



Washington Village U3A Committee, Stella Maris

10.00am – 19th October 2023

Attending: Tania LeMarinel (Chair), Lyn Bossons, Helen Edwards, Sandra Graham, Catherine Hambley, Maggie Hope, Pauline Palmer, Julie Stevens,

23.131 Welcome

The Chair welcomed Committee members to the meeting.

23.132 Apologies

Carolyn Baxter, Derek Ginsberg, Chris Scorer, Marilyn Ward

23.133 Acceptance of the notes of the meeting of 21st September 2023, was proposed by Tania LeMarinel, seconded by Maggie Hope and approved by all.

23.134 Matters Arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda:

23.67 Third Age Trust in respect of Constitution remains ongoing

Action: Derek Ginsberg

23.20 Julie Stevens to contact group leaders to ensure they are aware of membership fee reduction of £10 to new members joining at this time. **Resolved**

23.27 Helen to follow up potentially helpful leaflets currently available online for those members who do not use IT.

Ongoing Action

23.28 Helen to follow up the inclusion of Maggie via voiced messages on WhatsApp Group. **Ongoing Action**

23.30 Membership Form wording which requires Data Protection amendment to be actioned and shared via website and group leaders by Lyn.

Resolved.

23.135 Membership Secretary's Report

Two new members making a total of 253 members. Noted that to date Beacon does not record 'known as' search parameters. Although this connection is available in new membership forms.

23.136 Speaker Secretary's Report

It is believed a January speaker has been booked but no details are available at this time.

23.137 Group Co-ordinator's Report

Tai Chi is struggling a little, it is agreed that funding will be supported for a further month and will be reviewed again at that time. Kurling 2 has stopped for the time being. The Comedy Group has not yet agreed a format so a further meeting has been arranged. Noted that the Black Bush will close on 14th November which affects several groups. If it reopens as a community venue it is hoped it will be available from January 2024.

23.138 Treasurer's Report

94 Christmas tickets have been sold to date. CAMEO activity at the Glass Centre went very well. Table Tennis fees have been raised from £2 to £2.50. The polo shirts balance for Uke Group is reducing. Our reserves remain healthy. Financial guidance to group leaders has been updated and another group leader is now paying by BACS. There are complicated issues with Barclays Bank due to the closure of the Galleries Branch. Lloyds has been suggested as an alternative as exploratory conversations have been positive. Noted that it would take approximately two weeks to change over accounts therefore switch in January suggested to minimise disruption. Lyn Bossons proposed the change from Barclays to Lloyds, Helen Edwards seconded and a bank changeover in January approved unanimously.

23.139 PR Update

Nothing to report. Noted that Washington Way has returned as an online newspaper.

23.140 Regional and Network Update

Nothing to report. There is a meeting next week to be attended by Tania and Derek, an update will follow.

23.141 Monthly Meetings

The Stella have accepted the increased monthly payment and agreed the use of kettles. Next month a tea/coffee supervisor will be required as members are arriving too early and queueing for tea and coffee before the meeting is officially open. Noted members are to be advised that we do not open for members until 10.45 and tea and coffee is not available until 11am. Biscuits are to be placed on tables for members and not distributed with refreshments.

Action: Lyn to prepare a notice to state only one queue and that refreshments are not available until 11am.

Action: Pauline to bring a 'slops' dish as space is too limited for members to empty cups into the sink and are leaving them for volunteers to do.

23.142 Environment and IT Update

Nothing to report.

23.143 Christmas Meeting

Quiz prize is chocolate coins. Christmas raffle prizes by membership donations.

Action: Carolyn to obtain chocolate coins.

23.144 Membership Liaison

Members are usually appreciative of cards sent out. Noted that a gift of flowers to be given to Margaret Youll for the lovely cards she donates.

23.145 Any other business

None