

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GLEN WAVERLEY AND DISTRICT INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

Held at Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Kingsway
Wednesday, 4th July 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present: Jan Clear, Tony Hodges, Francisco Disilvestro, Ray Lamerand, Joe Persico, John Hurst, Agnes de Roza

Apologies: Pat Hodges

Welcome: Jan welcomed those present and opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by The Lord's Prayer

Minute of previous meeting: accepted Ray Lamerand, seconded Tony Hodges

Spiritual Reading:

Martin Luther King Jr. Reading:

- The group discussed current social and political issues happening in Venezuela, what happens when we stay silent over oppression and cruelty. Examples included Issues in Mexico, Colombia, past issues in Russia, Ray told when Lithuania became independent.

Treasurer reports:

- Statement: debit for the sound system used at the Way of the Cross was \$400.00.
- The current balance is \$790.00.
- Letter to the churches for this year collaboration. There were some issues with last year cheques that expired. We will try to recuperate them
- As an average, we get about 60% responses

Church Happenings:

- St Justin: had a break-in. They decided to put security. Besides \$200, they stole the keys, so they had to replace all the locks, Church & School
- Finally they have air conditioning. Also dinner dance
- Mass in Italian is continuing, Archbishop Denis Hart is retiring
- Glen Waverley Uniting Church: Neil Peters had a quadruple by-pass, currently on Leave
- Good Shepherd, Father Kaz with bronquial issues, intensive care, still on leave.
- St Christopher's - Ray: Indian Parish priest decided to appoint a Jesuit for a week mission.
 - Featuring Richard Leonard, a very good speaker for 25 of August.
 - 21 July dinner-dance, Box Hill
 - Youth Minister resign, they had two young replacing him. Organizing activities for two types of young people, according to age

Regular activities:

- Ecumenical Celebrations: Good feedback, Jan provided a picture, The participants liked it very much and was considered a great success
- Joint meeting: To be confirmed for August 23 at Mount Waverley. Proposed items for the agenda:
 - Ecumenical celebration
 - Mail from Antony Weaton – GW secondary college wants to shut down any church related activity. New principal. GW Uniting, has a breakfast before school once a week – To be confirmed
- Recruiting new members: Jan has been to St Matthew, conversation with the minister, also contacted minister at Montclair, no response yet. Jan prepared a letter with information about the group
- World day of prayer: – speaker for next year? Joe raised the issue
- Information letter: Joe and Tony reported change of two premises, which are no longer hotels. Aged Care, information sent, no returns yet.
- Website: Not a very good response of the lent newsletter. Among possible causes is the influence of every church having their own webpages.
- Nativity scene: discussion about the sign proposals, will be reviewed on September meeting.

Correspondence

- Permission for signs
- VCC – address change

Inter faith:

- AGM 26 July. Easter region interfaith mission to start regional events. The bigger the group, they could organize bigger events. Monash, Whitehorse, Heatherton and 3 more

Meeting ended at 9:18.

Next meetings

- 5 September 7:30 pm Pat & Tony Hodges house, 6 Harptree Close, Rowville