

Executive Committee.

The Twenty-eight meeting of the Executive committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 26th October 2016 at 11am in the Geography Seminar Room, Museum Building, College.

Present: Mike Jones (Chair) Ruth Potterton (Secretary) Gay Duffy (Treasurer) Joe Carroll, Vivien Jenkins, Susan Parkes, Norah Kelso and Tom Turpin.

Apologies: Kay O'Neill and Gay Duffy (Hon. Treasurer)

1. Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting of 22nd September 2016 were agreed.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes.

a/ I.T. training VJ has spoken with Lee Mills re using a Postgrad to give a session, we will have to pay the Postgrad. TT agreed to contact Lee Mills re this and then email can be sent to membership to ascertain level of interest. Association would pay the cost of the course.

b/ Accommodation request, MJ has ascertained that we should be able to use a seminar room in Geography dept. Meeting agreed that we will do this for the present.

c/ UCD Retirement group RP still investigating to see if they exist. NUIG invitation for our group to visit them, MJ to contact re possible visit TT will possibly be available to go on visit.

3. Review of Activities.

a/ Mushroom Hunt, this a good success approx. 15 people participated. Paul Dowding excellent , a book token sent to him in thanks.

b/ Lord Massy walk, 12 went on this walk, the day was very wet which meant that there were reduced numbers.

c/ Leinster House, good totally overbooked 30 on list and two extra turned up on the day. As the event was on the Friday when the Dail doesn't sit it was possible to accommodate the extra numbers.

Meeting felt that some event events should possibly be annual events, so put them in the calendar.

4. Future Events.

a/ Walking Tour Hidden Dublin 1st Nov. Walk leader is injured so walk will have to be cancelled. As an alternative there will be a Tour of certain picture collection in National Gallery.

b/ Abbey Theatre for musical play 'Donegal' 5th November. GD will look after the group. 19 people have booked.

c/ Irish Architectural Archive. (NK)

Date 16th November confirmed. Meet for coffee in the Davenport. Members only event until see level of bookings. Visit the exhibition and the archive. Max. 25 people tour will be led by Colum O'Riordan and Eddie McParland. Only need to use a booking form if the members have to pay for an event. Can book by phone.

e/ Berlin

Need to investigate options, Travel dept. €339-€429 for 3 days. Stein Travel offer a trip that includes Dresden 2 days in Berlin and 2 days in Dresden €659. NK will investigate Stein Travel trip.

f/ GPO 1916 (KON)

Date confirmed January 11th 2017 at 12 Cost €11.25 per person this is not a guided tour.

g/ Christmas Commons (NK)

Booked for 8th December cost €28 Advertise mid November TT will help NK with this event.

h/Glasnevin Cemetery (MJ)

Meeting felt that we should just visit the gardens. Matthew Jebb hopefully will give tour again possibly in April.

i/RP to talk to Eanna Ni Lamhna to see if she might suggest and lead somewhere for a bird/nature walk. This will have to be in 2017 as she is away all of November and better in the Spring.

j/Walk (VJ)

Firhouse Weir 5th December hopefully walk leader will be Ok to lead this event.

k/Lectures (SMP)

Roger Stalley lecture possibly in reading week in February.

5. Committee.

VJ retiring from the committee from the start of December, she will continue to look after walks. Meeting agreed VJ will be very hard to replace due to the immense amount of work she has done and continues to do. VJ will have a session with NJ and TT re putting events up on website. Meeting agreed we need to try and co-opt some new members with the view that they would be ready to continue on committee next year after AGM.

7. Next Meeting.

Wednesday 15th November at 2.30 . At a venue to be confirmed.