

WINDERMERE - DIESSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 17th March, 2010 at 8 p.m. at the Burnside Hotel, Bowness-on-Windermere

Chairman welcomed members, and a special welcome to representative from St. Anne's, Katrin Hertel, Jermaine Willan and 2 pupils from the Lakes School, Lily & Molly.

Apologies

Mgr. Slattery, Jennifer & Lloyd Jewell, Eve Blatchley, Mary Heys, Martin & Sue Dawes, Martin & Elspeth Orrom, Dorothy Weardon, Jenny Bowles, Barry Butler, Jim & Bernice McNiece.

Minutes of the 18th March 2009 A.G.M.

Had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. These were proposed by Hazel Macfarlene and seconded by Lee Haywood, as being a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising from these minutes ~ no matters arising

Chairman's Report

This had also been previously distributed to all members prior to meeting. One of change ~ a "new venture for twinning"

With the help of Jermaine, Lily and Molly gave an account of their visit to Diessen last year, an enjoyable time with more contacts established. At the end of their talk, members were invited to ask any questions. Talked about Dettenschwang, very friendly and affordable, which allows the school to keep going, despite the cost of the euro! Jermaine reported that pupils had been carrying their twinning bags around Munich, and thanked the Twinning Association for them. 59 Lakes School pupils going to Diessen this year. Chairman thanked them for coming tonight.

Treasurer's Report

Due to an error of the bank, £10 was given by Nat. West. Bank into the account. Balance standing at £1,919.32p. Accounts accurate and had been audited by Geoff Robson ~ a true record of accounts was proposed by Bill Haywood, seconded by Joan Jones. Chairman thanked Norman for all his hard work.

Election of Officers

Chairman ~ Jenny Borer ~ proposed by Sheila Ricketts, seconded by Hazel Macfarlene. Jenny was elected. Chairman thanked everyone for their help, it had been a privilege to serve the Association, she wished many more fruitful years of Twinning. Audrey Ahmad thanked Sheila for all her hard work over the years. Jenny took the chair, thanked Sheila and presented her with a gift ~ Sheila will stay on the committee.

Vice-Chairman ~ no nominations, still vacant.

Secretary ~ no nominations ~ leaves a gap! It was suggested the job could be spread over more members of the committee. Joan Jones volunteered to be "minutes secretary", thanks expressed to her for that. Norman will take over memberships and renewal, already 2 committee members working together with schools re visits etc. Tony Blaney will represent Chamber of Trade and do publicity.....this can be worked on through the committee. Shirley was thanked for all her work with Twinning, and also presented with a gift.

Treasurer ~ Norman Borer ~ proposed by Tony Blaney, seconded by Shirley Taylor.

Election of Committee Members ~ renewed en bloc, Katrin Hertel from St. Anne's School will join the committee.

Future Events

Katrin gave a report on St. Anne's visit. Drinks reception at St. Anne's ~ German students present, parents and language teachers ~ good start! Norman suggested making a "goodie bag" for pupils coming to St. Anne's. T.I.C. given bags and leaflets.

Lakes School visit to Diessen in July.

Blasergruppe visit in May ~ Peter spoke about their visit and concert at Lakes School. Lee & Bill offered accommodation for 2 Blasergruppe, now all accommodated.

Chairman commented on many exchanges and visits, we should think fundraising events now, with more visits, more money will be needed.

Jermaine asked about work experience, year 9/10's taking German would benefit from going to Diessen. Sheila suggested getting in touch with Hans Sander (P.R. for twinning in Diessen), she gave her his details.

Membership

60 paid memberships for the current year. It was suggested to raise membership fees to £10.00 per person for the coming year, proposed by Brenda Busschau, seconded Norman Borer. Norman commented that a lot of people already paid £10.00 (£2.50p donation).

Correspondence

Sheila read an e mail from James Orrom with greetings from Diessen, along with their aims for future twinning.

A.O.B.

Windermere Junior School have shown an interest in twinning.

Meeting closed 9.10pm