

Minutes - Hinckley U3A Committee – 4th February 2020

1. Present

Alan Fraser, Tom Berrie, Margaret Pickering, Derek Ridgway, Samantha Ridgway, Anne Deakin, Margaret Lawrence, Guy Newbury, John Whitehead

2. Apologies

Celia Inman, Janice Strand, Stan Maxey, Wendy Barker

3. Minutes

Action points from the January meeting had been completed except for the following outstanding items – 2b (a reply to Janice's letter to MFC), 7b (website development appendix), 13.1 (Janice & Samantha to clarify constitution queries, especially Treasurer's service limits), 15.1 (Janice to write to Charity Digital). The minutes were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 The working balance has been adjusted to allow for trip payments in/out and is £10,092, in line with budgetary expectations.

4.2 377 members have paid on time, leaving 120 outstanding. Payment was due by the end of January.

4.3 The problem of dealing with small change from members continues.

Actions – To minimise printing, the Treasurer will e-mail accounts to committee members prior to each meeting. Anne to contact Group Leaders requesting all members to consider the treasurer and to pay regular weekly/monthly subs in pound coins.

5. Membership Secretary

Regarding the 120 unpaid subscriptions, we now have the additional work of following up. *Action - Samantha will make one more attempt to contact. She will provide a list of non-payers to Anne to pass to Group Leaders. Group Leaders at their next regular meeting will be asked to request each member attending to show their membership card as proof of payment, and will log that on their group register.*

6. Next General Meeting

6.1 Speaker Paul Handford (Women volunteers in WW1) requires screen and projector. Teas by Architecture Appreciation.

6.2 Margaret L/Derek/Margaret P had met to decide on future speakers. 9 have been booked for 2021. *Action – Margaret L to circulate updated speaker list to committee,*

7. Publicity

7.1 It was agreed to order a U3A upright banner advertising Hinckley U3A for £166.80. *Action – Tom to order banner and more leaflets.*

7.2 Ideas for 3rd May U3A Day were as follows – John Parnell juggling/hoola hoop teach-in at MFC (am) or Green Towers, a U3A stall in Sainsbury's foyer or outside in The Crescent for 2 hours, Tai Chi demonstration by U3A group. *Action – John to investigate all options.*

7.3 GWC will be open 4th May but closed bank holiday 8th May. *Action - Anne to advise the groups affected.*

7.4 An error on the Hinckley U3A Programme shows Coffee & Current Affairs incorrectly starting at 10:30am but should be 10am. *Action - Alan to note on the Group page on website.*

8. Website

8.1 Google now offer an automatic package of learning guides, a link to active learning. *Action Alan to circulate to committee, Anne to circulate to Group Leaders*

8.2 Members are still requesting methods of payment for subs and trips. *Action – Samantha to advise Alan who will insert onto Membership page and Trips page.*

8.3 It was suggested that the Future Planning sub-group (Samantha, Janice and John Langham) should have a contact address on the website for members to submit new ideas. The sub-group have met with Countesthorpe U3A to consider alternatives to Sitebuilder. *Action – The sub-group will report on cost benefit analysis of alternatives.*

9. Newsletter

The February issue was both interesting and substantial.

10. Group Co-ordinator

Gwen Coley has requested a key to the GWC cupboard. *Action - Anne to inform Stan.*

11. New Groups Questionnaire

11.1 To date 91 questionnaires had been returned and over 400 ticks made against the potential subjects of interest. In addition several offers to act as convenor or joint convenor had been made. 3 groups were applying to be formed immediately and these were approved.

Wine appreciation 2, convenors Andrew Haggie, Derek Ridgway, Guy Newbury, meeting Dadlington Village Hall 3rd Fridays 12:30pm- 2pm, meeting on months not covered by Wine Appreciation 1. Initial meeting 17th April.

Table Tennis, convenors Brett Lawrence, Keith Barker, John Moyes, meeting GWC to be agreed and confirmed. *Action – John to ask Brett to liaise with Bookings Co-ordinator.*

Local History and Research, convenor Margaret Pickering and others to be confirmed, meeting GWC, 3rd Wednesdays 10am-12noon. Initial meeting planned for 19th February. *Action – Margaret to liaise with Bookings Co-ordinator.*

Further Action – John will advise convenors of the names of those expressing subject interest. The committee will monitor the new groups for 3 months as usual.

11.2 Armed with the questionnaire analysis it was agreed to put up formal lists of interest for 3 further subjects each general meeting. For February this will be Beer Appreciation, Book group 3 and Cookery/recipes. *Action – John to contact potential convenors.*

11.3 Subject to further investigation we may decide at the next committee to test interest for Concordia, Bird Watching and Bus Pass Trips in March and Afternoon Tea, Morning Coffee and Philosophy in April.

12.Property

Nothing to report.

13.Trips

13.1 HMS Pinafore 12th Sep at Malvern

13.2 Possible Liverpool Beatles Tour for Vinyl Records/Photography

13.3 Brain scanning Conference in Leicester for Health/Science

13.4 Atherstone walk/cream tea Monday 16th March for Architecture Appreciation

13.5 Bosworth Battlefield Wednesday 18th March for History

14.Correspondence

Third Age Matters charges have increased from £2.90 to £3.10 per annum. Letter passed to Treasurer

15.AOB

15.1 It was suggested that the Tai Chi group should have matching T-shirts with U3A logo in blue/yellow for demonstrations. Action – Margaret L to obtain quote.

15.2 The U3A Annual Lunch was considered a success with 55 attending.

16.Next Meeting

GWC 9:45am Tuesday 3rd March 2020.