



LRSRG Minutes 28th September 2017, The Liberty Suite.

Present: Janet Rogerson; Rob Butler; Ruth Christine; Philip Medland; Frances Tippet; Bill Glen; Elspeth Nicholson; Trevor Cook; Jane Clarke; Karen Farrington; Sylvia Wright; Vicky Thomson

Apologies: Jane Ritchie; Roger C-O; Sara Gale

All officers proposed for the **Committee** were adopted formally: Chair: Frances Tippet, Vice-Chair: Roger Creagh-Osborne, Secretary: Bill Glen, Treasurer: Janet Rogerson

The newly formulated **Constitution** was discussed and formally adopted by the meeting.

Trustees of the group were agreed as: all 4 officers (above), plus Ruth Christine and Terry Faull. All trustees will need to read Cornwall Council's safeguarding guidance.

Reports

Treasurer (Janet)

Current balance: £4285.69

We need to achieve a balance of £5000 before we can apply for Charity status (that process is well under way, but we still need £700+)

Standing Orders: We have 4 so far; you can support us by setting one up; please do so.

Bank Details: Account name: Launceston Refugee Support Group

Account number: 24335460

Sort Code: 30-94-91

Chair (Frances):

Frances will meet Serena Collins from Cornwall Council in the near future.

Trevor Cook urged support for weekly Methodist Hall collections, and circulated a rota.

Fundraising Events (Jane Clarke)

- Wine & Wisdom Quiz night: Friday 27th October 7.30pm. Tables of 6; £5 per person
- Jane & Frances to help with: publicity, wine & nibbles. Frances will collect monies. Ruth will be our scorer. Bill will organise questions, rounds, etc. All members are urged to bring raffle prizes. Poster/flyer will be sent out; please advertise as much as you can.
- Christmas wreath making at Frances' home. £25 per head includes lunch & all materials. 20 people maximum. Friday 12th December.

- Carol concert - Elspeth. 16th December, but logistic problems will include Public Liability Insurance. Janet will investigate.
- A Music event? Margaret Young has promised the Town Hall as a free venue; Jane Clarke will go ahead & organise an event, in February. Vicky Thomson will investigate running a bar. Contacts: Alison Werren 01566 785386; werrens@tiscali.co.uk
- Chris Lube will be speaking at a separate event on 18th January; Frances will attempt to coordinate this with something for our cause.

Rob's report on aid collection & distribution was graphic & arresting. There are now 65M displaced people in the world; half of these are children.

Some details: (from Rob's FB post)

We have a container leaving for Greece on 21st October, organised by Faraday at Open Hearts Open Borders. We have filled a long wheel base van with aid going to Syria and hope cafe in Athens Greece. We could do with some help sorting the donations that have come in over the last 7/10 days to get them ready to go on the container. Sorting days are as follows: Saturday 7th October 10.00 - 15.00; Wednesday 11th October 1800 - 2100. Saturday 14th October 10.00 - 15.00. And on Wednesday 18th October the last big sort 1800 till 2100. If you can help on any of these days please contact me or Faraday.

Thanks Rob robo59@hotmail.co.uk

AOB

Elspeth Nicholson has a card making enterprise, reusing images from old cards. Please bring any used cards to our meetings for her to use, or bring them with other donations to the Tuesday collection point. She will be selling the remade cards at our meetings and wherever possible – ideas welcome, please contact Elspeth.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 26th October