

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009 @7PM  
EAST COMMITTEE ROOM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS  
EARLE STREET  
CREWE**

**APOLOGIES**

Peter Kay, Cllr. Betty Howells, Ray Stafford.

**PRESENT**

Clive Mosby (Chair), Ann and Maurice Jones, Jill and John Oakes, Wendy and Lindsay Johns, Mick Roberts, Barbara Colbert, Trevor and Carol Lightfoot. Representatives from Crewe Male Voice Choir, George Carter. The Scouts, Dave Hollinshead, Clive made both welcome.

Dave Hollinshead representing the Scouts informed the committee that Jim Grant had passed away. Jim had been the Scouts' representative on the CANTA Committee. The funeral was to take place at St. Marys' Church, Wistaston on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm and afterwards at the Crematorium. Donations to Leukaemia Research. The committee agreed that a cheque for £20 be sent with a card.

**MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Maurice has obtained the dates for the Accordion Band Concert in Bischofsheim as 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Carol asked to get in touch with the Normid 2000 Brass Band and ask if they were interested in taking part.

A letter was sent out to all members asking for more involvement in the social side of CANTA and also asking for members to become involved in organising the Summer School there was a very poor response to this request. Only one person responded.

All agreed that the minutes were a true and correct record.

**TREASURERS AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT (WENDY)**

The current account shows an actual balance of £2345.93

The deposit account shows a balance of £6914.56

Wendy stated that we have not received the grant previously promised from the Council. Clive has spoken to Cllr. Brian Silvester and has also emailed the Chief Executive of Cheshire East Council.

CANTA membership on record at the end of September 2009 is:

Single membership x 38

Family membership x 0

Corporate membership x 2

## **WEBSITE**

Peter has sent his apologies. By email he has said that the web has been updated and that the visit to Crewe and Nantwich by the agricultural engineering students from Macon is now featured. Tom Pilkington who now lives in Macon but lived in Crewe and twinned with Macon back in the late fifties has sent photos' and information of his twinning visits and they can now be seen on the website.

Peter asks again if anyone has any items of interest or photographs which he can put on the website.

## **SOCIAL**

The line dance had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

Due to lack of support by the members it was decided not to form a social committee.

The Hoe Down plus Hot Pot Supper is booked for January 10<sup>th</sup> 2010. It will be held at Willaston Club. Ticket price has yet to be decided.

Mick Roberts suggested that perhaps we could use a Charity Shop to raise funds but the other members thought that this would entail a lot of time and effort.

Barbara said that we could have a stall at Wybunbury Christmas Fair on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November. The members thought that we could use some of the sweets previously bought and do a 'Spin and Win'. Other ideas were a Tombola or Bric a Brac stall.

## **TWINNING ACTIVITIES (Clive)**

A group of young Polish footballers from Dzierzoniow are coming over on October 26<sup>th</sup> 2009 as guests of the Guy Harvey Youth Club. The cost of entertaining them will average £600. Wendy proposed that CANTA sponsor them for the full amount. Maurice proposed that we obtain a breakdown of costs before we give them the money. Clive said he would get in touch with the Guy Harvey Club and ask for a detailed list of costs and would inform the committee within the week so that a decision could be made. Wendy suggested we purchase a trophy to be presented to the winning team.

The Scout Group in Dzierzoniow are keen for a group of scouts from Crewe and Nantwich to visit them next year.

## **AOB**

Clive gave a very informative talk with slide show (IN FRENCH) to the French Circle. He spoke about recent visits to Macon and about Macon and its wine area. He told them about the Summer School which they run each year and said as soon as we had next years' itinerary we would let them have the information. At the end of the talk the members were treated to a glass of Macon rouge.

A letter from Alan Wicks, National Co-ordinator for the UK Town Twinning Portal was read out.

This letter relates to new laws which are being introduced to increase child safety and means that according to the Independent Safeguarding Agency (ISA) they will be demanding that anyone involved directly with children other than their own offspring will be required to have a criminal record check (CRB). All members were extremely concerned after reading the letter. (Any member not having read the letter can read it on the website [www.canta.org.uk](http://www.canta.org.uk) ). It was

suggested that as an organisation who becomes involved with youngsters we should raise our concerns by writing to our local MP.

Carol was asked to arrange a meeting with Nathalie Ormarod and Trevor Brown from MMU to arrange the Summer School for next year and hopefully be able to advertise it early in the new year. It was decided to open the summer school up to Macon, Bischofsheim and Dzierzoniow.

Trevor said it would be nice if we could plan an informal visit to Bischofsheim next year. All at the meeting thought this a good idea. It was decided to send out a letter to all members and corporate members to see how much interest there would be. The closing date to reply would be Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.40pm.