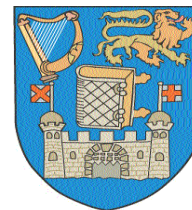


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Executive Committee

The eighth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 2nd December 2014 in Room 4017, Arts Building.

Present: Ruth Potterton (chair), Gay Duffy (Treasurer), Mike Jones, Vivien Jenkins (Secretary), Nap Keeling, Norah Kelso, Kay O'Neill

Apologies: Tommy Murtagh

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 31st October 2014 were agreed.

2. Matters arising

(a) *Trinity's Visual Identity – consultation process:* Several members of the Executive Committee had attended a meeting with the Registrar and others on 18th November. It was noted that proposals would be presented to Board in December for approval.

(b) *Computers for Beginners course:* The Secretary reported that IS Services had agreed to provide a course on 10th December and six members had signed up for the training.

3. Equality Committee

The Equality Committee in College had circulated a Call for Submissions for funding from the Equality Fund. The Executive Committee considered the circulated documentation and agreed that the Association should submit an application for funding for the development of its new website.

It was agreed that the following points should be included in the application

- The submission should be made under two of the stated themes – 'Age, Inclusion and Progression' and 'Wellbeing and Equality'
- The Association was a self-financing and autonomous organisation and start-up costs for the website would seriously deplete available funding
- A positive start had been made since the inaugural meeting of the Association in April 2014 and the various activities and outings had been arranged
- A schedule of activities for the spring was currently being developed
- The diversity of the membership base should be referred to - the Association currently had in excess of 200 members who had worked in all areas of the College
- The Association was providing retirees with some continuity of contact with the College where none had existed previously
- The momentum that had been built up so far could easily fall away if it were not possible to expand activities and communicate with members through an up-to-date and interactive website
- Estimates had already been sought from three Dublin-based web companies and these should be referred to in the submission

The Secretary undertook to draft a proposal and circulate it to the Committee for comment. The deadline for submissions was 8th December 2014.

4. Association Activities

(a) **Christmas Commons** - All twenty-eight tickets had been sold for Christmas Commons on 10th December but there had been a number of cancellations. The Secretary agreed to make contact with those on the waiting list.

(b) **Plans for Spring 2015**

- December/January - Theatre options – RP to provide VJ with options to be advertised immediately
- February - Snowdrop Week in Altamont Gardens, Co Carlow (9th-15th February): MJ and VJ to follow up
- Early and/or late March: Visit to National Gallery and/or Little Museum – KON and NK to come back with proposals
- April
 - Zoo Visit – MJ to ask PW if he would give us a guided tour
 - Golf – GD to investigate possibilities for a TRA match against another association

5. Membership Fees

It was agreed that where a new member joined the Association between 1st September and 31st December in any year, their annual membership fee would cover them until 31st December of the following year (up to sixteen months).

6. Organisation Issues – Website

An email had been circulated outlining issues requiring the attention of the committee, in particular, domain name and hosting options.

It was agreed that the preferred domain name was tcdretired.ie and that a three year hosting package should be chosen.

The Secretary was asked to contact the Pensions Office once the new website was operational and ask them to send the new web address to all pensioners and also to circulate it with information on retirement courses for staff about to retire.

Action List

Equality Fund: VJ to draft submission and circulate to Committee for comment

Christmas Commons: Waiting list applications to be followed up by VJ

Plans for Spring 2015: Theatre – RP

Snowdrop Week – MJ and VJ

National Gallery / Little Museum – NK and KON

Zoo Visit – MJ to make enquiries

Golf Match – GD to make enquiries

Website: VJ and MJ to continue with meetings

VJ to follow up with Pensions Office once new site operational