

## **KEFALONIA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION MEETING-4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

### **Venue: Theater Kefalos**

**Attendance:** N.Dimitratou (President), P.Elbe (Vice President), S.Hughes (Secretary), B.Noon (Officer), V.Burton (Treasurer).

**Members:** G.Green, C.Chism, C.Candy, J.Holmes, R.Holmes, J.Jones, A.Randall, R.Harrison, A.Harrison, J.Darlington, A.Darlington, S.Driver, S.Driver, D.Palimeri, and S.Zisis.

### **Matters Arising:**

N.Dimitratou announced that the 'Christmas Bazaar' held on 14<sup>th</sup> December was well attended and raised €700 plus €65 has been raised through a raffle. The president explained that KIO will be providing invoices for each as a public record of these fundraising events.

### **KIO Membership**

N.Dimitratou explained how members will be receiving an individual membership card with basic details displayed e.g. name and membership number. The membership card hopes to include a 'Discount Scheme' from a small number of local businesses who participate. Members will not be asked for an individual membership fee, but can make a voluntary donation to support the organization instead. Petra Elbe (Vice President) will co-ordinate the membership cards.

N.Dimitratou announced that KIO had been invited to participate at a 'Carnival' event to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> February at Kourkoumelata Arena. The president mentioned that officers will be attending in fancy dress to publicise KIO, and asked if members wished also to attend in support.

The president further announced as part of 'Carnival' how KIO would be holding a fundraising 'Fancy Dress Party' on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February, which will include food, raffles and prizes with a suggested €3 euro donation. The venue will be either 'Legends Bar' or another venue. An invitation will be emailed to all members shortly.

### **'KIO Sports Volunteers'**

N.Dimitratou asked if any members were interested in becoming involved as volunteers for Sports for local children e.g. football and basketball. Further details about this scheme to follow.

### **Voting Registration**

B. Noon mentioned how she and S.Hughes plus on a separate occasion, Bell and 3 KIO members had recently registered to vote at the 'KEP Office'. She explained how the process for registering is straightforward and consists of bringing your passport, residency, a utility bill, and or your tax number. S.Hughes added how important it was for members to register not necessarily to vote but to give KIO and members more influence with local affairs. N.Dimitratou and B.Noon both added how the would further opportunities for members to be supported with voting registration by KIO officers in the near future.

### Local Council Meetings

N.Dimitratou mentioned how recently she and KIO officers had attended the recent Monthly Local Council Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January held at Theater Argostoli to support KATs application for funding. Niki added how taking issues to this forum may be a more effective way of raising issues or members concerns. She invited R.Harrison to briefly explain that there was no definite plans or land set aside for a separate British Cemetery. The president suggested how KIO could support R.Harrison with attending the next monthly council meeting with raising this issue.

### Residency Pass

A.Harrison asked whether the beige residency permit needed to be replaced by a blue one. N.Dimitratou and J.Holmes added they thought that beige permits do not expire, and how it was more important to have a residency pass.

### Driving Licences

Members discussed need to obtain a Greek Driving Licence. Generally, most members agree that either a Greek or International driving licences will be valid on the Island.

### Any Other Business

The president announced that R.Harrison had kindly agreed to do a KIO charity event in the future.

S.Zisis reported the New Lidl Supermarket would be completed in April.

V.Burton mentioned continuing to update KIO Membership Email Addresses and if any members could inform her of any changes or problems receiving mail.

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