Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

http://www.sif-justiceandpeace.org.uk/

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 19 March 2013, 8:00pm

Venue: 73 Queen Mary Avenue

Present: Beryl Shannon (Chair), Bishop Tripp, Sheila Johnstone, Christine Davis, Liam Harnett,

Julie Sheahan,

Apologies: Barbara Harnett, Cathie Honour, Teresa Pollard

Minutes: Julie

Meditation: Julie led a meditation on the gospel from today, the feast of Saint Joseph

Informing Ourselves

Bishop Tripp continued our study of **The Common Good**, paragraph 86-89, "The Mass Media", a very topical subject. We agreed that the Bishops had shown great foresight in 1996.

Action: Next time we will discuss paras. 12-15, pages 6-7, on the dignity of the human person.

Informing Others

Fairtrade Sale: The quality of the products was excellent, but few people took advantage. It comes at a busy time of year but it is Fairtrade Fortnight. We could consider a sale at another time. Publicity needs to be better (we said this last year). It was suggested that we should hold the sale after all Masses. It would be good on a Scout Parade day when many people come into the hall. To be reviewed later in the year.

Women's World Day of Prayer: was very successful. Julie expressed thanks to the group for their support of this event. The local Wimbledon group commented: "many warm compliments for the way it had gone – the warm welcoming, the live music, the fine speaker, and the lavish refreshments amounting to a lunch afterwards. The friendly mixing in of our guests, David Williams and his consort, was also much appreciated."

The National Committee are debating dropping the word "Women's" from the service name, Julie was alone in the Wimbledon group supporting this change.

Forthcoming events:

Saturday 23rd March: 11 am, *Romero: A prophet of Peace for our time* Service at St Martin in the Fields to commemorate Archbishop Romero http://www.romerotrust.org.uk/

Sunday 24th March: 2 pm, Demonstration in Trafalgar Square by French Save Marriage campaign http://www.lamanifpourtousalondres.com/british/

Thursday 18th April 7.30 pm: St John Fisher Church Hall, Churches Together in Merton Park present "On the Streets, Off the Streets", a presentation of the work of three faith-inspired charities who work with people on our streets who need help and support

Posters for these events to be displayed on our noticeboard

Web Site: Marion to report at next meeting. Note web address at top of page.

Treasurer's report: £135

Any Other Business

Future Ethical activity: Printer cartridges, mobile phones and other electronic gadgets can be recycled and funds raised for Cafod. This might need a write up in Talkabout.

Next meeting: Tuesday 16 April 2013

Chair: Sheila Minutes: Marion Venue: Sheila's Meditation: Liam

Apologies: Bishop Tripp