

MINUTES OF THE GLEN WAVERLEY DISTRICT INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL, Held at St Leonard's Catholic Church, Springvale Rd. Glen Waverley
Monday, 5th May 2014 at 7.30 pm

Welcome by Joe Persico

Present: Joe Persico, Agnes De Roza, Tony Hodges, Francisco Disilvestro, Pat Hodges.

Apologies: John Hurst

Joe Persico chaired the meeting.

Faith Reading 1 Peter 3 1:22. Always try to do good, repaying abuse with a blessing. Be ready to give an account for the hope that we have with gentleness and reverence.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Moved Joe Persico, 2nd. Agnes De Roza

Regular activities for 2014

1. Christian Unity Celebration. 16 Churches have agreed to participate. 6 people from each Church will take part. Churches are organised into groups of 4 to exchange names of visitors and participation in services.
2. World Day of Prayer was held at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church on Friday, 7th March at 10.00am. and was well attended. Mr & Mrs Dale spoke with affection of the people of Egypt and their life in that country.
3. Easter. Easter Service times are now on the website. Francisco has offered to help if needed.
 - Easter Event. Council members are still urged to think about the Easter Event to bring the Easter message to children.
4. Way of The Cross
 - The invoice for the sound system has been passed on to John Hurst for payment.
 - The weather was the worst we have ever experienced for the event but the rain did not deter approximately 350 people participating. The sound system held up beautifully
5. List of Churches and Services in Monash for Hotels and Motels. Joe has prepared the list for distribution. Council members took bundles for distribution.
6. Tony to prepare a covering letter and send this with a copy of the list of Churches and Services to the Aged Care Facilities.
7. Mosque fundraising. This suggestion will not proceed.
8. Joint meeting with Mt Waverley –Chadstone ICC. Joe to liaise with Mt Waverley ICC to establish a date.
9. Christmas advertising. Perhaps the best way to do this is to put links to all the churches for people to follow.
10. Nativity Scene display board to be discussed later in the year.

New Business for 2014

Recruiting members for GWICC. It was decided that a personal approach may be the best way.

Tony & Pat to follow up with Good Shepherd, Monash City Church of Christ and Holy Redeemer.
Joe to approach other churches.

Correspondence In

VCC March & April newsletters.

VCC Walk for justice.

VCC Vigil for the people of Syria

Invoice from McLean Sound.

Emails from Glen Waverley Anglican Church and Mulgrave Uniting Church re Mosque donation.

Correspondence Out

VCC AGM Registration.

GWICC Minutes to Mt Waverley ICC
Letters of thanks for participants in the Way of The Cross.

Interfaith Activities

- Joe reported that the meeting held on Thursday 27th March, 2014 at Monash City Council Chambers, re transgender support was well attended.
- Thursday 22nd May will be a business meeting.
- On Thursday, 5th June there will be a forum about domestic violence at the Clayton Theatre. All welcome.
- 23rd November, 2014. FCCV & VIN Conference in the Monash Community Centre from 12 noon to 5.00pm

General discussion

Several smaller Churches do not have webpages or computer links. It was suggested that building these could be a project for school children. Joe to suggest this as an agenda item for the joint meeting
The Meeting concluded at 9.10 pm

Next meeting will be held on Monday 7th July. Venue to be decided.

Meetings for the remainder of 2014:

Monday, 1st September

Monday, 10th November.

Venues to be decided