

Queen Elizabeth (Kensington) Branch, KCLA
Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday 21 May 2008
Time: 6.30 pm.
Location: Royal Festival Hall, London SE1.

Minutes

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Helen Parsons and Barbara McClellan

2. Matters arising from minutes of previous Committee Meeting

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

3. Correspondence

AW had been in correspondence with some of her contemporary Microbiology graduates with whom she has arranged a reunion on 29 June at the Windsor Castle in Campden Hill Road. At present sixteen people (or more) are expected.

AW reported being contacted by Sean Quilty (Microbiology 1972) who was organising on a reunion of 1972 2nd West (Queen Mary Hall) residents and was hoping for some additional contact details. She referred him to Gary and Henry both of whom have members contact details. The reunion took place on Saturday 26 April at the Tara Hotel (behind Kensington High Street station) and had attracted, amongst others, visitors from the USA and Ireland.

4. Treasurer's report

PC had received a bill for £614.35 for the 2007 Reunion catering – this comprised £573.85 for food and staffing; £34.47 for wine; and £6.03 VAT. After settling the bill the current balance in the Nationwide account stands at £1859.52. In addition, Henry had passed on a couple of cheques for £5 each paid by members to cover the costs of their copies of Envoy.

5. Envoy

LE said that she had nothing to currently report on this year's edition of Envoy but would be working on it in the forthcoming weeks.

6. Website News

There has been no specific news from Gary although it has been observed that the website is being kept up to date with news...sadly, of late, mostly obituaries.

7. Annual reunion - 4 October 2008.

AW said that the rooms had been booked and confirmed that Professor Bob Price will be giving the talk, the title of which can be found on the QECA website. The format will be similar to last year, i.e.

10:30 – 11:30 Coffee and biscuits

11:30 – 12:00 AGM

12:00 – 13:00 Talk by Prof. Bob Price
13:00 - Lunch (including wine)

The cost is expected to be £25 per head.

The Calling Notice will be sent out at the end of July/beginning of August.

8. AOB

KCLA

JB said that there had been a KCLA meeting on 20 February but he had been unable to attend it. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 25 June.

JB reminded the meeting that the 2008 Alumni Weekend will take place on 6th to 8th June and mentioned some of the activities that have been arranged. These include:

Friday 6 June

Historic guided tour of Southwark Cathedral followed by afternoon tea; Evensong with King's College London Chapel Choir in Southwark Cathedral; Student variety show & drinks reception.

Saturday 7 June

Alumni buffet lunch hosted by the Principal; Dr Johnson's House tour; tour of the Maughan Library tour; Jazz reception in Maughan Library Gardens; KATS candlelit performance of Lorca's Blood Wedding (also on Sunday); Alumni & student club night.

Sunday 8 June

Geographers' walk and lunch; Exploration of historical facts of British cinema and discussion of the merits of the war film genre followed by a drinks reception; Evensong at St Paul's Church Bedford Street.

Duane/Prints

PC said that she had sent a draft letter (addressed to Duane) to Jennifer Garner (Head of Alumni Relations) who had agreed to write to Duane on our behalf requesting return of the remaining QEC prints. There was no further news as yet. JB said that he would speak to Jennifer at the next KCLA meeting to see if there had been any progress and PC suggested that, if there had been none, she would see if an approach could be made via Sally Henderson.

9. Date and time of next Committee meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Reunion on Saturday, 4 October.

Further committee meetings will take place on Wednesday 4 February and 3 June 2009 at 6:30 pm (venues to be decided). The 2009 Annual Reunion will be held on Saturday, 3 October.