalesce before her follow-up surgery.
   3. Jenny Yonge has had surgery, and we wish her & Robert well.
4. The minutes of last Business Meeting held on 6th February were agreed.
5. President’s Matters
   1. The Point – Update given by Stephen Thompson:

Licenses have been agreed but still waiting for RGB&I to confirm insurance cover.

* 1. Several members assisted the Forest of Blean organised ‘mock Interviews’ held recently at Canterbury Academy.
  2. Members also visited QE Grammar School to see the presentations from students preparing for the Innovation competition.
  3. Other points from Club Council meeting on 19th February 2024
     1. Volunteers for Treasurer/Finance Manager & Dining Secretary needed.
     2. Xmas Dinner 2024 Plans NEW DATE - evening of 17th December at Cricket Ground.
     3. Fundraising –
        1. 2024 Duck Race Planning – Maxine & Tony attended a meeting with CCC on 26th February and agreed that the Duck Race will be held on22nd September as part of Great Stour Riverfest which opens on 14th October.
        2. A Blue Bell walk is being planned by Neil for late April in Elham – details to follow.
     4. Several members helped with the Marie Curie collection at Morrisons. Richard Kemball Cook reported that some £1250 had been collected.
     5. Peter Hermitage requested help with the Canterbury Vocals concert being held on 23rd March. There will be free tickets for those helping. The Club has donated £500 for choral scholarships.
     6. Rosemary advised members that she has received a report on the progress of JPP4, and that this is being translated. Once this is complete a copy will be sent out to members.

Jim Gascoyne requested the Club review the various aspects of the Pentangular relationship as he is concerned as to the costs of running the projects and hosting the visits.

* + 1. Rosemary advised the meeting that Ann Parry-Walker has requested an extended leave of absence as she is now caring for her mother who is in poor health.

1. Mini Group Study Exchange
   1. Martin reported that the MGSE 2024 is to be held in Ludenscheid.
      1. There is already one student, and we now seek a second, and a reserve. A letter has been sent to the Kent Gazette and will also be circulated to members.
   2. Martin also noted that the MGSE 2025 will be hosted by Canterbury. Martin will be setting up a project team to start preparations for this event and members are invited to join the group to help Martin.
2. Pentangular visit to St Quentin – forms need to be back to Maxine by 30th March.
3. Regeneration Committee – Peter and Maxine presented the result of ballot on proposals for Club Development. In addition to the ballot papers returned to Maxine, a show of hands was taken for those who had not yet voted.

The result of the combined vote is:

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| Proposal | For | Against | Abstain |
| 1. Recruitment & Retention | 30 | 2 | 1 |
| 1. Three meetings per month | 28 | 5 | 0 |
| 1. Restructuring the club | 28 | 1 | 4 |

Peter and Maxine thanked members for their consideration of the proposals. Work will now commence to prepare a programme plan for the Rotary Year 2024/5

1. Treasurer’s report – Jim presented the following reports which had been previously circulated to members. There were no questions from members.
   1. RCC club accounts to 13 February 2024.
   2. RCC Trust Fund accounts to 13 February 20224.
   3. RCC Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund accounts to 13 February 2024.

1. Archive review and storage.
   * 1. Date to be confirmed.
     2. Tim Brett has kindly offered to store the archives in the Chapel.
2. Updated Club programme for March is now on EMS.
3. Committee Updates
   1. Community & Vocational – Richard Kemball-Cook reported that the Committee had made a grant to the Simon Langton Grammar School for ?. The Committee has also expressed its concern about recent KCC decisions to cut funding to community organisations providing support to vulnerable people in Canterbury, and they will be looking at how best to allocate future funding and support.
   2. Mary reported on the Rotary Young Chef compeition held recently in conjunction with RC Sunrise and the District. The winner came from QE Grammar School and now goes forward to the next level which will be held in Southampton.
   3. Mary also reported that she has completed the district’s youth competition survey using her experience of running the Primary Writing Competition and involvement with the other competitions that the Club has previously run.
   4. International SC- Raj noted that following a donation, £650 had been sent to ShelterBox. The committee has also sent £500 to Lend with Care.
   5. It was also noted that Rev Carter from St Mary Bredin Church has approached the Club for grants to help cover the cost of a small working group to Uganda. Trustees of the MSTF have been approached to approve funding for the students in the group, and if this is approved, the ISC has agreed £300 to help fund Rev Carter’s travel expenses.
4. AOB – Maxine asked that when members wished to send club wide emails that these are sent to her for circulation, as member responses to emails sent club wide can be ‘bounced’ by the system and require intervention by Martin or herself.

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