

Families need Fathers

Thames Valley Branch

Annual General Meeting held on the 1st Nov 2021

DRAFT MINUTES

Start time: 20:18

AGM Attendee:

Narinder Singh Basra

Alain Williams

Arthur Vered

Jamie Harle

Mark Bassham

Patrick Graydon

Aftab Hussain

Grant Deadman

Priyank Tanwar

Sukhvir Sandhu

Janet Brett

Giuseppe Trerotoli

Ali Khan

Apologies: none

Last AGM minutes approved

Branch officers report:

Chair:

In term of where we are we continued with the online meeting every week which has been a very good thing. We should ask for feedback before the AGM with a short feedback form. The meetings online have a very good attendance and we do get a stream of new members, Alain and Arthur still make the difference of the group. We do have also people coming from far away our area, this could be because we are fully online at the moment.

Treasurer

1. Now for numbers bit – so time to zone out / make a cup of tea etc...
2. Big thanks to Alain, Arthur, Giuseppe & Nas for their tireless volunteering and time and sage advice. Encourage all to listen as based on years experience and hard won lessons.
3. Amount in Bank Account as @ 30/11/20 = £589.85
4. Total Income = £36.00 up from £0.00 last year
Seems in the next 2 sessions after agreeing £2 contribution this was done then forgotten.
5. Outgoings constant @ £0.00
Small expenditure circa £20 which is AV App costs
6. Amount in Bank Account as @ 01/11/21 = £625.85
7. Library – If anyone interested in doing? Need to agree to run it ongoing and manage lending.
online links – can this be farmed out and “self maintaining”
8. Currently the branch has £0 outgoings and has £36 income. It is able to meet its needs of providing support to members due to provision of free video conferencing software and Alain hosting the technology aspects. Based on this I see no need to change.
9. Do we encourage free donation at every meeting? – free to officers to encourage participation
10. We do Encourage all attendees of group to join FNF to support larger organisation. £39 per annum or £4 per month. A small cost compared to the legal costs and improved quality – From own time I know this group advice better than mine/FF solicitor.
11. Any Questions.

Secretary:

Thank you Arthur and Alain for your long term commitment to the branch and to Patrick and Nas.

I am sorry I have not started a library but last year and this year there has been a bit of a up and down in my life with Court and CS for my sons. Will start to plan a library as soon as possible.

I have started to circulate the electronic Poster which Arthur made promoting our branch. Will continue to do so also with Councils and other Charities.

Statistics: 89 chat members of which 58 actively participating to chat.

Officers Elections:

Previous officers resigned - meeting held by AV (interim)

Election of new Board

Chair: Narinder Singh Basra - votes 13 - 0

Secretary: Giuseppe Trerotoli votes 13 - 0

Treasurer: Patrick Graydon votes 13 - 0

Narinder Singh Basra re-elected Chair and meeting chairing resumed; all officers have been re-elected too.

AOB:

1. online vs face to face experience is good on the online one as it is weekly. Online is flexible than face to face, when possible (covid) will resume some face to face.
2. Electronic flyer of our branch is going around.
3. "Buddy service" to new people joining? Pro and Versus
4. Pushing the app
5. Banking online?

Actions:

Giuseppe to start library

Patrick- Alain Banking online check costs

All - Promote the app

Alain to put an email to the list, cull the dormant one. Leave them on list but block them receiving emails.

Patrick to cull dormant members of the chat list.

More volunteer?

Thank you Alain and Arthur for their 25 years in the management of the group

Meeting closed at: 21:19