

MINUTES OF THE U3A GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 16TH
SEPTEMBER 2021 AT THE CAFE BELOW SALON BLAU, CASA DE
CULTURA, CALPE

After the terrible shock that we were not able to have the Salon Blau today because it had not been booked by the person responsible for booking the hire of rooms for our meetings due to a misunderstanding We were able to have the Cafe below the Salon Blau so our meeting went ahead.

The Meeting opened at.10.15am

Apologies for absence were received from Jan Luxton, Verity Waddel and Guy de Meester.

The Minutes from the last General Meeting were taken as read and Proposed by Betty Gower and Seconded by Reeta Jackson.

The President spoke about our help to get food for the 41 babies of Calpe born into poverty and commented that we had gathered enough food to last for 3 weeks. This is an ongoing problem for the Cruz Roja and we had a collection which gave them another 70 odd Euros. The Cruz Roja has requested that we make our Toy collection at Christmas time to include babies and toddlers too. The President then thanked all the Group Leaders who had managed to continue their groups during the hot summer months and also mentioned the leader of JUGS Just our Girls, Anita Sanchez she kept going all through the summer. Also mentioned was Leader of Mens Dining who managed to keep the men eating all through summer without a break - and all from UK, well done!

Travel Kerry and Freda were intending to have a talk after this meeting to try and organise some trips for us all.

Groups Co ordinator Pam reported that there is a new Yoga class starting and hosted by Yoga Ted for people who are disabled at all. It will be in Casa de Cultura on Saturdays. Hillary Hare is continuing with her Water Color classes and the Book Club and Writing Clubs are still as popular as always hosted by our Vice President Wendy Down.

Padel and Table Tennis are still going strong. and Cycling Group resumes on Sundays.

Membership. We now have 400 paid up members with 9 new members during the summer break and 4new ones today.

Renewals for every member will now be in January.

Guy our Webmaster has reported that we will have a new Domain on our Website starting in the near future which will make a saving of approx 600€ per annum.

Liam said that if anyone receives an email from him asking for money it is a scam.

Treasurer: We have 2489.70€ in the Kuxta Bank, 362.04€ in Petty Cash and a total

of 2851.74€. We are down 146.49€ from the previous General Meeting in June 2021. Whilst it is a deficit, it is not considered significant. We expect an influx of member renewal subscriptions in January 2022 and this should restore the situation.

The deficit is largely due to our donation of 100€ to the Cruz Roja Espana baby materials appeal. This donation has been made up by using surplus 50€ collected for the 2020 Christmas Toy Collection, the 20€ donated on behalf of Jenny O'Neill and other contributions Guy 25€ and John 5€ to round it up to 100€. We are currently not receiving many renewal and new member subscriptions whilst, due to coronavirus restrictions, we have been obliged to suspend many u3a activities, resulting in little expenditure at this time. The financial situation Note the above does NOT include the membership float (100€ or travel a/c funds or any new member or renewal subscriptions collected at this General Meeting. Nor does it include any expenses incurred at this General Meeting.

Forecast significant pending income/expenditure within the next month : nil.

Choir Mistress: Mary reported that the Choir had restarted again last night. Good fun had by all. At the October Meeting the Choir will be singing, as our Speaker for that meeting in tribute to Jenny O'Neill a popular member who died earlier this year. The Choir needs more men! We have one new man and need more! They rehearse/meet each Wednesday between 6 - 7.30pm in the Civic Centre so come along and join in. We need a new piano stool as our one has disappeared over the summer break. We have our Christmas Carol Concert on 25th November so we will be practising for that. Also we need a new pianist urgently.

Publicist. David takes photos for our group to be published in the local press and on local radio. There is always something in the paper sent in by him.

Vice President/Book Club and Writing club. Wendy introduced Chris Hare one of her proteges who has recently had his book "Crabbe in all Innocence" published and is on sale now. Chris came along to writing group and it inspired him to finish off a book that he had started writing years ago and he ended up getting it published. It was an excellent and amusing talk enjoyed by all members.

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ON 21ST OCTOBER 2021 IN SALON BLAU.

The meeting ended at 11.40am