



## Executive Committee

The twenty-first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 3pm in Room 4017, Arts Building, College.

*Present:* Mike Jones (chair), Gay Duffy (Treasurer), Vivien Jenkins (Secretary), Norah Kelso, Joe Carroll, Ruth Potterton, Tommy Murtagh

*Apologies:* Kay O'Neill, Susan Parkes

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### 1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were agreed.

### 2. Matters arising from the Minutes

- (a) *Creative Writing:* The Secretary reported that KH was no longer available to work with the group, however, the ten members had since met on one occasion and it was hoped that this would continue.
- (b) *Lecture on IT Developments:* The Secretary agreed to send a draft to the committee for comment prior to circulation to the membership.
- (c) *IT for Postal Membership:* The Chair had been in contact with David Hamill of IS Services who would be providing a course on Email for Beginners. A date for the course had yet to be agreed.
- (d) *Organisational Issues:* Further to the discussion at the previous meeting about a more equal distribution of responsibilities, RP agreed to allow her name to go forward for election as Secretary of the Association at the next AGM.  
It was agreed that efforts should be made to attract new members to the committee who would be willing to take on Officership roles and other responsibilities in subsequent years.

### 3. Correspondence

*Retired Staff Association, NUI Galway* – This had yet to be followed up.

### 4. Association Activities

- (a) *Review of Events that have taken place since last meeting*
    - *Backstage Tour of the Abbey Theatre - 18<sup>th</sup> January:* Thirty people had booked this tour and the event went well.
    - *Phoenix Park Walk – 27<sup>th</sup> January:* There was a low turnout for this walk as the weather was bad.
    - *Abbey Matinee – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January:* Twenty-three members and guests had booked seats for the matinee performance. There were two cancellations on the day however the Treasurer had been successful in negotiating a credit with the Abbey against future bookings. In the circumstances, it was agreed that the two individuals should be refunded.
  - (b) *Future events*
    - *Travel within Ireland – Faithlegg House 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March:* Seventeen bookings had been made with Faithlegg. As check-in time was 3pm, it was agreed that those taking the train should be advised to take the 1315hrs train which reached Waterford at 1525hrs. A taxi will be booked to take them to Faithlegg.
    - *Smock Alley Tour:* This was booked for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and would be advertised shortly.
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- *Lecture by Peter Boyle – 26<sup>th</sup> February* – This lecture had been advertised and there were about 25 bookings so far. It was agreed that a €50 booktoken should be forwarded to PB following the lecture.
- *Lecture by Ian Robertson* – MJ reported that IR had agreed to give a lecture to TRA members on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. This would be followed at 12 noon by the AGM which would then be followed by refreshments. MJ agreed to check if a room in Physics might be available for the refreshments.
- *Spring Garden Tour* – MJ agreed to contact Kilmacurragh/OPW about booking a tour in the week of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Once this was in place, the committee would consider whether a second garden tour might be arranged for the other half of the day.
- *National Concert Hall*: VJ circulated information on a NCH lunchtime concert on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 on the Life and Music of Edith Piaf. It was agreed that the Association should reserve tickets for this performance.
- *College Collections* – RP agreed to contact CG to see if some tours of College collections might be arranged.
- *National Stud* – VJ had circulated information on a tour to the National Stud operated on a daily basis by a private tour operator. It was agreed to return to this item at the next meeting to discuss whether this should be offered to members in early April.

## 5. Other Business

(a) *Profile of the Association*: The Committee agreed the following suggestions made by NK regarding the profile of the Association: the inclusion of an entry on the Association in the University Calendar; an advertisement in *Trinity Today* raising awareness of the existence of the Association; and the inclusion of a footer on standard emails from the Association to include contact details and web address. NK agreed to follow up on the first two items.

Arising from this discussion, it was suggested that the Association might consider writing to the Irish Universities Association (the representative body for the seven universities in Ireland) on the provision of support for Retirement Associations in the Universities.

(b) *1916 Commemorations*: It was reported that a GPO Exhibition - *Witness History* – will open on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and it was agreed to circulate the membership nearer the time.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm**

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### Action List

Lecture on IT Developments	VJ to draft email for circulation
Retired Staff Association, NUIG	Dates to be agreed
Activities	Faithlegg – VJ to write to participants in advance of travel
	Smock Alley – KON/VJ to follow up
	Spring Garden Tour – MJ to follow up – week of Monday 16 May
	College Collections – RP to make enquiries
	NCH – VJ to book tickets and advertise
	Calendar Entry and <i>Trinity Today</i> – NK to follow up
	AGM 28 <sup>th</sup> April – MJ to check room for refreshments afterwards