

Minutes of the SPAN meeting held on 10th June 2024 held in St Peter's Church Hall

The meeting started with the SPAN Prayer.

Attendance Paul Hayden (Secretary), Michael Barker (Treasurer), Roger Elson.

Apologies Jenny Armstrong (Chair), Caroline (Vice Chair) and Paul Manning, Mary and Jonathan Holden, Patrick Reddin, David Burton, Fr Stephen Day, Fr David Hartley, Jeanette Davison, Anne Elson, Clare Burdett.

Minutes of the last meeting were circulated, approved and signed.

Matters arising: The request for SPAN funding to assist the Pastimes Warm Hub has been withdrawn.

Summary of Correspondence: NB* means - attachment supplied for the meeting.

- **Vincent Ulargiw, Vulnerable student scheme** Fr Mayele, Uganda *, dated 18th May 2024. See attached.
- **Shona Hickey, Temwa ***, dated 20th May 2024. Thanks for latest Frank Garvey legacy money and a brief case study report.
- **Kieran McGerty, Young People First**, dated 22nd May 2024. "We cannot thank you and all at SPAN for this contribution - it's transformative. We are providing food every week, chosen by our young people, and they are absolutely loving it. It is obvious to see many of them are from households suffering food poverty, so coming to us and eating hot food supplemented with fresh fruit is so important."
- **May Mak, Five Talents ***, dated 22nd May 2024. "Thank you SPAN for your generosity in supporting Five Talents and our partnership programmes this year. I am delighted to enclose a formal letter of receipt and thanks for your records. I will be in touch again later this year with any updates.
- **Sally Harrison, Chair of Trustees at EmpoweringKidsInKenya ***, dated May 2024. Thank you so very much for your amazing donation for the children at Bombolulu Secondary School. If you are in a position to help further, I should be grateful if you would consider supporting the purchase of a batch or two of second-hand reading books now that they can read at home. This will help their overall knowledge and hopefully give them the joy of reading. The cost is just £100 per batch. THANK YOU
- **Finlay Cameron, CAFOD ***, dated 24th May 2024. Thanks for supporting the CAFOD Sudan appeal with £ 500 and £ 100 for Darfur.
- **Robert Caracache, House of Light and Hope**, dated 26th May 2024. "Dear brothers and sisters at SPAN, and dear parishioners. Greetings in the name of the Lord, we hope that you are all well, We join you in celebrating your fiftieth anniversary in the service of the Lord and the needy, asking the Lord that the next 50 years will be even more blessed, prosperous and fruitful than the first fifty years. Your donation of 2258 GBP has safely arrived."
- **Angela Docherty, New Ways ***, dated May 2024. Appealing for a new bore hole. SPAN sent £ 235 in May 2015.
- **Sr. Angela Colombi, Comboni Sisters**, dated 28th May 2024. "Today we received in our bank account your donation. It will proceed for the registration and pass this donation to the Sisters in Karak. We are not anymore working in Amman at the Italian Hospital. Many thanks and all god's blessings."
- **Steve Wicking, Global Care ***, dated week 20th May 2024. Letter of thanks re latest Frank Garvey legacy monies and for his visit to us last month.
- **Jeanette Davison.** "Thank you and many congratulations to all who made Friday's celebration evening so happy and memorable! It was such an enjoyable occasion and everyone seemed to have such a lovely time. The atmosphere was great, the food wonderful, the entertainment lovely and the way the event was organised was so well done. It will be remembered by everyone. Not least, I imagine, by all who worked so hard to make it so successful! Thank you, too, for the beautiful flowers, and for the kindness and consideration shown to the older members of SPAN – we were very touched!"

[These comments reflected those of people the Committee have met since Friday]

Finance - Comments by Michael on the May 2024 Accounts

There is **£1,422 available this month for appeals** due largely to the quarterly investment income of £ 978. There are two outstanding payments still being processed £ 2,000 for the Night Shelter and an overseas payment of £ 344.84. A cheque for £ 5,775 has been send to Coco's Foundation to pay for their recently acquired vehicle (to appear in next month's accounts). A Gift Aid rebate of around £ 6,200 will also arrive next month. £ 200 was agreed for the use of the Parish Hall for the celebration evening. Several people / groups donated their fees. An early estimate was that £ 1,200 was raised.

[£ 305.84 will be added to amounts earmarked for hospitals at Nyenga, Uganda and Ortum, Kenya.]

Appeals – * indicates that attachments with further details were sent out ahead of the meeting,

- **Health Promotion and Development Organization, * NEW.** Appeal by **Pa Yusupha Sowe** to attend four weeks training on International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance (IDHA) The course is schedule to take place in Amman, Jordan. **Agreed not to support.**
- **Deki ***. Deki provides access to ethical micro-loans, alongside business and community development training in Togo, West Africa. Focusing on women, we provide gender rights education, empowering women to become leaders in their homes and communities and becoming role models for the next generation. **£ 400 Agreed.**
- **New Ways ***. "New Ways focusses on health and development projects predominantly in Turkana, Kenya. Areas of focus: Nutritional Nursery Schools which provides basic nutritional support and healthcare to under 6's to improve life expectancy. Development the water infrastructure (dams, bore holes with either hand pumps or wind pumps). Education and Empowerment of the local people through agriculture and fishing." **£ 400 Agreed.**
- **Medair UK ***. "Medair UK provides human and material resources in support of the multisectoral relief and recovery projects coordinated by Medair. Medair is a humanitarian organisation, inspired by Christian faith, to relieve human suffering in some of the world's most remote and devastated places. Medair helps families in crisis, regardless of race, creed or nationality, survive and recover with dignity." **£ 400 Agreed.**
- **Kindaid** for St Theresa Mission Hospital in Kiirua, Kenya in recognition of their Centenary. **£ 200 Agreed.**
- **CAFOD** for Darfur, Sudan. **£ 100 Agreed.**

Any Other Business:

New Chapters have received the keys of their new property, a property formerly student accommodation. Some work to convert some rooms is needed before it can have its first clients.

SPAN celebrated 50 years Friday 7th June Celebration Evening Event. Many thanks to so many people who helped create a wonderful evening. Jim for compering, drummers, dancers, singers and staff from St Joseph's School, Noel leading the sing along, those who prepared food, ran the kitchen, the bar, set up, cleared up, sorted the raffle or helped coordinate the activities. There were too many to mention individuals but there was a great buzz about the evening and we will remember it. Thank you.

Kindaid events coming soon

Cream tea concert: Sunday 23rd June 2024 afternoon

Next Family Breakfast: Saturday 6th July, 10 -12

The meeting finished with a prayer.

The next meeting will be on Monday, 8th July 2024 starting at 7.30 p.m. in St Peter's Hall.