



## Executive Committee

The twentieth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 2.30pm in Room 4017, Arts Building, College.

*Present:* Mike Jones (chair), Gay Duffy (Treasurer), Vivien Jenkins (Secretary), Kay O'Neill, Joe Carroll, Ruth Potterton, Susan Parkes, Tommy Murtagh

*Apologies:* Norah Kelso

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### 1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 were agreed.

### 2. Matters arising from the Minutes

- (a) *Library Privileges:* RP and KON advised that as far as they understood, consideration was being given within the Library to the extension of privileges to existing and to retired staff and an outcome of discussions was awaited.
- (b) *Creative Writing:* The Secretary reported that she had forwarded a voucher for €150 to KH. SP agreed to contact the creative writing group and advise that no further financial support would be forthcoming from the TRA for this initiative.
- (c) *IT Developments:* This matter had been raised at the AGM where it had been suggested that a lecture or workshop might be offered on new developments in IT. It was agreed that the membership might be invited to indicate their interest in two or three topics and then responses might be reviewed by the committee.
- (d) *IT for Postal Membership:* The Committee was reminded that currently there were 24 members who did not use email and who received all communication through the post. It was agreed to ask the IS Services to provide a course on Gmail and also an introduction to Google for searching the web. It might also be possible for committee members to follow up on a one-to-one basis on Gmail/Google.

### 3. Correspondence

*Retired Staff Association, NUI Galway* – A response had been received from NUIG to say that none of the dates suggested was suitable for a visit to Trinity. It was agreed to return to this matter at the next meeting to try and agree another set of dates for consideration by NUIG Retired Staff Association.

### 4. Organisational Issues

The Secretary advised that she did not intend to put her name forward for election as Secretary in the coming year and she proposed that her current duties might be divided to ensure a more even sharing of responsibilities. She had outlined the duties which she currently held in a circulated paper and had made proposals on how these might be divided across various headings/roles.

Following discussion, it was agreed (all assuming that the committee members indicated would be serving on the committee after the AGM in April 2016)

- a. VJ would continue to look after the website, the walking group, and the email account (the latter if delegated to do so by the Secretary)
- b. NK would take on responsibilities of Membership Secretary (as outlined in the circulated paper)
- c. KON would take on responsibilities of Postal Members' Secretary (as outlined in the circulated paper)
- d. RP agreed to consider taking on the role of Secretary as set out in Constitution.

#### 4. Association Activities

##### (a) Review of Events that have taken place since last meeting

- Guided Walk of Georgian Dublin – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016: This walk was popular and booked out fairly quickly. It had been led by Lorcan O'Meara who had also led a walk of Medieval Dublin last summer. It was agreed to forward to Lorcan a booktoken for €50 as a gesture of thanks.

##### (b) Activities for January- April 2016

- *Backstage tour of the Abbey Theatre*: This was scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> January and the 30 places had all been booked.
- *Abbey Matinee* – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January: Twenty-three members and guests had booked seats for the matinee performance.
- *Travel within Ireland* – Faithlegg House 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March: Ten people had booked rooms in Faithlegg so far.
- *Smock Alley Tour*: This was booked for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The tour would start at 11am followed by lunch at 12.30. A minimum of 20 bookings was required. The cost of the tour+lunch was €17.50 and the Committee had agreed to subsidise the event so that tickets for members would be €15 and non-members would have to pay €17.50.
- *National Concert Hall*: SP agreed to check possible lunchtime performances at NCH.
- *Lecture by Peter Boyle* – TM had emailed PB and was awaiting a reply.
- *Lecture by Ian Robertson* – MJ reported that IR had agreed to give a lecture to TRA members towards the end of April. It was agreed that the lecture might take place at 11am, followed by the AGM at 12 noon and then followed by refreshments. A possible date was Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April – to be confirmed.
- *Spring Garden Tour* – MJ reported that he had been given the name of a contact at Kilmacurragh who might be willing to give TRA members a tour of the garden. It might be possible to visit Mount Ussher in the morning and then travel on to Kilmacurragh in the afternoon. It was not clear whether the café at Mount Ussher would be able to cope with a large group for lunch. Another possibility for lunch was Hunters Hotel in Ashford.
- *National Stud* – VJ agreed to check with local tour operators regarding trips to the National Stud
- *College Collections* – RP agreed to follow up on possible tours of College collections such as the Silver collection and/or the Portraits collection.

#### 5. Other Business

Accounts: The Treasurer reported that at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, the Association had a bank balance of €2081. He was currently finalising the accounts for 2015 and arising from this, he proposed and the committee agreed that charges associated with the Stripe system should be shown as expenditure in the accounts.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 3pm**

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#### Action List

Lecture on IT Developments	MJ to contact IS Services
Retired Staff Association, NUIG	Dates to be agreed
Activities	Lectures – TM to approach PB
	MJ to approach IR
	Spring Garden Tour – MJ to follow up
	National Concert Hall – SP to review programme for lunchtime events
	National Stud – VJ to make enquiries
	College Collections – RP to make enquiries