

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

Held at St Justin's

46-48 Whalley Dr, Wheelers Hill

Wednesday, 22nd June 2016 at 7.30 pm

Present: Jan Clear, Joe Persico, Agnes De Roza, John Hurst, Tony & Pat Hodges, Ray Lamerand, Francisco Disilvestro.

Apologies:

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

Spiritual reading. 2 Kings 5:1-14 – Naaman is Cured. There was some discussion regarding the meaning of a passage regarding the girl. It was not clear to most of us and with the help of John we searched comments over the web. Overall, the main idea was about obedience.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

.Regular activities for 2016

- Christian Unity Celebration. Overall it was a great experience, the people were happy they had the choice of prayers and it was well received keeping the length within a limit. Having said that, it was difficult to get the voluntaries to visit the churches. There were 14 Churches involved, with 2 groups of 4 people and 2 groups of 3.
- List of Services. The updated list of Services was distributed among Hotels and Aged Care facilities in the areas of influence of the GWICC. There are about 30 Aged Care facilities, and the number keeps increasing. Thanks to Tony Hodges for distributing the letters to the facilities. The hotels are about 22, and the experience was positive with them too. It was proposed to include independent living homes – pending. In addition it was proposed to have a list of the services posted at every Church. (Joe sent the .PDF file via email the following day).
- Joint meeting with Mt Waverley-Chadstone ICC. The meeting will be on Thursday 25 August at St Luke's Uniting Church, 94 Essex Road, Mt Waverley at 7.30pm. Joe proposed a pilgrimage, like a tour to the different congregations, where the visitors will learn about the services provided. The purpose is to attract people that are in search of faith.
- Continuing: Recruiting of new members & Leadership: Several items were submitted for consideration before our next meeting. Approach Ministers at Way of The Cross; perhaps change the model of the meeting; try to revive interest in the local Ministers Fraternal as it is the belief of delegates that without involvement of minister it will be extremely difficult to recruit more delegates.
- Advertising Christmas Services: We have approval from the Monash City council to place the Christmas message sign on the South West corner of Springvale & Waverley road, from Monday 12 December 2016 to Monday 26 December 2016. we need to come up with a message for the Christmas sign for September.

GWIC Member Churches happenings:

Joe P.

- St Justin's is preparing for the fair with a Parish dinner in October for the celebration of the Church's anniversary. The fair will be Saturday 2 November.
- St Justin's will pray for the aboriginal communities on 3rd July – Aboriginal day

General Discussion

- Tour to the Islamic Museum of Australia: Joe will send the information to register for those interested.
- The group proposed to discuss about a difficult subject: Suicide. However the agreement is not to use it as part of the Christmas message, it is better to think about a message of hope.

Correspondence In

- Approval for the Christmas message sign on the corner of Waverley and Springvale roads.(received after the meeting)

Correspondence Out

Treasurer's Report

- One transaction recorded – Sound system hire for the Way of the Cross
- Balance \$ 781.00
- The signatures for the checking account have been changed to Jan Clear and Francisco Disilvestro. Jan will keep the check book.

The Meeting concluded at 9 pm

Next meeting will be held at Holy Saviour on Wednesday 14 September at 7.30pm