

Hills COF Meeting The HUT Aldgate Wed 21st November 2012

Present: Yvonne , Leoni, Nathan, Marie, Michael, Roddy, Ruth, Michelle

Apologies: Maggie and Allen, Lesley, Mandi, ?????

Minutes: Michelle Chair: Roddy

Public Face of Hills COF

- Marie raised a query about the public face of the Hills COF ie on Facebook and Website and whether we continue as we have or to review what level of activism might be presented through these forums.
- Action: discuss further at January meeting.

New people at the meeting

- welcome ☺

Communication

- website and / or individual emails. Not everyone checks to the website so can be feeling out of the loop.

Inverbrackie

- there should be about 400 detainees at Inverbrackie by Christmas and about 150 of them children.
- Potential to be long term at Inverbrackie.
- We now have more names of families who would like visitors. It's important that visitors can visit regularly / make a commitment.

Financial Report – info sent from our treasurer Lisa

30/9/12 \$4712.70

15/10/12 \$500.00 to Circle 110

11/11/12 \$314.80 to Marie Amyot for Dictionaries

19/11/12 **\$3897.90 Balance**

Donations

- Marie's house is full of donations
- Marie is liaising with FUSE and STAARS e.g. toys are going to families in the community via these organisations
- Can be an issue at times with quality which means Marie is having to dump a lot of gear that isn't appropriate. If you can sort through donations before passing onto Marie that would be great.
- People can contact Marie if they want clothing for families in the community. The idea is you come and select clothes and take these to the families rather than bringing up the families to try things on.

Visiting Refugees in the community, a few ways to help....

- driving lessons
- providing emotional support
- helping people find accommodation
- delivering donations
- fundraising

It's up to people to find what works for them and the families.

Nathan's Photos / Raffle Fundraiser at Waldorf Spring Fair

- good to have a presence. People signed up to Hills COF mailing list & expressed an interest in volunteering.
- Raised \$243.10c. Most of that was through the raffle and donations.

ARW Welcome Party

- West Beach Life Saving Club. Explain to new arrivals about water safety e.g. sharks, rips, waves.

IT share

- have been fabulous donating laptops for refugees families

ASAS – asylum seeker assistance scheme

- not sure about this. Maggie to let us know.

GNC Christmas Party

- *5 people voted YES to \$500 donation towards this. Request came from Allen chair of GNC.*

Red Cross Out Reach Programme

- discuss what we can do / what we might put in flyer at next meeting when more members present.

Driving Lessons

- any ideas on how we might be able to sponsor lessons?

How to recruit more visitors to Inverbrackie?

- website
- networking
- GNC

Driving Rules Books for SA

- discussion about whether to provide driving rules books or the driving test practice information

Next Fundraiser

- Wine...Roddy...maybe with 2013 raffle
- Nathan: White House Hahndorf outdoor concerts. Film nights? Musician to donate time? Marie suggested Afghani musicians.
 - o Action: Nathan to make contact with White House. View to fundraiser in 2013.
- Movie ideas: Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea Jessica Taylor (Marie); Pray the Devil Back to Hell (Ruth).....maybe do this as a Winter fundraiser.
- Open Garden next Spring (Leoni)

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2013 7PM THE HUT
ALDGATE**

*** discussion about other places to meet – needs to be quiet, central and not an expectation to buy food / drink. People to research ideas they have e.g. Marie will check with Pizza place at Aldgate.*