

St. Augustine's Downend and St John Fisher Frenchay

Justice and Peace Group

Meeting dated 20th July 2005

Present at the meeting were:

- Bella Harding
- Angie Burgess
- Anna Davies
- Mike Hatch
- Peter Taylor
- Renuka McWilliams

Apologies from:

- Maureen Merrifield

Training and Learning

The meeting started with a Prayer led by Bella.

Progress

Parish Project

There are two parish projects supported by the people of St Augustine Parish. The international one is Farm Africa and the national one is asylum support in St Nicholas church. Both these good causes will receive 2.5% of the parish offertory in the year. A great achievement for the J&P group!!!!

Everyone in the group was especially complimentary of Peter's work, instrumental in seeing the project through.

Action: Peter will dispose of the ballot papers.

Action: Peter to display material about Farm Africa on the parish notice board

Action: Renuka to update parish website with the parish project information. We need to explain that asylum support is our local parish project which can be assisted in other ways – non-perishable food, skills support. Renuka to contact Fr McKay to make sure the requirements are correct and update on Josette. Also Farm Africa can have a hyperlink to relevant web site.

Action: Peter to speak to Fr Bernard whether St John Fisher parish would want to contribute to the parish project. Peter also suggested speaking at the end of mass in St John Fisher and inviting them to a J&P meeting.

Future Events

Calendar

Angie has found a cost effective printers. The calendars will be around £5.00 in price. It will be landscape and A4 size (maybe smaller). There will be a picture on each page. The paper quality will be thick and glossy. The project will be fund raising as well as awareness generating. We hope to involve the school.

Action: Renuka to check if Mr Upton is enthusiastic about the idea which will be implemented around mid September.

The J&P calendar can be publicised on the web site immediately. Once the pictures are collated maybe we can put a few on the web site.

Action: renuka to ask Fr Bernard to include calendar information on parish website.

The time scales for the calendar is:

- launch the art competition on the 2nd week of September in school and parish
- Deadline for all entries is the end of September.
- judging and printing by mid-October
- Selling by the end of October
- competition opened to adults and children alike
- there will be 2/3 categories for judging (either infant/ junior/ adult or children/ adult)
- official entry fee of £1.00
- theme is 'Make Poverty History'

Action: Angie to arrange relevant competition entry forms.

Renuka: give Angie some interesting quotes on 'Make Poverty History'

Fashion Show

Three provisional dates were decided depending on Edna's availability and the school / parish calendar:

24th March (Friday)

10th March (Friday)

31st March (Friday)

Action: Bella to check date with Edna

Action: Renuka to check date with school and parish and book the date with the school

Action: Renuka to get BBT's involved for modelling clothes

Trade Justice

Action: the group are to invite Maureen to talk at the next meeting of her experiences in Edinburgh

Action: Renuka to improve contacts between SGFTN (South Gloucestershire Fairtrade Network) and ourselves.

Other Ideas

Peter explained a new fundraising lottery venture. Around 300 people have to participate and contribute around £6.00 per month for 10 months. Half of the money raised would be given away in prizes such as £100 per month as well as a grand draw of a small car and a couple of other good prizes. Peter Taylor has experience of this scheme elsewhere and it has been a success.

It will start in April/May 2006 and finish in December 2006. This lottery will not be in direct competition with the 200 club, which collects subscriptions around January.

Action: everybody to air the idea around and have a response for next meeting

It would be good to get garage sponsorship and there was mention of a Renault contact.

Bella suggested that ecological issues should be on our agenda for 2006.

Next meeting

14th September 2005 8pm at 200 Badminton Rd