

Queen Elizabeth (Kensington) Branch, K.C.L.A Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday 15th June 2005

Time: 18.30

Place: JCMB room 6.13

Present: Ann Wood (Chair), Helen Huckvale, John Brockhouse, Henry Embling, Audrey Stubbs, Hilary Phillips.

Minutes

1. **Apologies** for absence were received from: Pat Cox, Lyn Embling, Mike Barker, Gary Thomas.
2. **Matters arising from minutes of Committee meeting on 9th March 2005.**
See notes under item 9 re. QECA reunion.
3. **Correspondence**
The Association and members of the committee received the following;
Thank you emails from Victoria Nnatuanya and Brian Bambridge in appreciation of the Kensington walk.
Letter to John Brockhouse from Jill Munn / Mitchell to say that she has been making some arrangements to organise a 50 year reunion for graduates 1955-7. The information from this letter has gone onto the website.
Letter to Ann Wood from Joe Sullivan (Microbiology) to complain that QEC is not well represented in In Touch. Ann has suggested that he write to Gary.
There is additional information to that presented in In Touch on the Kings College website. This includes A Vision for KCL as a world class institution (a draft green paper): www.kcl.ac.uk go to *Principal*, then *Green Paper / The way forward*.
Comments were by 10th June to Academic Board on 15th June and to Council on 8th July. John has read through the proposals. There is a focus on league tables. The college is currently in the top 20 and aims to move higher.
Pat Cox has congratulated Ann for obtaining Keith Gould as speaker for Reunion 2006 and hopes that In Touch will give the talk plenty of billing / advertising.
Barbara Thorpe –Tracey is on sick leave
Henry has corresponded with Derek Fry's wife Imogen and she has supplied Henry with information for Envoy. Derek was the first male QEC Union president.
A tribute will go into Envoy.
Professor Vaughan: Hilary will send a service card for the funeral to Henry for inclusion in Envoy. The obituary written by Mike Black will also appear in Envoy. We have permission to edit / paraphrase the obituary.
Envoy deadline is the end of July.
4. **Treasurers report**
Audrey informed the meeting that we have not yet received the bill for the October 2004 AGM. She requested that all expenses claims were handed to her as soon as possible so that the balance sheet can be drawn up for the AGM this October.
5. **Envoy.**
Henry and Lyn have Barry Keverne's address to include and would be grateful for any more photographs from the 1954 reunion. Pat Cox has some and Henry will get in touch with Pat. Ann has some photo's of the closing down of the QEC buildings. Henry also intends to include some photos of the Kensington Walk last Sunday.
Envoy will also include Imogen Fry's tribute and Prof. Vaughn's obituary as discussed above.

Chemistry Department matters will probably be covered by Martin Hughes in his talk at the next AGM.

The Committee noted the honour conferred on Nancy Rothwell; she has been made a Dame Commander of the British Empire.

Chairman's Report: Ann will write this again this year.

KCLA report

John will write this for this year as he has attended many of the events.

There has been very little response to the idea of a bursary. Committee were keen that any such bursary should go to a Science student and not a Medical student. (Stated in the light of the merging of Science departments with Medicine.) This will be discussed at AGM.

A discussion followed and the committee felt that the membership obviously consider the role of the Association to be a solely a social one rather than being proactive in promoting Science education at Kings or within London University.

The committee agreed that there is some overlap between the website and Envoy. However a lot of members do not access the website and for them Envoy is their source of information about the Association. The committee considered the possibility of 2 different types of membership; those who use the website and those who subscribe to Envoy. This issue would be raised at the AGM. Some discussion followed re. the cost of Envoy and in particular the cost of postage. A note will go into the next edition requesting £5 for next year's issue. Readers could then either send a cheque or decide to access from website in future. We felt that many older members would have children or other family members who could do this for them if they did not themselves have access to the web. The Association will keep the hard copy of Envoy going for a couple of years. This year's will be in black and white, not colour.

6. **Website**

There was no correspondence from Gary concerning the website to discuss.

7. **Kensington Walk feedback**

There were 35 people on the walk with a good mix of ages. The committee felt that it could be repeated successfully and Ann said she would be happy to do some research and come up with variations on the walk. Jo Crocker will be thanked by John for last Sunday's walk.

8. **Update on QECA reunion October 2005.**

This will be at the Strand campus. Ann has checked the rooms; they are very pleasant and suitable and we hope warm.

9. **KCLA reunion June 2006**

See hand out. Ann is in process of communicating with Geoff Watts to find out whether he will be willing to speak. Ann will circulate information re. Life Sciences Reunion.

10. **QEC Prize / Bursary**

This has been discussed above and will be an item on the AGM agenda.

11. **AOB**

The committee looked at the draft AGM minutes (from 2004 AGM to be presented for approval at 2005 AGM) Some factual corrections were made and Helen would send the draft to Ann for checking before going onto website.

12. **Date and time of next meeting.**

AGM October 15th

Committee meeting December 7th JCMB room 6.13 18.30.