

FINANCIAL REPORT

<i>Changes since last Committee meeting</i>	
Bookstall	+£150
Bank Interest	+£18
Payment to CT Scanner	-£500
Payment for Dopla Machine	-£216
Balance	£27,123

The VAT issue was raised at the PPG Conference but did not get recognition even in the minutes, so at the moment we are no further forward. As we stand, we cannot claim VAT for items donated to the Practice

No-one has come forward to take the position of Treasurer so the Chair reported that he will carry on as acting Treasurer until someone comes forward. Don Pollard suggested that the position be advertised.

It was ascertained that Ron Noakes of the Worthing Hospital League of Friends may be the person to speak to regarding publicity for the donation of £500 to the Scanner Appeal. (*Glynis is investigating*)

FUND RAISING

Chair reported that only one donation of £60 had been received this year and the Committee felt that the reasons would include the amount we already had on our balance sheet.

PUBLICITY

Charlie asked what he should put on the Autumn Fayre poster this year as the fund raising theme. Dr Mannings suggested an item which the surgery wanted was a microscope for looking into ears properly. They require a very fine microscope to de-wax ears. The cost will be in the region of £6,000 and it is called "Micro Suction for Ears". The Committee agreed its purchase.

EQUIPMENT

Dr Mannings said they were investigating various items of boards and other interactive games for the childrens corner. Paula is awaiting brochures and will report back.

Sybil Evans said Gill Cotton had asked if the Committee would fund a new print of 1,000 Bereavement Leaflets as they had run out. It would cost £500. Committee agreed to the purchase, after reviewing the wording that related to the PPG.

Dr Mannings said he had a request from Dr Marion Smith, who deals with skin conditions, to purchase a camera with a macro lens so that she could send photographs to the hospital showing various skin conditions for diagnosis. The Committee agreed its purchase.

5-TOP REASONS WHY PEOPLE VISIT THEIR GP

Chair said he had seen an article in a newspaper giving the following five most common reasons nationally why patients visit their GP. These were ,

- Eye Problems
- Upper Respiratory
- Heart
- Dermatitis/Eczema
- Other Skin Disorders

Chair asked Dr Mannings if there was anything the Patients Group could help with in the way of purchase of equipment or arranging talks which would help these problems. Dr Mannings said he would look at the list and give it some thought for the next meeting.

NHS CONSTITUTION

Chair said he had been sent a copy of the Constitution but having read it through, felt that it had little to do with Surgeries, which were only briefly mentioned in the text.

VALE CHILDRENS CENTRE

Building work has started and Chair asked Dr Mannings if it had any links with the Surgery. Dr Mannings said that the Centre would be run by a Steering Group, mainly parents, who would like a Doctor involved. Heidi asked if the Health Visitors would be based at the Centre but Dr Mannings replied they would not be based there as the rooms were not large enough to accommodate them.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The next meeting the Worthing Area Patients Groups Forum would take place on 15th September and Lime Tree were hosting the event. Carol Farrow to provide refreshments.

A one off PCT/CCC event will take place on 24th September at Worthing Leisure Centre, hopefully to demystify Practice Based Commissioning. Chair asked if anyone could attend.

PCT/NAPP Annual Event for all PPGs in West Sussex will take place on Tuesday 29th September at Billingshurst Community Centre, commencing at 4.30pm. Refreshments will be available.

WHAT DO WE THINK OF THE PCT/NAPP DRIVE FOR SURGERIES

Some of the Committee felt that they joined the Patients Group to raise funds for the Surgery and did not wish to get so involved with all the different Committees which were being formed by the PCT. It was stated that more details on the confusing array of PCT initiatives would be helpful.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None – (see equipment)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday 12th October at 7.30pm