Truro and District Amnesty International Group

Minutes of meeting held on 9th November 2022, at Moresk Centre and online

1. Present: Chris Ramsey, Margaret George, Wailim Wong, Georgie Wong, Caroline Roberts.

Online: Hetty Tye, Jessica McGurty.

1. Apologies: Karen Cooper, Carole Liesse.
2. Online talk on HR challenges in North Africa and the rôle of Country Coordinators: we had a very interesting talk on this by Beverley Foulkes-Jones and Joe Dunford, Country Coordinators for North Africa. Their talk was followed by discussion.
3. Minutes of meeting held on 12th October, matters arising: the online meeting on 1st Nov, with speaker Eid Suleiman, activist and artist living on the West Bank, was very successful, with over 50 Amnesty supporters from around the UK taking part. There will be no Mayor’s Charity event this December (the last was in May). It was agreed to investigate next year having our cards for sale in the library, where cards for good causes are sold.
4. Correspondence and Monthly Updates for groups: Margaret had distributed the monthly groups action email. Margaret has booked and paid for the room at the Moresk Centre for all our dates in Jan-July 2023, and we also have a provisional booking for the remaining dates, September to December 2023.
5. Treasurer’s Report: Karen reported that we have £618.83. Of this we have to pay £311.85 for the xmas cards and £146 for hire of the room. But we get the cards at a 10% discount, so if they are all sold we will recoup more that the £311 paid out for them.
6. Regional campaigns:

Mexico and Central America: Georgie had circulated the newsletter, and highlighted various issues.

Former Soviet Union: urgent actions have been circulated.

IOPT and Lebanon: See above item 4 re online meeting with Eid Suleiman. The Lebanon and IOPT newsletter will be circulated.

Death Penalty: Wailim would be circulating the newsletter. He highlighted cases in the USA – one where a man convicted of killing 17 people has been given life imprisonment but the families are calling for the death penalty; another where there have been botched executions in Alabama. In Iran, two young women have been sentenced to death for supporting gay rights.

1. Forward planning:
2. **Xmas Stalls in Truro**: We have stalls booked for the 26th Nov and 10th December. A rota was drawn up for both dates and Margaret will contact other supporters for help. Chris will contact the bishop about standing in our cage on 10th Dec (human rights day).
3. Next meeting: **Wed, 14th Dec, 7.00pm** at the **Moresk Centre, St Clement Street/Kemp Close, Truro** **TR1 1EF** **and also via zoom**.