

Burnley and District U3A

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Unity Centre Padiham Jan 9th

Present S.Limmer, M Bushby F Whittle J Bridge A Wiseman P Ferguson B Hayman G Markham M Philp P Hartley

1 Apologies for absence M Hartley M Jackson

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The change of day was acknowledged

The minutes were accepted and signed off.

3 Matters arising

There has been no response from the Trust , to the email regarding insurance.

Thanks were given to Alan for the effort he put in to the Christmas event , it was considered a great success.

Thanks were also given to Pat and Brenda for sorting out the Christmas trees at Padiham rd. Methodist and Padiham Unitarian churches

4 Correspondence and Secretary's report

There has been no correspondence

Secretary's Report

Received from the Trust

Cover note for the public liability insurance

Events update flyer including details of the Summer Schools

An Advice from the international Sub-Committee on developing international links.

A transcript of the address by Eric Midwinter at the 1000th U3A Celebration

The event was filmed and will be available on line later.

An article from the Education Journal about the 1000th U3A celebration

Information about the Beacon project , cost for this would be 50p per year per member reviewed annually.

Discussion on this will take place at a later date .

A reminder that the Conference and AGM will be held at the EMCC in Nottingham from 29th-31st August

5 Treasurers report.

End of 2106 enrolment of members stood at 265. 2015 was 257. An increase of 3% over the year.

31st December main bank account stood at £8,400.41 and the Social account held £614.20

Neither account paid out significant amounts since the last meeting .

Could group leaders be reminded to pass their financial accounts and figures to Melinda as soon as possible , as the figures will go into the end of year accounts which are being prepared.

Expense claims from committee members should be separated between 2016 and 2017 as these have to be accounted for in each year.

It is hoped the end of year accounts will be ready for the March committee meeting .

6 Group Coordinators Report

The German group is now a possibility as up to 9 potential learners have put their names forward to join the group. The group is planned to start this month and meet in the afternoon on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays following the Spanish in the mornings.

Around 5 are also learning Spanish including Laura Carter the German group leader, one non U3A member has shown an interest and will attend as a taster session.

It was mentioned by Margaret Bushby that the numbers in the Bridge group were very low.

Janet Clunie has passed the Group leader position over to Stuart Thorne

The group leaders meeting will take place at 1.30 Feb 21st possibility for a survey about new groups will be discussed.

7 Publicity Officers report

There was nothing specific to report.

A letter of thanks had been received for Padiham Unitarian chapel for putting up the tree

8 Web Masters' report

The web site has been amended with information obtained from the monthly newsletter. Little copy has been received from group leaders, some of the specialist group pages are a little sparse on information and in some cases the information may be out of date.

Anyone who has information /events/photographs , which they would like to appear on our Facebook page should email John at johnbridge@gmail.com U3A members can post using the Visitor Post (these are moderated before being published)

The Web Editor has created a YouTube channel for Burnley and District U3A . The two videos shown at the Christmas festivities are available.

The monthly newsletter has undergone a re-design which seems to have been well received, however the list of committee members was deliberately omitted from the last one due to lack of space. This will be reintroduced on the next one.

It was agreed to have the front and back covers include colour as this would improve the appearance at little extra cost.

Articles for inclusion in the newsletter should be sent to burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

Speaker Secretary Report

Pat asked about a limit to the cost of speakers , as she had had enquiries from some who were quite expensive. It was agreed not to go over a combined fee of £200 for travel and fee.

10 Anniversary celebrations

There has not been a meeting of the subcommittee yet but that will be arranged after this meeting . Ighen Leigh will cater an afternoon tea . It was decided there will be no speaker at the meeting (24th May) showcasing groups could replace the speaker as at the Christmas meeting

Group Co-ordinators Meeting

Ighen Leigh will cater this for £6 a head and it was suggested we use 35 as the number needed.

Alan will email group leaders to see who will be attending . An agenda will be needed.

A vote of thanks will be given to Janet Clunie at this meeting

AGM

The meeting will take place prior to the speaker. The meeting will start at 2pm. The speaker will start at 2,30 with refreshment at the end as normal.

Marjorie Philp has decided to step down as Membership secretary , so this position will be available

Members who have completed their time and can be re-elected are Freda, Gwyn , Margaret .

This will be mentioned at the next monthly meeting , 21 days notice should be given .

Interested members may attend a committee meeting if they wish.

The AGM is April 27th

AOB

The next joint cluster meeting is Feb 13th

The leaflets for publicity need amending , if John is given the information , he will do it.

Date Of Next Meeting

Feb 28th 10 am Unity Centre