

Queen Elizabeth (Kensington) Branch, KCLA

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday 20th June 2007

Time: 6.30 pm.

Place: Le Pain Quotidien, Festival Walk, London SE1.

Apologies: Lyn Embling, Gary Thomas, Pat Mills, Hilary Phillips, Pat Cox

Present: Ann Wood (Chair), John Brockhouse, Helen Parsons, Audrey Stubbs, Henry Embling.

Minutes

Matters arising from minutes of Committee Meeting on 28th February 2007.

There were no matters arising from the February meeting that were not discussed later in this meeting.

Correspondence

Ann Wood has received no relevant correspondence from members or KCLA.

Several new people have joined the association via the website.

Treasurer's report

Everything is in order. It is still taking some time for bills and invoices to come through from Kings Hospitality services due to their lack of organisation. Audrey asked Committee members to put in any outstanding requests for expenses. This will be Audrey's last committee meeting as treasurer and the committee thanked her for her dedication and hard work over the very many years she has acted as treasurer.

Envoy

Henry was concerned that contributions for the 2007 issue were very meagre and that Lyn would have difficulties in putting together anything substantial. In some instances the website was being used by members as a means to communicate; but the committee are aware that there is still a significant number of members who have no or limited access to the internet and so Envoy was a valuable and valued way for these members to stay in touch. Despite the deadline for contributions being Jun / July Henry said that this could be extended by a short while in the hope that more material might be forthcoming. The committee discussed possible inclusions. As mentioned in February minutes, Lyn has prepared a report of Keith's talk and this included some

photographs from Ann. Ann is continuing to work on a brief history of Microbiology at QEC but the day job is slowing progress.

Website News

The website continues to be well used by members. Gary sent an update showing the number of visitors to the site, ranging between 500 and 1500 a month. He has been adding new material as members have sent in reminiscences and photographs. He reports a steady trickle of Envoy downloads.

Annual reunion. September 2007.

This is to be on Saturday 29th September (Michaelmas!) starting with coffee available from 10.30 am in the Old Committee Room, Strand Campus. Professor Catherine Geissler will then give the talk in an adjacent lecture room. Ann showed the committee photographs of the rooms and it was agreed that these seemed very suitable. This will be followed by lunch in the River Room at 1.00 pm and the AGM will start at 2.30 pm. Ann checked again with the committee on the choice of menu and the costs for the date. The committee chose; ham or salmon, a selection of salads, French bread with butter, cheesecake and coffee!

Henry commented on the advantages of having a coat rail and Ann will look into this and also check arrangements for locking rooms when not being used.

Speakers for future annual reunions were discussed. Potential people included: Clive Wilkinson (ex Physics); Pat Gavin (ex Physics); Barbara Scott (ex KCHSS and ex Pro-Chancellor of York University); Andrew Birch (ex Microbiology, now cartoonist); Andy Bearpark CBE (ex Chemistry); Geoff Copland (VC Westminster University).

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John reported on the Alumni weekend (9/10th June) which had been very successful as in previous years. We had not contributed to any events but hoped to do another Reunion Walk in Kensington in June 2008.

Date and time of next Committee meeting

Wednesday 30th January 2008. Le Pain Quotidien, Festival Walk, 6.30 pm.