



Executive Committee

The eleventh meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 11th March 2015 in the Botany Building, College.

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

Apologies: Nap Keeling

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 3rd February 2015 were agreed.

2. Matters arising

(a) *Altamont Garden:* The Secretary reported that the visit to Altamont had gone well and that there had been 39 participants.

(b) *Website security:* Committee members advised that they had heard reports of problems with the security on the Association's website. The Secretary agreed to follow up on this with the developer.

(c) *Travel:* TM advised the committee that he had made some enquiries concerning a trip to Paris in September for three or four nights. Following discussion, he agreed to contact The Travel Department to see what options were available through them.

3. Annual General Meeting

MJ informed the meeting that a member of the Zoology Department, Peter Stafford, had agreed to give a tour of the Zoological Museum starting at 11.10am on the 25th March. Numbers on this tour would be limited to 30.

MJ also agreed to arrange for sandwiches and tea/coffee to be provided in the Botany Meeting Room after the AGM. In order to facilitate catering arrangements, those attending the AGM would be asked to indicate if they would be staying for refreshments after the meeting.

The Secretary agreed to send out a reminder of the date/time of the AGM about a week beforehand.

4. Membership Renewal

The Treasurer and Secretary reported that 151 members had renewed their membership for 2015, representing about 75% renewal. It was agreed that the Secretary should send out a 'Final Reminder' in the following week.

The Committee expressed its satisfaction at the high level of renewal to date and was hopeful that there would be even more renewals before the end of the month.

5. Association Activities

- (a) *Dublin Castle* – KON had confirmed the booking for Wednesday 15th April at 11am. The cost of the private guided tour was €5.50 per person (compared to €8.50 standard)
- (b) *Theatre* – RP outlined the various theatre offerings available in the next few months. Following discussion, it was agreed to reserve 20 seats for a matinee performance of Hedda Gabler in the Abbey Theatre on Wednesday 29th April.
- (c) *National Gallery of Ireland* – NK confirmed Tuesday 12th May for this tour which would be preceded by complimentary tea/coffee in the Friends Room. The Committee confirmed its preference for the Masterpieces tour.
- (d) *Zoo Visit* – VJ confirmed that the Director of Dublin Zoo had agreed to give a guided tour of the Zoo to members of the Association on Monday 25th May at 11am.
- (e) *Golf* – GD confirmed that the golf match between Trinity retired staff and Trinity staff would take place Thursday 18th June in Ashbourne Golf Course.
- (f) *Croquet* – GD to follow up.

6. Correspondence

- (a) *Proposal for lectures/talks*: The Secretary had circulated an email from a member suggesting that the Association might host some lectures or talks. The Committee was reminded that Luke O'Neill had been approached and had agreed to speak at a date to be agreed. The Committee was mindful that it had quite a lot of activities scheduled in the coming months and felt that if it were to proceed to schedule further lectures, it was unlikely that this would happen before September 2015.
 - (b) *Drama Sessions in Trinity*: Correspondence had been circulated from a member interested in providing drama sessions to members in Trinity. As there was little possibility of accommodation becoming available, this could not be proceeded with at this time.
 - (c) *Garden Visit*: Correspondence had been circulated from a member suggesting that we might consider visiting June Blake's garden near Blessington and also the nearby Huntingbrook garden. Consideration would be given at the next meeting as to whether another garden visit should be arranged for the summer months or whether an alternative trip might be considered.
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Action List

Website Security	Secretary to liaise with developer
Travel	TM to investigate further
AGM	MJ to arrange for refreshments Secretary to send out reminder one week before meeting
Membership Renewal	Secretary to send out 'Final Reminder'
Activities	Dublin Castle – 15 th April – KON Theatre – Hedda Gabler 29 th April- RP NGI – 12 th May – NK Zoo Visit – 25 th May - VJ Golf Match – 18 th June - GD Croquet – GD
Correspondence	Secretary to respond to correspondence from members