

## **Minutes for meeting Thursday 11 October 2012**

**Present** : Peter Hague, Sheila Hakim, Heather Lloyd Jones, Diana Paulding, Sue Woodsford, Sarah Oliver, Evvy Edwards, Colin Lester, Andrew O'Bannon, Eric Colvin, Angie McKerral, a 12<sup>th</sup> person!

**Welcome and introductions** : Kenny sent apologies, speaking at AI meeting in Salisbury.

**Minutes** There were no minutes.

### **Campaign / events update :**

**Regional meeting** : At FMH on 1 December, 12.00 registration, 12.30 lunch, 1.30 casework (how to campaign, any theme), 2.30 tea, 3.00 debate (open to public, see mailing, written questions submitted on paper, with vote). Angie to put together poster, Evvy to print, Peter Sheila and Evvy to circulate.

**Letter-writing** : Sheila led last event on Israel Palestine Occupied Territories, 25 letters signed, £18 contributed. Evvy to take next event Monday 22 October.

**Stall** : last stall event gathered £20.03, book sales from last meeting £6.

**Human rights issues in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.** We wrote letters about Palestinians on hunger strike in protest against their administrative detention, a Palestinian human rights activist who is prevented from travelling outside the West Bank, a group of Palestinian men imprisoned by the Palestinian Authority who have disappeared and Mordechai Vanunu, an Israeli who served a prison sentence for revealing details of Israel's nuclear weapons programme to the British press and who, since his release, has been subject to severe speech and travel restrictions.

Sheila reported that Naomi Sklar of Jews for Justice will speak either at the January or April meeting. It was agreed we would have a non-public planning meeting in January.

Sheila reported that the film '5 broken cameras' made by a Palestinian and an Israeli is to be shown at the ArtsPicturehouse on Friday 19 October, followed by discussion between director and Ben White. She also spoke about a talk at the FMH on Monday 16 October to be given by Abdelfattah Abusrour, founder of Al Rowwad Cultural and Theatre Society in the Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem.

### **Secretary's report :**

Monthly action Hakamada Iwao letter signed.

Bracelets : 15 of the Amnesty bracelets were sold at the cost price of £1.20.

**Treasurer's report** : Sarah reported accounts are in reasonably healthy state.

**Letter signing** : Sue presented two letters which were signed: to Nuri al-Marik, Prime Minister of Iraq and his Minister of Justice, Hassan al-Shamarr, concerning Palestinian 'Amr 'Abd al-Qadir Muhammad; and to Ayatollah Sadegh Larijani, Head of Judiciary in Iran and to Ali Larijani of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, Iran, concerning Women's rights activist Ronak Sfazadeh. As there were 12 people at the meeting we put 36 signatures to 3 letters.

**Next monthly meeting** : Thursday 8 November

**AOB** : Evvy suggested that everybody bring one unwanted book to each meeting to refresh Peter's stock.

### **Future meetings**

Thursday 8 November ; **Children's Football World Cup**

Saturday 1 December : **AI Regional Conference**

Thursday 13 December ; **card campaign**

Thursday 8 January ; **planning meeting**

Thursday 14 February ; **Alan Turing**

Thursday 14 March ; **Adala UK**

In addition we have a **stall in the Market Square** once a month 10.30 to early afternoon:

Saturday 20 October

Saturday 17 November

Saturday 8 December