

Washington Village u3a

Committee, Stella Maris

10.00am – 18th May 2023

Attending

Derek Ginsberg (Chair), Lynn Bossons, Helen Edwards, Sandra Graham, Carolyn Baxter, Chris Scorer, Maggie Hope

Welcome

The Chair welcomed the Committee members to the meeting.

Apologies

Tania LeMarinel, Pauline Palmer, Catherine Hembley, Julie Stevens, Marilyn Ward

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with minor amendments as follows: -

23.39 the migration is solely the Web site and does not involve Beacon

23.50 Some of the £500 council grant was used as a contribution to the Pickleball group finances.

The singing group identified in the minutes is the ukulele group.

23.49 There is only one speaker

Proposed by Carolyn, Seconded by Maggie

23.46

23.34 Resolved (there was some further discussion about the boards)

23.40 Ongoing

23.42 First Aid There has been no response from the trainer.

There was some discussion about potential options including Chris the walk leader from St Georges. **Action Derek to follow up**

23.55 There was some discussion about the “Group slide show”

suggesting the Sandra uses it as part of an update in following meetings.

23.55 Confirmation that, Pauline and Marilyn are coopted members. Proposed by Lynn Seconded by Helen

Membership Secretary Report

15 new members, 15 members have not renewed.

222 members have paid as of this date, forecast is that membership will be 225-230

Action Sandra and Lyn to support new members at the next meeting if required. (2 tables together)

There is a facility on Beacon that will enable Julie to send membership cards via a PDF so that they can print them or keep access via a phone or device.

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Speakers Secretary Report

Nothing new from the last meeting. There was some discussion about the lack of a speaker for June, Jed Parker was suggested.

Group Co-ordinator's Report

Coffee morning, 2 groups meeting monthly.

Reading group 3 is "stumbling" start date is in June

Interest has been expressed for Tai Chi, Gentle Years Yoga (it is possible that there is a member with relevant experience)

Curling 2 is starting up, this will show up on the web site as a second group because of finance/registration.

It was recognized that some people do not have access to or use IT based products and it was agreed that a spreadsheet of groups be available in paper form.

Treasurers Report

There are no concerns

The magazine costs and “Day Trips” were noted, at this stage the Day Trips have about £120 surplus that will contribute to any upcoming trips.

It was noted that the provision of a Debit card for Helen had originally been agreed via WhatsApp, this decision was therefore formally ratified by the committee

PR Update

The provided report was discussed and valued.

There was general agreement that there is no need to use the upcoming 10th Anniversary to raise awareness of the u3a or to recruit. It was suggested that we sponsor the planting of a tree in the village **Action** Lyn to explore costs

Members Liaison Report

1 card has been sent out this month. **Action** Derek to raise with members to ensure that people are not missed out

Regional/ Network update

There are some shared activities e.g. the Quiz, visit to a Synagogue

Derek is continuing to meet with Chairs. Issues discussed included membership and the potential to update the Network Protocol possibly to include a phrase about associate member status (to be offered without the 3rd Age Trust financial element)

Action Further discussion is required

A u3a in the area has closed down, their remaining funds have been passed to Region and will then be passed to local areas via a payment of approximately £50

Chris is to contact the 3rd Age Trust re the constitution and voting.

IT/Website

There has been a substantial increase in visits to the site and to groups.

There is a need to update the monthly schedule.

Action Helen

Gmail accounts need to be updated **Action** Catherine and Chris to follow up with Helen

Environmental Policy

The Environmental Policy was accepted, Proposed by Derek, Seconded by Lyn
Helen agreed to talk about the policy and group at a meeting.

AOB

The Family History Group can no longer meet at the Black Bush, the Washington Arms was considered as a possible alternative