

Minutes of Our Lady Star of the Sea One World Group AGM

Held on 13 January 2009

The meeting started with a prayer

Present: J Jenkins (Chair), Father Stephen, J Liles, (Treasurer) A. Hughes (vice chair), D Hughes, J Purchase, P Siddons, P Lea, J Reeve, A Ford, S Newman, M Rich, M Kathrens, J O'Brien, R Johnson, T McHugh, P Shonfield, G Ayles, M Cobbold, B Bown, C Jenkins, J Patterson, P McGowan , J. O'Brien, and M. Naine. (Secretary)

Gerry Moran was welcomed to the group

Apologies: J Newington

1. Joe Patterson thanked the group for enabling him to accompany Chris Williams to Rome. He was inspired by Chris's positive attitude and his Faith.

2. **Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed

3. **Review of the year 2008.**

The Chairman looked back over the year's events:

The 2 Auctions were very successful, we need more help and storage space.

The coffee mornings bring in a steady income, more regular helpers are needed.

Other events were the Race evening, Tanzanian evening, Quiz Night, Ritz Tea, Xmas Bazaar - good to have participants from St Joseph's.

There was a good take up of the GM Crop letters - 300 were sent out and the ban on terminator crops has been kept - this shows that protests can work.

Other CAFOD campaigns were Unearth Justice, Live Simply, Shine a Light (Philippines) as well as `CAFOD Boxes and Self Denial envelopes.

4 Treasurer's Report

Reports for the end of the year and Finance Committee Meeting were handed out.

Some comments and explanations were: -

- Instead of donating money, we will help organise an event for LIFE during the year.
- Crisis and Soul Food have similar aims, so there was only one donation which was to Soul Food.
- The leftover money from the Chris Williams Campaign will be donated to Julia House.
- Our committment to CAFOD was £5,000 but we sent £6,152.41.

In total, including Family Fast Days, the parish sent £ 7391.41 to CAFOD.

- There was a discussion on the correct procedure of giving to other charities.
- Thanks were given to Pat Siddons for obtaining the Christmas Chocolates which were raffled.

5. CAFOD Target

The Chairman suggested sending a percentage of our income to CAFOD instead of deciding on a target as we usually do . He suggested 75% with the remaining 25% being shared out throughout the year as the need arose. After a discussion about CAFOD , it's administrative costs. its

campaigning voice throughout the world, the fact that we are not just a CAFOD group and the aims of our group, we decided to wait until Simon Giarchi can answer our questions on his next visit to us.

6. Nominations for Committee Officers

Chair: J Jenkins - seconded A Hughes
Vice Chair: A Hughes - seconded M Naine
Treasurer: J Liles - seconded R Johnson
Secretary: M Naine - seconded P Lea

Committee Members: D Hughes, J O'Brien, P Lea, R Johnson, P Siddons, B Bown, T McHugh

7. Planning for 2009

Coffee mornings: first Saturday of month but not 4 July.

The following dates have been chosen:

AUCTION: 25 April, RITZ TEA: 20 June, SEA FRONT STALL: early September, CHRISTMAS

BAZAAR: 5 December.

Detailed planning will take place at the next meeting.

The Chairman will find out when S Giarchi is available.

8. Suggestions for Events: Cocktail evening at the Convent, BBQ, Race evening.

9. Next meeting: Tues 17 February, 7.30 in the Sacristy at St Augustine's.