

St John Fisher Justice and Peace Group, Meeting 8 Jan 04

Meeting held at 20:00 at 245 Cannon Hill Lane

Present: Liam (chair), Tom, Cathie, Kirsty, John, Julie K., Julie S, Alan.

Apologies: Barbara, Carol*, Eliane

Julie K led the meditation on Love, using St John's Gospel

Informing Ourselves

Notes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were accepted.

It was noted that the New Year's Eve Peace Service had been attended by about 37 people. Thanks were offered to John and Barbara for organisation, to Margaret Redding for catering and to Kirsty for the notice-board display in Church.

Liam reported on the CARJ Congress Charter. He mentioned particularly the need to inform people (e.g. via notice board), to welcome people and to ensure that schools are welcoming. It was agreed that he would raise matters at the Parish Advisory Council and that we should suggest a newcomers evening.

Racial Justice Sunday this year is on 14 Sep.

Informing Others

For Homelessness Sunday (25 Jan) Liam is putting notices into the F.H., John and Kirsty will agree posters, Liam will seek permission to put up posters the previous week.

Goods collected can be taken to John and Barbara's after each Mass.

Barbara and Julie K will arrange any subsequent transfer to Julie's.

(Barbara will ask Sr Catherine to pre-arrange recipient families, stating family size).

Volunteers were as follows:

Sat 18:00 Tom (later Pauline Dwyer agreed to help Tom)

Sun 08:00 Liam

09:30 Kirsty and John

11:00 Carol and Cathie

18:30 Liam and Julie S.

The £450 half-proceeds from Canute's Curry Evening had been evenly split between Asylum Welcome and Khana Orphans' project (via Siobahn Dooley) and appreciative receipts had been received. This info will be submitted for publication in the FH.

"Merton Faith in Action Homeless Project" Liam had recommended to the Canon that the substantial contribution to the large cost of this project should come from Parish Funds.

John had not yet investigated the Amnesty International web site for specific names or other guidance.

Liam is writing articles for the next two Talkabouts, one on "War" and one on "Peace".

Planning Action

Members were urged by Liam to send a supportive card or letter to:

Rev. Rinaldi Damanic, Pdt. R Damanic, M Si.,

c/o Rumah Tahanan Maesa Palu, Jl.

Bali Palu,

Sulawesi Tengah,

Indonesia.

He has been jailed for three years on a charge of having 14 weapons in his car.

He has been active as head of a Crisis Centre in Sulawesi and it is believed that his arrest was politically motivated.

Sustainable Development

Two decisions at the December meeting which may not have been acted on yet:

Liam will talk to the 9:30 coffee people about FairTrade and Tom will speak to

Anne Towner about an Autumn stall.

Ending

Treasurer:

Expenditures of £8.40 for printing and £13 for refreshments in respect of the Peace Service were approved, leaving £75.90 in hand.

The secret bag was passed

Next meeting 11 Feb at Liam's

Meditation by Carol

Notes by Julie S?

* Carol arrived during the Ending

These notes compiled by John