

## ***Trinity Retirement Association***

The fourth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in the Arts Building Coffee Dock.

*Present:* Mary Coffey, Gay Duffy (Treasurer), Vivien Jenkins (Secretary), Mike Jones, Kay O'Neill

*Apologies:* Ruth Potterton, Norah Kelso, Tommy Murtagh, Nap Keeling

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### **1. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were agreed.

### **2. Matters arising**

Any matter arising was dealt with under the relevant heading below.

### **3. Association Activities**

(a) *Review of Sports Centre Open Morning 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014:* This morning had gone well with about 20 members attending. There had been a tour of the centre followed by an exercise class. It was suggested that the Association should try and book an Over 50s class specifically for TRA members in the autumn.

(b) *Walking Tour of TCD buildings 10<sup>th</sup> June:* The Secretary reported that there were currently 33 bookings for this tour. She had written to Dr McParland to confirm arrangements and numbers.

(c) *Theatre Outings:* A list of names of the 30+ people who had responded to the email together with their comments had been circulated. One of the suggestions made by a member was that the Association should consider the National Concert Hall, particularly the National Symphony Orchestra concerts on Friday nights. It was agreed that this should be explored further as well as the theatre possibilities. In the discussion, the importance of internet banking was acknowledged for bookings such as these and the Treasurer undertook to make the necessary arrangements.

The Executive confirmed that the sub-group's membership would be Mary Coffey, Gay Duffy and Rose Kevany. The Secretary undertook to write to members advising them of the names of those on the sub-group and stating that further contact on this matter would be made shortly.

(d) *Proposed outing to Kilkenny City or Belvedere House – provisionally scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> July:* Outline information and web addresses of sights to see in Kilkenny and Belvedere together with rough costings had been circulated by the Secretary. The Executive agreed that Kilkenny was the preferred destination and that the visit should be postponed until September. Kay O'Neill and Vivien Jenkins agreed to work on this initiative and the Executive agreed, as a general rule, that two members of the Executive should share the work on all events. The Secretary drew attention to another regular trip by a travel company to Kilkenny City which also included a guided trip to Glendalough and it was agreed that this should also be investigated.

(e) *Email proposing establishment of social cycling group:* The Secretary advised that she had received an email from John Miller stating his interest in establishing a social cycling group. It was agreed that this should be circulated to the members.

#### **4. Organisational Issues - accommodation and use of College crest – draft letters circulated for comment and possible revision**

(a) *Crest and Accommodation*: The Executive approved the draft letters that had been circulated by the Secretary and agreed that they should be sent to the College Secretary and to the Bursar (who chaired the College committee on space allocation).

(b) *Website*: It was suggested that the Executive should consider employing a person (perhaps a student) to develop the website as this was one of our primary means of interacting with the membership. MJ stated that he would try to find out how much this might cost.

#### **5. Any Other Business**

(a) *'Let's Walk and Talk'*: The Secretary reported that she had received a leaflet from Dublin City Council on its Walk and Talk programme for the summer of 2014. These were scheduled guided walks offered by the City Council which were free of charge. It was agreed that the leaflet should be circulated to the members for information.

(b) *News Bulletin*: It was suggested that the Executive should prepare an information sheet, perhaps every two months, outlining what has been happening in the Association. This might be seen as a forerunner of the Newsletter, which may be developed in the future. Members of the Executive would take turns in drafting the bulletin, which would be from the Chairperson to the membership. Mary Coffey agreed to prepare the first bulletin, which might be sent out in July.

(c) *Name Tags*: A request had come in from one member requesting that name tags or even identifying sticky labels (e.g. labels saying 'TRA') be worn by TRA members at various events. There was little support for this proposal and it was agreed not to implement it at this time.

(d) *Letter to the Provost*: It was suggested that the Chairperson should write to the Provost updating him on the activities of the Association.