

Education and Training Group

Minutes of meeting 5th March 2009 10am Northampton

Present; V. Thomas (chair), R. Hirst, J. Benson, D. Young, T Sherman, J. Boughton

Apologies; A. Kearsley, G. Crawford, D. Jackson

Minutes of previous meeting; accepted as a true record

Matters arising; none not covered during today's meeting.

Reports from sub-groups;

Libraries and Museums;

J. Bo. Reported that at last a team had been formed comprising J. Ireson(Northampton) and R McCarthy and Mrs M McCarthy(Rushden).

Mrs. McCarthy is a lady mason(PM) and librarian. Both have experience of Masonic libraries having worked and still working in Cambridge. They also have connections with the Grand library. J. Ireson is, like J.Bo., a willing helper!!!!!!

A good clear out and tidy up has already taken place with the next task being a stock take.

The McCarthys will head up the stock take and organisation.

The question was again asked if the valuables had been valued and insured.(J.Bo. has subsequently obtained a recent valuation list).

It was confirmed that the sub-group would be covered for modest office expenses.

L.o.I.

J.Be. reported that he had visited all the "Lol's" in his area and found that none are true Lol's but that the brethren thought they were.

J.Be along with D.Y. are thinking of setting up a Huntingdon "true" Lol.

D.Y. will make a presentation to the Three Counties forum, in brief;

Rehearsal Lol's to remain but not called Lol's.

Each centre to set up a true Lol along the lines proposed by D.Y. and J.Be.

Lol preceptors to set out programmes for the forthcoming year.

D.Y. to develop a pro-former

Mentoring

Written report had been circulated to members.

R.H. reported that a surprising number of Lodges were resisting keeping individual records even along the simple lines suggested.

R.H. also reported that he had been to a meeting at Grand Lodge who were really pushing mentoring and indeed have a new Web site which it is hoped will provide mentors with all they need:-

www.3rlibrary.org.uk

V.T. again stated that mentoring is supported by the Executive and that it is felt that within the Province it is developing well

Orations

D. Y. reported that there are now 32 Grand Lodge orations; some good but not many.

He also reported that an Orations tour had been arranged for next year.

There are 15 Northants and Hunts orations – D.Y. own plus others – that are going well. However, the Provincial office need a list of available talks and those willing to deliver for lodges to access.

It was agreed that there is a growing interest in good talks/orations etc.

Demonstrations

T. S. spoke about the written report that had been supplied to members.

All were looking forward to the forthcoming production of 1795.

Officer Training.

R.H. supplied a written report.

A record of attendees at training meetings was now being kept.

Wardens and D.C.'s meeting prove very popular and there is a need to develop training for other officers but Provincial Officers need assistance in developing these and as ever available time is at a premium(without detriment to ourselves or connections etc.)

T.S. said that he had been on an Almoners training in London which was very good and he is willing to share his experience to assist in developing a training programme. He is also going on a Mentoring Training course.

R.H. said that there is a lot of good advice out there but it needs pulling together.

V.T. felt that D.C.'s should be monitoring junior officers within the lodge and he would raise the issue of training at the group Officers meeting

I.T. Data base

A.K. absent but all felt that things were progressing well.

I.T. Web site

G.C. absent but written report supplied

A.O.B.

D.Y. asked if we had read the Pro. Grand Masters address in the last quarterly communication – well worth reading and promoting.

V.T. concluded that we have come a long way in the last two years and he re-iterated thanks to D.Y. and R.H. for their sterling work in the past.

Date of next meeting:- To be advised

Agenda : - As previous meeting.