

Minutes of the Ōtari JPD Meeting Tuesday 12 November 2024 at St Thomas More 7.30

Present: Anne Lumb, Ethne Wyndham-Smith, Estelle Henrys, Kathryn Flynn, Bernadine Reid, Helen Fisher, Mary Gavigan (CLC Christian Life Community), Carolyn Tait

Apologies: Liz Bergin

Opening Prayer: Kathryn

The Minutes of the Last Meeting 20 August: There was not time to consider these as there was a very full agenda.

Matters Arising:

Poverty by Design series - Action: Helen will continue to keep us updated about events

Ongoing Living Wage Movement: Ethne spoke about the importance of the living wage that many people such as those working in aged care homes are not paid the living wage. The government has lobbied to provide the resources to give the living wage to all staff in schools and this would enable Catholic Schools to join the Living Wage Movement. Supermarkets are not members of the living wage movement but give customers loyalty cards. - Action: Support the EJP Commission have drafted a letter going out to all schools to join living wage movement. Watch for this! Ask questions about the living wage of stores that want you to join their data base or loyalty schemes.

Successful Movie at the Penthouse: Donation appreciated by Home of Compassion

Family Reunification pantry items gathered and were much appreciated. A vacuum cleaner was also provided from money donated from the parish. Action: Continue to be in contact with this group so that they can approach us when there is a need.

General Business:

Opposition to the Treaty Principles Bill

Estelle gave out postcards which could be sent to MPs who have not taken a position opposing the Bill. The postcards had a slogan on one side, and we selected an MP or two each and wrote a message stating our opposition to the Bill. Action: Post the postcards

Estelle gave out information sheet for Together for Te Tiriti – gives information and advice as ways of making opposition heard. Mary noted that any submissions needed to be authentic and personal.

Action - Ethne will put a notice up Together for the Tiriti in St Tersea's Others were invited to put up a notice up on their fence or in their car.

Arrangements for the Hikoi arriving in Wellington on 19 Nov: Helen explained that we could support others offering accommodation but were not able to offer it ourselves or through the Te Ngākau Tapu whānau. Individuals could make donations on a Give a Little Page..The Hikoi is starting from Waitangi Park in Wellington at 8:30am. Watch for invitation from Pā Gerry about gathering for prayer at the start of the day.

Action - Estelle will send this notice out about where this prayer will be held.

Christian Perspectives on the Treaty Principles Bill Video by Common Grace. Bernadine and Estelle gave the background to a meeting held by Common Grace that provided information about the Christian leaders' letter of opposition to the Bill. It also previewed the trailer to the video which is designed to inform and encourage people to make submissions. A small group of us visited Father Joy and informed him about the video and the intention of showing it at St Thomas More on 4 December at 6pm.

Publicity for this event- **Actions: Mary will contact CLC Group. Estelle will send a notice to Maria in the office for the newsletter this week and a shorter one for the following week, send a notice to the people who registered to Belonging in this Land, to the other local ecumenical churches and put a short invitation in Welcom.**

Estelle has also composed a notice to be read at Mass (23/24 Nov) with a link to the video trailer to be played at Mass. **Action - Estelle will send these to the Parish Office to be inserted in the St Teresa's powerpoint. There will be signup sheets available after Mass as well.**

JPD group to provide food for the simple meal

Food:

- Estelle: Chickpea curry.
- Ethne: sausage rolls
- Anne: Surprise
- Bernadine: chicken and bread
- Mary Salad
- Carolyn: Rice and quinoa salad

Upon receipt of an email RSVP, people will be invited to bring additional kai if they wish. RSVPs to be forwarded to Estelle for a response email.

Appeals for resources

There is a request for pantry and household items for a refugee household of parents, and three young children. We have linen in stock but no inners, a \$200 Briscoes voucher, and some money in bank. We will need such things as glasses and utensils to complete the project. Action – Estelle to ask for help for to source items, and JPD group to work together to inventory, pack etc as directed by Estelle.

Challenge Christmas appeal. They have asked for chocolate biscuits and spreads for 200 Christmas parcels for families. Action - Liz will do a notice to go on the newsletter for the 24th and that the biscuits and spreads come on 1st and 8th, and the cutoff is 15 Dec.

Novena before Christmas: Lay people are invited to lead it and give a reflection on readings. Estelle said she might volunteer but others felt this was a busy time of year.

Closing Prayer : Hail Mary together

Next Meeting: February 2025 (Year of Jubilee)

[Meetings after February usually held in May, July, September, November [on Tuesdays]