

FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE SURGERY (PPG)

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th January

At 6-30pm in the Education Room

Present:

Bob Barden (Chair), Sue Pickering, Patsy Newton, Chris Moon-Willems, Judith Skitt (Treasurer), Phil Skitt, Eric Bridger, Dave Horton, Carol Frogett, Diane Gough, Ian Leedham, Jo Wadey

Apologies:

Hilary Stoner

Bob introduced Claire Tennent as an observer.

Minutes of the committee meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2016 were approved.

Update Last Meeting

Dr James Read was presented with a thank you card and an ornamental fossil as a thank you and best wishes on his move to Australia.

Patsy wrote Christmas cards for housebound patients. Several Flu clinics were well supported by volunteers

Dr Hathaway had spoken to Bob regarding a donation box used by Action for Deafness as a potential donation model for the surgery.

The Patient Education evening held on 29th November was not well supported due to a mis-understanding on who the evening was intended for.

Treasurers Report:

Judith reported that our total assets taken from the current balance from our two accounts was currently £5412.62. Income since our last meeting was: Book sales were £39.42 (2016 accounts) and £21.46 (2017 accounts). Donations were £100 from the Christmas trees and wreaths and £15.57 from collection tins. The singing group raised £12.00.

Expenditure since our last meeting included £16.05 Christmas cards for housebound patients, £73.89 Self care leaflets, £9 for Christmas lottery expenses and £20 gaming license.

Surgery News:

Chris will be giving a talk on Dementia on February 15th and John Coppin will be talking on back pain on the 6th March. Suggestions for further talks included Nutrition and Healthy eating.

Jo informed us that Radio 5 live want to use the surgery for a program this Friday. David Clarke, Jon Akehurst, Chris Moon Willems and Jo Wadey will be interviewed.

Dr Hathaway retires at the end of March and some thought will be given to her replacement.

The CCG are forecasting a £25 Million deficit by the end of March and as a savings measure a local community network of several local surgeries has been set up sharing facilities. Jo explained some of the problems faced within the NHS at the moment, it seems better communication would at least help on some of these issues.

The surgery has been shortlisted for an award on the development of books for children with additional needs.

Singing Group:

Sue reported that some concerns were raised over the infrequency of Jean, the choir leader who does now live some distance away. Although Jean came 3 times in November she will not now be able to return until March. Although this has been the understanding for some time it was felt the time has come to look for another Choir Leader. Bob did have an update on the possibility of new leader taking over and said he would make an approach to see if this could be arranged. Concerns were raised over the cost involved and it was suggested that a 5 weeks trial should be arranged. It was also discussed whether we should promote the singing group for increased members. Currently the singing group has an average of 15-18 people singing each Thursday evening.

Walking group:

Eric stated that the group was still attracting new members and was performing well. Eric informed us about the Charity Walk on 15th November where

£127.20 was raised for Buddys Café. The charity was chosen by the walkers themselves.

Self Care Group:

Chris reported that production of the self-care leaflets would be resumed after a short break while Debbie was on honeymoon.

She also attended a CCG event with Jo and various GPs about the proposed community networks of GP surgeries referred to by Jo.

Bookshop:

Phil informed us that sales were healthy and income for 2016 was £724.52, which exceeded 2015 by £80.56, so far in 2017 sales were £21.46.

Fund raising and Social activities:

The Christmas draw '500' raised £418 and the first prize of £209 was won by one of our patients. Christmas tree sales were very successful with thanks to Mrs Bridger for her work with these.

The Christmas meal was very successful with lots of people saying how much they enjoyed it again this year, thanks to Ian and Chris for their efforts with this.

The Christmas Staff Buffet was held but due to some confusion with time and dates, not many attended.

This year's annual quiz was unlikely to be held as Bob was very busy.

Due to running out of time, some matters were held over to the next meeting.

Calendar dates:

Next committee meeting will be on 28th February at 6-30pm (Please note change of date)

AGM date to be agreed at next meeting

