



Executive Committee

The twenty-second meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 15th March 2016 at 3pm in Room 4017, Arts Building, College.

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

Apologies: Susan Parkes, Ruth Potterton

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 9th February 2016 were agreed.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

- (a) *IT for Postal Membership:* An Email for Beginners course will be offered by IS Services on Tuesday 12th April. The Secretary had written to the 24 'postal' members advertising the course and had received two sign-ups. It was agreed that a reminder should be sent encouraging people to do the course.
- (b) *Lecture on IT Developments:* The Secretary agreed to write to AF who had raised the matter at the last AGM.
- (c) *Possible visit to the National Stud:* NK agreed to make enquiries and bring proposals to the next meeting.

3. Correspondence

- (a) *Retired Staff Association, NUI Galway* – The Treasurer had written to JC in NUIG proposing a visit to Trinity on Monday 4th April and a reply was awaited.
- (b) *Equality Office:* The Equality Officer had proposed a meeting with herself and the Director of Inclusion and Diversity to discuss a document entitled 'Ten Principles of an Age-Friendly University'. The meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday 21st March and committee members attending were MJ, SP and VJ. It was agreed that issues to be raised included the lack of administrative backup and general support from the College and also the allocation of an accommodation base for the Association on the College campus.

4. Membership Renewal

The Secretary reported that to date, 48 people had not renewed their membership of the Association for 2016. A final (third) reminder would be sent out shortly. It was noted that a higher than usual number of College staff were expected to retire in September 2016 and that efforts should be made by the Association to recruit as many as possible members from this cohort.

5. Annual General Meeting

The AGM was scheduled for Thursday 28th April at 12 noon in the Botany Lecture Theatre and papers had to be circulated at least 14 days before the meeting.

Committee members present at the meeting indicated whether they would be prepared to allow their names go forward for election in the coming year and the Secretary agreed to bring nomination papers to the next meeting.

It was agreed that no amendments to the Constitution would be brought forward this year by the Executive Committee.

MJ agreed to check if a room was available for refreshments following the AGM.

Association Activities

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

- *Enniskerry Walk – 22nd February* – This had been very successful with about 20 people attending.
- *Lecture by Peter Boyle – 26th February* – All who attended had agreed that this was an excellent lecture. The Secretary agreed to send a thank you letter and booktoken for €50 to PB.
- *Faithlegg House – 8-10th March* – Seventeen members had booked for the mid-week break in Faithlegg House. Good weather allowed for very pleasant walks in the grounds. Some availed themselves of the leisure facilities at the hotel. Two guided tours had been booked in Waterford for the Wednesday afternoon – the Medieval Museum and the Bishop’s Palace – and both were very good.
- *Smock Alley and Lunch – 15th March* This tour had proved to be very popular and had been enjoyed by all. Twenty-five people had booked this tour but on the day, there were three no-shows. The Treasurer expressed some concern about this as the Association’s subsidy for individual members still had to be paid.

(b) *Future events*

- *National Concert Hall – 22nd April 2016* Twelve bookings had been made so far for the concert on the Life and Music of Edith Piaf.
- *Lecture by Ian Robertson – 28th April 2016* Information on this lecture would be circulated shortly. The lecture would take place at 11am and this would be followed at 12 noon by the AGM which would then be followed by refreshments.
- *Spring Garden Tour* – It was agreed that Kilmacurragh National Botanic Gardens would be a good destination for a coach trip in the week beginning Monday 16th May. MJ suggested that Wicklow Gaol might be visited in the morning and the Secretary agreed to make enquiries.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th April, 2.30pm

Action List

IT for Postal Members	VJ to write to members again encouraging participation
Lecture on IT Developments	VJ to write to AF
Retired Staff Association, NUIG	GD to liaise with NUIG
Membership Renewal	VJ to send final reminder
Annual General Meeting	Secretary to circulate papers 14 days prior to meeting
	MJ to check if a room is available for refreshments after AGM
National Stud	NK to bring proposals to next meeting
Spring Garden Tour - Kilmacurragh	VJ to make enquiries
Lecture by Peter Boyle	VJ to send thank-you letter and booktoken