

MINUTES OF THE GLEN WAVERLEY DISTRICT INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL, Held
at Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Monday, 2nd May 2011

Welcome by John Hurst and introduction of Gloria More from Good Shepherd Catholic Church and Enda Eames from St Leonard's Catholic Church. Welcome indeed!! Followed by The Lord's prayer.

Present: Joe Persico, Val Noble, Peter McCluskey, Tony Hodges, Ray Lamerand, John Hurst, Enda Eames, Gloria More, Pat Hodges.

Apologies: Glynnis Hearn

John Hurst chaired the meeting. . Reflection: Isiah Ch.5 Verse 4. Scapegoat.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Apologies for the mis-spelling of 2 names, Eve Tspak and Faye Wagon.

Matters arising from the minutes

1. Easter Event. 889 children attended, the Glen Waverley Primary School withdrew. Bayside Coaches ferried the children at a very competitive rate, the final figure being \$2750.00. No refreshments were given this year, which greatly reduced the number of volunteers required. It was deemed to be a very successful event and thanks are due to the Glen Waverley Uniting Church and all the volunteers.
2. Way of The Cross. This proved to be a very fitting service for about 450 people. It is planned to alter the service slightly for next year. Val & Pat to implement changes. John and Margaret Hurst will, hopefully, lead the singing. Tony will train some soldiers to steady the movement of people from each station and Joe will get a different microphone for the sound system. Pat to ask the Monash Council if any toilets can be made available closer to the oval. Thank you one and all.
3. Easter Advertising. After negotiating with the local paper it is still too expensive for Easter advertising. Suggestions for the future were discussed, including that John will look into setting up a separate website the will include showing Christmas and Easter Services and times at all participating Churches.
4. Christian Unity Celebrations. Joe reported that 17 Churches will take part on 5th June. All arrangements are underway.
5. List of Churches and Services for Motels and Hotels. Joe collated the material and Council members took bundles to distribute. Tony to post information to Aged Care Facilities with a covering letter.

New activities for 2011

Joint meeting with Mt Waverley ICC.

Additional member recruitment. Val spoke to the minister from the Glen Waverley Church of Christ at The Way of The Cross. He appears to have some interest in having this congregation become involved.

We would like the Lutheran Church to be involved again. If anyone has a contact there it would be a great help.

Propogation of the Christian Faith in the City of Monash

After much discussion the idea of involving children of all ages in making short faith movies was deemed an idea to persue. Would the Monash City Council be prepared to be involved in any way, either through a grant or showing the movies? Would Compas think it fitted into their TV series? Tony Hodges to develop a rough outline and timeline for the project.

Victorian Council of Churches Activities and discussion.

The date of the AGM has been changed to to 21st May.

Gambling

It was noted that Senator Xenophon and Adam Wilkie have been pushing hard for changes in Parliament.

Pat to write to Robert McGuinness from the Wheelers Hill Uniting Church as we have lost contact with him and he is well informed on the subject.

General Discussion

John mentioned the Lenten Study Groups at the Uniting Church. Would it be viable to have Inter-Church Lenten Studies? This has been done in the past. Many Churches have their own small groups meeting all year.

Correspondence - in

VCC Newsletter and bulletin
Minutes from Mt Waverley ICC
Emails from John re Easter advertising in Monash
Letter of thanks from Bob Barclay of St Barnabass Anglican Church

Correspondence – out

Letter to the Monash Council re erecting the sign for The Way of The Cross from 24th March – 6th April, 2012

Letter to the Monash Council re use of Central Reserve for Good Friday, 6th April, 2012. This was submitted too early and could not be accepted. It will be resubmitted in October

The Meeting concluded at 9.30 pm

Next meeting will be held at St Justin's Catholic Church, 48 Whalley Drive, Wheelers Hill, at 7.30pm on Monday, 4th July.

Meetings for the remainder of 2011

September 5th
November 7th