Truro and District Amnesty International Group

Minutes of meeting held on 14th September 2022, at Moresk Centre and online

1. Present: Chris Ramsey (briefly), Margaret George, Wailim Wong, Georgie Wong.

Online:, Carole Liesse,

1. Apologies: Karen Cooper, Paul Kelly, Hetty Tye.
2. Minutes of meeting held on 13th July, matters arising: none.
3. Correspondence and Monthly Updates for groups: Margaret had distributed the monthly groups action email.
4. Treasurer’s Report: Karen reported that we have £598.83. We will need funds to order the Xmas cards, so a decision about sending money to HQ can be taken after that.
5. AIUK November Conference: Chris reported that it is fully booked but can be seen online.
6. Regional campaigns:

Mexico and Central America: Georgie had the newsletter (Margaret to circulate it). She reported that a foundation has been set up in Betha Caceras’s name. In Mexico, the attorney general has been arrested for the murder/disappearance of the 43 students, along with some 80 other arrests.

Former Soviet Union: as usual, urgent actions arrive between meetings and have been circulated.

IOPT and Lebanon: Chris reported that an urgent action had been circulated on behalf of a Palestinian who was 13 when arrested, so the authorities waited until he was 14 to sentence him to 12 years in prison. Along with Jessica, he is trying to organise an **online meeting with Eid Suleiman**, a Palestinian who makes models of Israeli military equipment out of discarded plastic waste. **This is hoped to be on 1st November at 6pm**

Death Penalty: 10th October is World day against the Death Penalty. Wailim will look into doing some sort of asction on Sat 8th. Wailim reported that in Belarus new laws categorise a wide range of activities as ‘terrorist’- eg 38 rail workers who sabotaged signals to prevent the Russian army passing to Ukraine have been arrested under this. In Yemen, a journalist has been detained for 3 years. Wailim will circulate the newsletter, which also contains actions on Oklahoma – where the state intends to execute some 25 people on death row, one per month. He had visited the visitor ‘attraction’ at Bodmin Jail, which has displays about the death penalty. Wailim will contact the Jail to see if they would display an Amnesty poster with information, which he could create.

1. Forward planning:
2. **Xmas Stalls in Truro**: We have stalls booked for the 26th Nov and 10th December. 10th Dec is Human Rights Day. It was agreed to check with Chris as to whether we still have the cage, and to invite people to take part by standing in it – suggestions are the bishop/other religious leaders/MP,etc)
3. **Re Xmas cards**: it was agreed to order enough for some to be sold by individuals (eg Carole, who is happy to do this amongst her contacts.)
4. Next meeting: **Wed, 12th October, 7.00pm** at the **Moresk Centre, St Clement Street/Kemp Close, Truro** **TR1 1EF** **and also via zoom**.