

Rotary Youth Committee

Minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday 7 October 2014

Present: John Horn (Chair), Eric Sylt (Sec), Sheila Aston, Tony Field, Penny Hancox, Jane Horn, Kathryn Manderson, Linda Moore, Brian Sollitt, Geoff Theobald and Sue Herlihy

Apologies: Maggie Saunders, Jenny Foreman, Mic Hirst, Dennis Hurst, Mike Rowe and Heena Dawda

Minutes: of the last meeting on 15 July were approved. Any matters arising to be covered elsewhere in the agenda.

Finance: Nothing reported.

Youth Competitions etc.

Young Musician

TF reported that RCMMB are organizing a fund-raising schools' choir competition which will be held at St Mary's Church Tuesday 18 November. It is hoped that this competition will raise awareness of the YM competition and that some choirs will go on to participate.

It is believed that profits will be donated to the Warning Zone.

In an email MS reported that she has visited four primary schools and has brought the Choir Competition to their attention.

TF to find out what stage planning is at and number of choirs currently committed to participating.

ES to:

1. Provide YM details to MT for publication week beginning 10 November.
2. Contact MBS to ask whether they are prepared to sponsor entries to District competition.

Young Chef

Local competitions to be held as follows:

John Ferneley; Thursday 13 November at 9am.

Long Field. Friday 14 November at 12 noon.

Belvoir High; Saturday 15 November at 9am.

BS to liaise with Stapleford to obtain a judge.

As in previous years BS asked that teachers' time and effort be recognized by a gift of chocolates or biscuits. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Youth Speaks

LM reported that to date there have been three entries, 2 senior teams and one intermediate team, all from Catmose College in Oakham.

ES agreed to provide competition details to MT for publication.

The local competition will take place at QLH on Wednesday 26 November at 7pm. The terms of the hotel are coffee and tea at 50p/cup; orange squash also provided. Total maximum cost of refreshments not to exceed £60.

ES to arrange for time keeper, adjudicators and questioner.

Young Photographer

Geoff Theobald agreed to opt into the YP team.

It was agreed to notify schools before Christmas. Team to meet to discuss strategy.

Young Writers

MS has emailed reporting that she had been into four primary schools and had productive meetings. She is still waiting to hear from Grove and Brownlow.

Rotary Stars

PH reported that:

1. It is hoped to increase the number of participating schools; all schools will be contacted after half term.
2. She and DH are trying to locate a suitable book prize.

Eisteddfod

JH reported that:

1. The event will take place on Friday 19 December.
2. The theme is being devised by David Cowell.
3. Aurora are providing certificates and Morrisons Supermarket has agreed to provide a voucher.

It was agreed to invite David Cowell to the next meeting.

Birch Wood Exhibition

Ideas are under consideration.

RYLA

It was agreed that consideration be given to securing a candidate who is unemployed.

Youth Exchange

It was agreed to withhold participation until a District YEO has been appointed.

JH suggested that we might consider exchanges within the UK.

AOB

Warning Zone

ES reported that an email has been received from Warning Zone pointing out that, for the current academic year, there could be a shortfall of £1750 between the total and actual cost of sending all MB pupils to WZ. The email further requested that the committee advise on how to progress the meeting of this shortfall within the three clubs.

Finally the email pointed out that the only MB school not to participate is St Francis PS and requested advice on how best to initiate contact.

It was agreed that a reply be sent requesting a specific sum of money so that this could go forward to respective club councils asap.

Next meeting

Tuesday 25 November at 7pm at QLH