

Record of Rotary Youth Committee meeting held on 24 March 2015

Present: John Horn, Penny Hancox, Jane Horn, Fiona Buckton, Linda Moore

Apologies: Maggie Saunders, Eric Sylt, Jenny Foreman, Mick Hirst, Dennis Hurst, Sheila Aston, Sue Herlihy, Kathryn Manderson.

1. Fiona Buckton of RCMM was welcomed to the meeting as an observer.
2. Minutes of 17 February accepted as a true record.
3. No matters arising
4. Finance: No report available.
5. Youth competitions:
 - a) Young Musician: SA passed on her thanks to all those involved in the successful District semi-final on 7 March. The committee expressed its appreciation of Sheila's hard work with Young Musician.
 - b) Young Chef: JF had located the YC trophy and is arranging for it to be engraved and presented to the overall winner, Lucy Towle from Belvoir High School.
 - c) Youth Speaks: Our sponsored teams from Catmose College have reached the regional final on 26 April for the second consecutive year. This date clashes with the Oakham to Melton Ci-cle Classic, which commences in Catmose car park. JH has alerted the District organisers to the problems associated with parking, road closures and delays.
 - d) Young Photographer: no report.
 - e) Young Writer: There has been a disappointing response (i.e. no) response from the local secondary schools. Was it perhaps this year's theme?
 - f) Young Designer: MH to action after Easter.
 - g) Rotary Stars: There has been an enthusiastic response from 12 local primary schools. PH to provide a list of these schools at the next meeting. Presentations to take place at the end of the summer term. This becomes an issue if these end-of-year assemblies occur at the same time.
 - h) Aurora update: The Venue (13-17 youth facility) is taking shape. A full-time manager (Fraser Guy) has been appointed and takes up his post on 13 April. Building contractors, Morgan Sindall, to complete alterations. Two part-time workers to be recruited. Opening night scheduled for 17 July.
(The Hub is holding an Easter fete on 10th April at Melton Country Park.)
 - i) Birchwood has organised an art week (wb 18 May) with local community artists working alongside the students. A public exhibition of the completed work will go on show on 19 June. Aurora is looking for sponsorship for mounts and refreshments. Exhibitors will be presented with a quality certificate and the art work will be on sale for a nominal amount.
6. RYLA in hand

7. Youth exchange: no involvement this year.
8. Warning Zone: JH had contacted the WZ for details of how our sponsorship of £1750 had been spent -participating schools, numbers involved, costs incurred. Most of the money has gone on entrance costs to WZ; some money has gone on transport costs. As it had been assumed that any funds provided by the Rotary clubs should go towards off-setting the cost of coach hire, it was agreed that any remaining monies should be used for that purpose for those local schools visiting in the summer term.
9. Interact at MV16 has not really taken off this year. Diana Osborne is hopeful that it can be resurrected next academic year.
10. AOB. Agenda for next meeting to include: Report from District Assembly; Financial update; Future support for Warning Zone (a club decision).
11. Date of next meeting: 12 May 2015 (not 5 May as circulated)

Linda Moore.