

Executive Committee.

The Twenty-fifth meeting of the Executive committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 22nd June 2016 at 2.30 in Room 4017, Arts Building, College.

Present: Mike Jones (Chair) Ruth Potterton (Secretary) Gay Duffy (Treasurer) Norah Kelso, Joe Carroll, Kay O'Neill, Vivien Jenkins Susan Parkes and Tom Turpin.

1. Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting of 25th May 2016 were agreed.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes.

a/ I.T. training for more advances internet use. David Hamill has said he would revert to MJ with details/plan of what he suggested could be offered. MJ and VJ agreed to follow up.

b/ Galway assoc. lunch at Christmas had 96 out of 100 members in attendance.

3. Review of Activities.

a/ Croquet cancelled due to bad weather, 9 had signed up. Agreed another date should be sought perhaps 7th July and re-advertise.

b/ Glenree walk 15 signed up might have a couple more on the day.

4. Future Events.

a/ Possible Lunch

SMP reported the 1592 would prefer numbers to be 40 not 50, €22 per person, 3 courses, need to pick a date in September possibly in the middle. Suggest charge €25. Re a speaker for the lunch SMP had contacted Lyn Ruane but had no reply as yet, various other names suggested Jane Grimson, Claire Laudet, Jane Olymeyer, Helen Shelton, agreed SMP should see if Jane Grimson would be free. Agreed first preference for date 12th or 13th September or if not possible maybe the 8th.

b/ Visit to the Dail-Leinster House (NK)

Suggested date mid October the 18th or 20th. Lunch cost €16.95 per person and people pay for their own wine.

c/ Irish Architectural Archive. (NK)

Date 16th November, visit the exhibition and the archive. Max. 25 people tour will be led by Colum O'Riordan and Eddie McParland.

d/ Mushroom Hunt (MJ)

Paul Dowding agreed to lead a mushroom hunt at end of October, venue Deerpark Hotel Howth.

e/ Highgrove.

The dates available for 2017 will not be known until Christmas time. Francis McDonald might agree to escort a group for a fee or could go with the Travel company. This event could be in early Spring possibly with an overnight stay and visit to Bath.

f/ Berlin

This probably be in May dates yet to be confirmed, maybe we should announce the trip in September. Might use Map Travel but need 40 for them or use the Travel dept. but this would be an early morning flight. Possible cost €450 for 3 nights.

g/ Little Museum (KON)

Max for a tour 40 people, tour takes 30 mins. There are stairs and no lifts, cost €6 per person €5 if you book online. Maybe combine this with a visit to somewhere else eg. the College of Surgeons or College of Physicians or Iveagh House or Newman House. Suggested time for this event February.

h/ GPO 1916 (KON)

Cost €11.25 per person for guided tour max 35 people, the tour lasts 1 hour. Suggested have this visit the 2nd week in January.

i/ Christmas Commons (NK)

NK agreed to investigate booking and costs.

j/Theatre Outing.

Possibly have an outing in November to a matinee in the Abbey.

k/Glasnevin Cemetery (MJ)

Maybe an outing for next Spring.

l/Lambay Island. (VJ)

Travel by boat but boat only takes 6 people, visit more in the line of a nature walk. VJ will investigate.

5. Accommodation Request.

Nothing further to report , VJ had written with suggested dates for a meeting but no reply has been received. VJ will write again. Committee wondered what had happened to the accommodation in Fenian St which the Lady Graduates had used. There is a new College Bursar MJ agreed to talk to the Bursar about the matter.

6. Any other Business.

a/ Possibly try to have some lectures, one in April next year when out of term Easter is 17th April. Catherine Giltrap might give a talk on some aspects of the College collections RP to contact her. Roger Stalley might give a lecture SMP to ask him.

b/Idea maybe to have a tour and talk in the Science gallery, Lyn Scaife is the new Director MJ to contact.

c/Possibly a talk on TAP, would such a talk attract an audience, SMP to contact Cliona.

d/UCD retired staff association, do they actually exist RP to investigate.

7. Next Meeting.

Tuesday 26th July 2016 at 2.30