

Weymouth and District LIFE Group Committee Meeting Wednesday
10th April at the Convent of Mercy at 7pm.

Present: Mary Jennings, Priscilla McGowen and Joyce Fannon.

Apologies: Sister Maria and John Fannon.

(In the absence of the chairman through illness, Mary Jennings chaired the meeting).

Minutes of the last meeting: Accepted.

Treasurer's report: none.

Fundraising:

In March : £48.50 had been banked, bringing the running total to £688.21.

As the target for this financial year has been reached, due largely to the generosity of the CWL and One World Grants, Joyce will retain any further monies raised from her LIFE Stall and coffee mornings until the next financial year (July 2013).

Caring:

- Joyce reported that she had emailed Kyla before Easter about our Group sponsoring someone on a distance learning initial counselling course. The email also contained a client update for March of 2 clients from the Precious Memories Gathering. It also contained her resignation as Group skilled helper after 20 years' service and pointed out the need to delete Weymouth from the National Directory. So far Kyla has not responded. Joyce agreed to contact her again.

Mary and Priscilla agreed that we should advertise sponsorship of a counselling level 2 distance learning course in the parish newsletter. in the hope of attracting someone to our Care Service.

- The meeting agreed that the Gathering was a success despite the awful weather. From the Remembrance Book entries they could see that 22 little ones were remembered. Mary was pleased that we were cementing good relations with St Mary's. We have a useful contact in Jeremy Parkinson.
- Joyce has put an entry in the parish newsletter (Our Lady Star of the Sea) about our proposed sponsorship of a student for the Dare to Care youth conference in June at Twickenham. The meeting felt that personal contacts were most useful and Priscilla took on information for her Holy Trinity contacts. Joyce intends to try to talk with individual students on Sunday.

Membership:

- John and Joyce managed to print and send out the members' newsletters just after Easter, despite John's illness.
- Four members have been officially deleted from the list after three years of reminders. This brings our current numbers down to 71. (Joyce reported 69 at the meeting but checking later the total is in fact 71).

Research and networking:

John has agreed to send committee members details of a new website that he has accessed that he believes they might be interested in.

Any other business:

Priscilla reported that the LIFE Shop move had been carried out efficiently. Betterment Properties will be adding a new door and there are plans for a display window. Prams will be able to be displayed outside the shop. The shop opened on the 30th March for business but there will be an official opening later.

(Post- meeting Priscilla emailed that Sharon had been disappointed that a Precious Memories Gathering Poster had not been displayed in the shop. Joyce has sent an apology to Sharon via Priscilla, and she has requested the full address of the new shop, so that next year she can send a poster by snail- mail).

Date of next meeting:

Joyce pointed out that we had finished our LIFE Group Programme for LIFE's year 2012-2013:

- Financial help for Bournemouth LIFE Flats.
- Nascent Human Life Service (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
- Educational talk on LIFE to Park friendship Club.
- LIFE Education presentation to Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish.
- LIFE Sundays.
- Precious Memories Gathering at St Mary's.
- LIFE Pregnancy Care Service to Easter 2013.
- Provision of Autumn and Easter LIFE Group members' Newsletters.

She suggested that the next meeting need not be until **Wednesday 17th July at the Convent of Mercy at 7pm** in LIFE's next financial year. This was agreed, with a proviso that any important issue that arose would be dealt with by calling an interim meeting.

