Truro and District Amnesty International Group

Minutes of meeting held on 11th Jan 2023

1. Present: Chris Ramsey, Margaret George, Wailim Wong, Georgie Wong, Isabel Adams, Lucy Zawadzki, Jessica McGurty, Molly Kaufman. Chris welcomed Molly to the meeting.
2. Apologies: Karen Cooper, Caroline Roberts, Carole Liesse, Hetty Tye
3. Minutes of meeting held on14th Dec, matters arising: a photo of the bishop standing in our cage was published in Truro Voice, and information was also sent out via the diocese. Wailim had asked about the sale of cards in the library. We will need to apply to the organisation that sells them. He mentioned that the Mayor Stephen Webb is organising a plaque commemorating Human Right s organisations, and will contact him about getting Amnesty onto it.
4. Correspondence and Monthly Updates for groups: Margaret had distributed the monthly groups action email.
5. Treasurer’s Report: Karen reported that we have £516.34 in the account, with the affiliation fee of £75 to be paid. The room is paid though to the end of July. It was agreed that we should send £250 to HQ. Chris spoke at Callywith College and expects a donation which has not yet arrived, and will also be speaking at Truro College.
6. Regional campaigns:

North Africa: Hetty had circulated the newsletter.

Mexico and Central America: Georgie had sent the newsletter to MG for distribution (this was delayed by going into spam, but has now gone out).

IOPT and Lebanon: Chris had circulated the newsletter. Jessica reported that she is trying to get a meeting with the MP about the Israel/Palestine situation. Steve Double has already agreed to a meeting. It was agreed to circulate petition to government that Jessica has organised. Chris and Jessica will try to organise a talk by a spokesperson from Breaking the Silence – and group of former Israeli soldiers, or possible someone from the Centre for Jewish Non- Violence.

Former Soviet Union: no recent cases.

Death Penalty: Wailim outlined the work of AI in opposing the death penalty. He drew attention to an urgent petition on the AI website. There is good news from the US where the death penalty has been suspended in Oregon; now only 5 or 6 states have it, all in the south and all republican.

1. Forward planning:
2. The **AGM** will be held in February. For a future meeting Chris suggested someone from central America/Mexico. He would be seeing other country coordinators at a conference shortly and would try to make some arrangements. This will probably be for the March.
3. Georgie will try to book street collections for Truro and Falmouth
4. Next meeting: **Wed, 8th February, 7.00pm** at the **Moresk Centre, St Clement Street/Kemp Close, Truro** **TR1 1EF** **and also via zoom**. This will be the **AGM**.