



Executive Committee

The fifteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 8th July 2015 in Room 4017, Arts Building, College.

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

Apologies: Joe Carroll, Ruth Potterton, Susan Parkes

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 17th June 2015 were agreed.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Car Parking: The Secretary had circulated a response that she had received from the College authorities regarding car parking in the evening/weekends. The College's position was that, given the number of retirees and the administration involved in overseeing parking, it was not possible to offer this facility. The Secretary agreed to advise members of the College's response.

Library Privileges: This matter had also been raised at the AGM and RP had agreed to draft an email for circulation to the membership.

Golf: The golf match between TRA members and current TCD staff had taken place on 18th June and the day had gone well. There had been a disappointing number of TRA participants.

3. Correspondence

(a) *Creative Writing:* The Secretary had circulated copies of the fourteen expressions of interest regarding creative writing. On the basis of this response, it was agreed to make contact with those involved in the MPhil in Creative Writing about the possibility of offering a two/three hour workshop for interested TRA members. TM agreed to make contact with staff from the MPhil programme with a view to setting up the workshop in the second half of September. The Committee agreed that payment should be offered for the workshop.

4. Association Activities

(a) Plans for September to December 2015

- Budapest Christmas Markets, 26-29 November – Thirty places had been booked on The Travel Department's trip to Budapest. Information had been circulated to the membership with a closing date for bookings of 10th July. NK reported that there were 15 bookings so far for the trip. A member had sought clarification on the extent to which those travelling would act as a group when away. Following discussion, it was agreed that on the first evening away, a group dinner would be organised. On the second day, the Travel Department had organised a sightseeing trip in the morning, and it was agreed that there should be a group dinner in the evening. On the third day, another sightseeing tour would be organised and people would have the rest of the day free. Participants were of course

free to opt out of group activities. The flight home was at about 12noon on the fourth day. The Secretary agreed to circulate this clarification to the membership.

- Possible Paris trip – TM offered to explore this further and to circulate proposals to the Committee.
- Newgrange- 1st September 2015: VJ had circulated a draft email and enclosures regarding the trip to Newgrange and Argillan, together with outline costings. The Committee agreed the draft and also agreed a subsidy of up to €200. It was noted that the trip would be offered only on the basis of a minimum of 30 bookings.
- Theatre – RP had circulated an email with various suggestions. It was agreed that *The Curious Incident of the Dog ...* might be a possibility and VJ agreed to liaise with RP on the matter. It was suggested that it might be possible to organise an Early Bird dinner or book an area at the theatre for private drinks (to be followed up on once the actual theatre has been decided upon). There was also some interest in RP's suggestion that *The Importance of Being Earnest* might be a possible Christmas outing and this would be returned to at the next meeting.
- Lectures – The Chair reported that both JM and LO'N had agreed to give a lecture to TRA members. He would contact them again to agree dates.
- Half-day trips in Dublin: KON had been in touch with the Chester Beatty Library regarding a possible booking in November. The maximum number in a guided tour of the Library was 15, though two guides could be booked if necessary. KON agreed to contact the Library again to confirm the booking.
- Lecture on IT Developments – to be followed up in the autumn.

5. Organisational Issues

- (a) *Upcoming retirements:* The Secretary agreed to contact the Pensions Manager about the possibility of including a TRA 'Flyer' in the retirement packs for upcoming retirees.
- (b) *Retirements in 2015:* It was not possible to obtain information on this due to privacy issues.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 15th September, 11am

Action List

Travel	TM to circulate proposals on possible Paris Trip VJ to circulate members re clarification on Budapest trip
Library Privileges	RP to draft email for circulation to membership
Car Parking	VJ to advise membership of response from College
Activities	Coach trip on 1 st September– VJ+KON Creative Writing – TM to contact personnel on MPhil prog Theatre/Concerts/Musicals – RP + SP Lectures – MJ to follow up Chester Beatty Library – KON to make booking
Flyer for upcoming retirees	VJ to write to Pensions Manager