

Queen Elizabeth (Kensington) Branch, KCLA

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday 30th January 2008

Time: 6.30 pm.

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

Apologies: Gary Thomas, Barbara McClellan

Present: Ann Wood (Chair), John Brockhouse, Helen Parsons, Lyn Embling, Hilary Phillips, Henry Embling, Mike Derome, Pat Cox

Minutes

Matters arising from minutes of previous Committee Meeting

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

Correspondence

There has been an exchange of emails between Ann and Gary with reference to items for the website. There has been no feedback to Ann after the annual meeting, nor has she received any comments on the arrangements. An estate agent in Kensington Church Street had contacted Ann. He wanted memorabilia for the Philimores!

Treasurer's report

Pat has received all the necessary papers from Audrey and her name is now on the chequebook. The balance stands at £2439.07. It is a Nationwide account and all the monies are in the single account. We owe the payment for 2 reunions which should be around £2000. Henry passed some Envoy cheques across to Pat to the value of £10 but later in the meeting Henry reported that we should reimburse 3 people for Envoy subscriptions. Henry will contact the people concerned to see whether they require a refund or whether they are willing to donate the amount to association funds. Ann will chase the bills for 2005 and 2007, the 2 bills still outstanding. She will write to Sally Ford to get invoices for both reunions She felt that the loss for 2007 will be about £250, about the same as for 2005. Reunions have been running at a loss for some years now and the committee will need to change the cost charged to members to a more realistic amount. Most members present felt that it would be futile to continue to pursue either the pictures or the value of the pictures from Duane as several unsuccessful attempts had already been made and in any case the value is not so great to substantially affect the financial status of the association. Pat however was still keen to pursue this line and Ann passed details of a contact, Sally Ford at the

Alumni office. John said that John McLoughlin (former head of Alumni Relations) had attempted to contact Duane in 2006 and, as we'd not heard anything further, assumed this had not been successful. He said that he would contact John (McLoughlin) to check how he had got on and let Pat know. Ann suggested sending a letter by recorded delivery to Duane.

Envoy

There was nothing to report on Envoy. There are some obituaries to go in. Gary has put an obituary for Howard Dalton on the website and Ann will look for some pictures for Envoy. Lyn will include a report of Catherine Geissler's talk. Ann is organising a reunion in June but Envoy may be coming out too late for this.

Website News

There has been no additional communication. David volunteered to assist with website; he runs a computer company. He suggested that we could have a member's only section, which he may be able to arrange, and he would have the professional expertise to set this up.

Annual reunion - 4 October 2008.

Ann has booked rooms; the Old Committee Room and the River Room. The lecture will be in the next door room as it was for Martin Hughes's lecture. The committee decided that it was necessary to increase the cost to members in order to make sure that we do not incur any further losses, as there are no longer funds to cover this. The cost will be £30. The AGM will take place at the very start before the lecture running from 11.30 to 12.00. This will be followed by the talk then lunch. It was thought that visitors would all need to be sent a decent map from us. We shall put a map in with the tickets. Ann will endeavour to make sure that appropriate signs are displayed and there were none last year. It was also thought that we should write out a set of instructions / directions for members so that they would not get lost or be uncertain where to go.

Various members in different year groups offered to contact their year groups. Lyn probably has a list of the volunteer's names as she kindly took the minutes in Helen's absence. Henry therefore will link year reps with alumni as he has the list of contacts. Henry is sending a list of the 70's alumni to Mike Barker.

There is no speaker booked as yet. Henry is chasing Clive Wilkinson for next year (2009) but he cannot do 2008. Helen suggested David Bender but Ann said he was unsuitable, as we should have a physicist or mathematician next to redress balance towards biological/chemical sciences. Henry suggested Geoff Copland, a physicist and Henry will write to him if necessary (see below) Audrey may have contacts. Ann will contact Bob Price, her preferred speaker this year. Henry will get Geoff's details ready and wait to hear from Ann whether they are needed. Andrew Birch who is a cartoonist living in Spain may be a possibility as a speaker in future years.

Henry will email all members who are online to gauge interest in the Annual reunion and will repeat the exercise after Easter to maintain the profile. It was felt that the AGM should be kept short. For most members the purpose of the reunion is to catch up with old friends and have time for conversation and the AGM and the lecture are secondary to this.

Ann is attempting to organise a reunion for Microbiology 1973. She has emailed fellow students to gauge support and to date 9 people, including Andrew Birch have expressed interest and the date has been set as the 29th June 2008. Ann has not yet decided exactly how to manage the reunion itself.

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Jennifer Garner, head of King's alumni has been in contact with John. She is appreciative of our reunions and passed on some information about the current successes of Kings. Ann emailed the Principal with reference to Howard Dalton and a tribute should appear in In Touch. The Dean was present at Fred Armitage's funeral and college may put on a memorial service. The funeral was very well attended.

Date and time of next Committee meeting

Wednesday 21st May 2008. The committee thought that they might hold this next meeting in the foyer bar of the Festival Hall as the Pain Quotidien was rather noisy and the Festival Hall foyer might be quieter. We could get some snacks to eat if we wanted.