

Dukeries U3a Committee Meeting 10th July 2023

Present

Leslye Henstock – chair

Barry Callieu – treasurer/deputy chair

Barbara Baglee – secretary

John Harris – newsletter editor

Kevin Mulloy – co- deputy chair/press secretary

Maria Petrolino-Baranauskas – co-deputy chair

Ann Street – Speaker finder/website editor/publicity

Jane Young –group coordinator

Apologies

Chris Neighbour, Wendy Neighbour, Pam Hardwick.

Minutes of the last meeting, proposed by Leslye and seconded by Maria Signed by Leslye Henstock.

1 Jubilee Hall

Patterned chairs remain in the hall all other chairs behind the screen in the bar. Building materials have still not been removed from the bar. Leslye will email the Jubilee Hall Committee. A different venue could be considered

for committee meetings. Proposals to be brought to the next meeting

2 Members Meeting

The speaker will begin at 2pm. It will be his 45th wedding anniversary so it was agreed that he will be given a bottle of wine. Jane will email group leaders regarding tables. 1-1.30 Update. 1.30 to 2pm refreshments.

So far tickets are not going too well for the August meeting but there is still time. The charity Auction has been cancelled and the Rock and Roll Bingo will be considered for a future event. Leslye and the Events Team will provide the entertainment for the Indoor Garden Party.

3 Training Sessions

Leslye has met with Kevin and Maria and discussed the role of chair. Maria is most likely to be the next chair. They have looked at our constitution which is a little out of date and will need to be amended for the next A.G.M. Maria and Leslye will look into this, and anyone else can send suggestions to Leslye for consideration.

The North Notts Network will be holding a U3a day on June 12th 2024. More details later but each participating u3a has been asked to provide an activity and a prize. This was approved at £10 for the prize.

4 Finance and Funding.

The accounts were distributed and explained. Jubilee Hall have not presented an invoice for several months which makes it seem that some group accounts have too much money. This will be rectified when payments for Jubilee Hall have been deducted.

Barry queried whether he should pay any bill of any amount without approval from the committee. Kevin proposed a ceiling of £10 could be paid without prior approval, Barbara Seconded. After some discussion Leslye proposed that we vote on adopting Kevin's proposal or that arrangements remained as they are i.e., Barry uses his discretion. It was a unanimous vote that Barry continues to use his discretion.

It was also agreed that members could claim up to 45p per mile in travel expenses for legitimate purposes, if they wished to do so.

Wendy, Jane and Kevin have attended a funding event at the Richard Heron Centre in Nottingham. Since then, Wendy has put in an application for the following which totals £6.5K. 2xlaptops, projector, screen set up costs of new Sunday group, scrabble boards, gazebo, microphone and sound system, baking equipment, printer, soft tennis equipment, sewing equipment and publicity and promotion materials.

5 Meetings

Leslye and Maria have attended the Notts chairs meeting. The North Notts network was attended by Leslye and Ann. The new Ollerton Community Group was attended by Ann, Kevin and John Bamburg. Wendy, Jane and Kevin attended a funding meeting whilst Barry has attended a treasurers meeting. There has not yet been a coordinators meeting. Maria may attend the Newark and Sherwood CBS meeting.

6 Groups

There will be a trial of the Music Appreciation Group within the All Sorts Group. Creative writing may need to borrow about £300 in order to publish their next book. It

was suggested that they apply for a Coal Board regeneration grant.

Having looked into the costs of holding a meeting with Committee Members and Activity Group Leaders, the best deal offered for room space and lunch is at Ollerton House. This will be raised again at the next meeting.

7 A.O.B

Ann reported that Marie Curie would like to come and speak. The general consensus was that a small group would be best.

John and Ann are having some problems with the new website. It won't load on to Anns computer. Ann needs a U3a laptop.

Kevin is keeping the phone.

The meeting ended at 3pm