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Executive Committee

The sixth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 24th September 2014 in Room 4017, Arts Building.

Present: Ruth Potterton (Chair), Gay Duffy (Treasurer), Vivien Jenkins (Secretary), Kay O'Neill, Tommy Murtagh
Apologies: Norah Kelso, Mike Jones

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1. Minutes
The minutes of the meeting of 1st September 2014 were agreed.

2. Matters arising
(a) Co-option of member to Executive Committee: TM reported that he had spoken to the individual concerned and that she was giving the matter some thought.

3. Correspondence
(a) College Secretary: The Secretary had circulated an email from the College Secretary advising that he had included the TRA email address on the circulation list to the College community.
(b) Registrar: The Association had received a request from the Registrar asking to meet with 7-8 of its members as part of the consultation process on Trinity's visual identity. The email had been circulated to the Committee and the Secretary undertook to make contact with individuals to ask if they would participate.

4. IT Training for TRA members
The Secretary reported that IS Services had agreed to facilitate some training sessions for TRA members. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to those who do not use email and ask if they are interested in a Computers for Beginners training session. A second training session for more experienced users was also available and consideration would be given to the possible areas at a later date.

5. Association Activities
(a) ***Report on Existing Activities***

- *Kilkenny trip – 9th September 2014*: The Kilkenny trip had gone well and the 45 participants appeared to enjoy the day. The Treasurer advised that finances for the trip were within budget.
- *Theatre:* The Chairperson advised that she had investigated upcoming events at the National Concert Hall and also in Bord Gais Theatre. Following discussion of the various options presented, it was agreed that she might try to make a group booking for Callas in the NCH on 16th November. If that did not work out, The Mousetrap would be followed up as a second option.
- *Walking:* The Secretary reported that two walks had been held on 3rd September and on 19th September. The first walk was in St Ann's Park, Raheny. It was led by Jim Malone

Permission to use the crest of Trinity College Dublin been given by the College Secretary

and seventeen people had attended. The second walk started in the Irish War Memorial Park, on to Chapelizod and then the Phoenix Park. This was led by Mr Frank Tracy, an experienced walk leader, and eighteen people attended. A further walk was scheduled for 14th October.

(b) ***New Activities***

- *Lectures* - TM confirmed that former Provost Tom Mitchell had agreed to give a talk to the Association in late October. TM agreed to contact Tom Mitchell to ask if either Wednesday 29th or Thursday 30th would be suitable. MJ would be asked to confirm availability of the Botany lecture theatre on these dates. A reception would be held after the lecture.
- *Christmas* – It was suggested that an appropriate Christmas event might be to go to a concert, say in St Ann's in Dawson Street, and then return to the College for a reception. TM agreed to see if there were any forthcoming concerts in St Ann's in Dawson Street in December. KON agreed to check whether the Long Room Hub might be available for a reception. The committee noted issues regarding the holding of receptions in College and provision of catering.
- *Travel – Christmas Markets* – The Secretary had circulated responses from The Travel Department on possible city breaks/Christmas markets in late November/December. The committee agreed to defer any possible travel abroad until the Spring as it was considered that it would be too costly, especially so close to Christmas. Possible options to be explored in the Spring included Amsterdam, Paris, Santiago de Compostela, and the Lake District.

6. Organisational Issues

(a) Accommodation: The Secretary reported that she had written to the Bursar seeking a reply to earlier submissions from the TRA. The Bursar has responded and said that the College was awaiting the development of a dedicated alumni space and that further communication should be via the College's Space Planning Officer.

(b) Website: Following detailed consideration of this item at the previous meeting, the committee agreed that the redevelopment of the website should be proceeded with immediately. The committee noted that the redevelopment would be undertaken by a final year student in Trinity. A member of staff (due to retire next year) who had experience with developing websites had agreed to sit in on meetings.

(c) Financial Report: The Treasurer reported that the balance in the Association's account on 24th September 2014 was €2328.

7. **Any Other Business**

Publication of Committee minutes - It was agreed that once the new website was operational, minutes of the Executive Committee meetings should be published on the website.

Action List

Trinity's Visual Identity:	VJ to contact members of the Association to see if they would be willing to be part of a consultation group to meet with the Registrar.
IT Training:	VJ to write to the 24 members who receive communication via the letter post to see if they were interested in attending a Computers for Beginners course.
Theatre:	RP to make group booking for Callas on 16th November, otherwise to try for The Mousetrap.
Walking:	VJ to organise upcoming walk on 14th October 2014
Lectures:	TM to agree date with Tom Mitchell and check availability of Botany Lecture Theatre with MJ. VJ to advertise and take bookings. MJ to confirm date with Luke O'Neill (end of November)
Christmas:	St Ann's, Dawson Street - TM to see if there are any upcoming concerts of interest. The intention is that this might be followed by a reception afterwards.
Website:	VJ and MJ to proceed to meet with developer and also with current staff member who had agreed to provide assistance.
Co-option to Executive Committee	Awaiting response from one individual.