

# Dulwich & District U3A Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 8 October 2018 at Diana McInnes's home - 10.00am

**Present:** Liz Day (LD, chair), Angie Brown (AB), Chris Henry (CH), Diana McInnes (DM), Graham Ashton (GA), Joy Harris (JH), Neil Abrahams (NA, Minutes), Pamela Rubin (PR), Roman Bednarz (RB), Susan Elias (SE), Verity Mosenthal (VM).

**Apologies:** Helen Graham (HG), Melinda Tenant-Flowers (MTF)

## 1. Review of Planned Agenda. Agreed.

- a. Corrections to Minutes of 06/09/18. None.

## 2. Matters arising from Minutes of 06/09/18

- a. Trustees signing: Not all the Committee had signed the form. **(RB) to follow up.**
- b. A grant of £200 from the Third Age Trust had been applied for, for running an Open Day. Not yet received. Follow up **(RB/VM).**
- c. 0800 phone number. To be done. **(RB)**
- d. Programme Booklet subcommittee. Not yet met due to holidays. No volunteers had come forward from the newsletter request. Date to meet to be arranged. **(NA)**
- e. Reusable cups. SE and Di Deudney investigating with possible logo.

## 3. Treasurer's and Membership Reports

- a. **Budget:** VM & JH had circulated a Budget Information report with spreadsheets of scenarios with variations to membership, expenditure, subscriptions.
- b. Points which were considered included: the likely increase in expenditure particularly for hiring halls for group meetings; additional catering costs for the conveners' lunch; postal charges; seed funding. The subs would be monitored each year and amended if appropriate.
- c. After a full discussion it was decided that next year's subs would be reduced by 20%, from £25 to £20 per year, to take effect from April 2019. This would ratify the decision taken at the 2018 AGM for the exec to look at lowering the subs and reducing the surplus in the bank. It would be confirmed at the 2019 AGM.
- d. **Bank accounts:** It was agreed to open an interest-bearing account with around £10,000. VM would investigate whether to open a third Savings account. Current balance £23,289.
- e. **Membership:** This had increased from 539 to 592, partly due to the Interest Group Fair. Need to prepare for the "600th" member celebration. **(RB & JH).**

## 4. Future meetings.

- a. October 15: London Region AGM at Canada Water Library.
- b. October 17: Judy Elias (A Life in a Suitcase).
  - i. Welcome desk **(VM, DM, SE)**
  - ii. Publicise new groups **(NA)**
- c. November 12: Angus Hanton ('The Generation Game - Have we robbed our children?')
- d. November 20: New Member's Tea at Francis Peeke.
- e. December 7: Conveners' Lunch at St Barnabas Hall.
- f. December 14: Xmas Quiz. Conveners to be contacted for questions. **(SE & Mary Fyfe).**
- g. December 18: Xmas Lunch at Golf Course.
  - i. HG & VM to liaise over menu (& allergies information) and payment systems.
  - ii. Details to be in November newsletter.
- h. January: David Beamish ('What's the use of the House of Lords')

- i. February: (?) Chris Woodwarde (National Garden Museum)
- j. To investigate "Daniel Rave-Ellison: "National Park City" (NA)

#### 5. Brixton Prison proposals:

- a. CH had circulated a report on his meeting with the prison Governor. There were 3 scenario suggestions on how to help the prison set up U3A style interest group sessions. It was agreed that we would give guidance and support to prison staff. DM, AB, and CH agreed to help.

#### 6. Conveners:

- a. **Interest Group Fair Feedback. (13 Sept).** NA presented the feedback report with members' comments and how they had heard about it.
  - i. Some people who had signed up for groups did not seem to realise that they had to join first and there may be a waiting list.
  - ii. There seemed to be a particular interest in Languages for beginners.
  - iii. SE21/22/23 advertisement /article was effective.
  - iv. Most comments were positive: "welcoming and informative"
- b. **Questionnaire:** GA and SE to consider how the membership might be surveyed (Mailchimp?) to find out which groups members belonged to, which they had been unable to join. Purpose of survey needs to be clear. (SE, GA, VM, NA).
- c. **Conveners' Xmas Lunch & Meeting (Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December):**
  - i. St Barnabas Village Hall has been booked from 12.30 - 3.30.
  - ii. The programme will consist of Buffet vegetarian lunch, followed by discussion and a speaker (to be confirmed NA).
  - iii. Catering will be bought in. Budget agreed of £800.
- d. **Support:**
  - i. Peter Saunders is to be reimbursed for the loss of his maps. (VM).
  - ii. Table Tennis: The cost of hiring the hall will be reimbursed to the convener, Jo Morrison, whenever insufficient members turn up to cover the cost. (VM)
  - iii. Wine Book: This was considered a learning tool for Conveners and would be paid for by U3A. (Anne Sharpley & Gerard Dickinson, Helen Sharrock). (VM/SE/NA)
  - iv. Walk Group accident: Stephen Frost had reported an accident to Penny Palmer Latif on 25/09/18. (Left wrist fractured).

#### 7. AOB.

- a. Mailchimp - RB is working to get this running.

Meeting closed at 12.50 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday 5 November, 10am at Liz Day's 34 Chatsworth Way, SE27 9HN.

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