

ESCC Council Meeting held at 17 St Francis Square, Victoria.
3rd December 2014 at 4.00pm

Present: Audrey Pace, John and Veronica Grech, Adele Debattista, Karin Brayshaw, and Fr Loreto Tabone, who chaired the meeting.

Apologies: Fr Borg

The Meeting opened with a prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected, approved and signed.

Matters Arising:

New magnetic noticeboard is being used. A better storage place will need to be found as it is difficult to get reach.

Father Borg has agreed to do Wednesday masses (in absence of Fr Debrincat).

Samaritan Fund. Audrey spoke to the social worker and received more details regarding circumstances of candidate. It was agreed that the community can provide a donation but not the total amount requested as there are a number of worthy charities nominated for funds. Adele will contact Lionel regarding feasibility of The Grand Commandery of the Castello contributing to this local cause

Fr Loreto made announcement regarding weekday masses but there has been no noticable difference in attendance so far.

Penitential Service will be held on Friday the 19th of December with readings and thoughts related to communal examination of conscience and confession. Fr Chris and Fr Loreto will both be present in case large numbers come for confession. Communion will be available afterwards for those who wish. Fr Loreto will send an email to Karin with wording to describe the service in the newsletter.

Correspondence:

17 October thank you letter from Fr Chris Farrugia on behalf of Franciscan Fathers for donation.
18 November Nomination for Grand Commandery of the Castello, Malta, from Lionel Coates
23 November Nomination for Friends of the Sick and the Elderly in Gozo from Tessa Bicker
25 November Nomination for Louis Debattista (Ursuline Sisters Orphanage) from Audrey Pace

Treasurer's Report November 2014	
	Euro
Income	
Cash in hand	1688.81+
Offertory	512.65
Local Charities:	205.00
TOTAL:	2,406.46
Expense	
Stipends	165.00
Honorarium	45.00

New Noticeboard still needed as old one has deteriorated from moisture damage. New noticeboard will need to be made of durable and moisture-resistant materials.

Weekday masses. Fr Borg will be asked if he can take on all the Wednesday masses after Fr Debrincat leaves for the U.S. this week.

Correspondence:

17 October from GGH-Health regarding candidate for Samaritan Fund.

20 October from Fr Cilia confirming retreat date of Saturday, December 6th.

23 October from Fr Cilia confirming lunch rate of 12 Euro.

Treasurer's Report October 2014	
	Euro
Income	
Cash in hand	1519.04 +
Offertory	731.58
TOTAL:	2,250.62
Expense	
Stipends	180.00
2 Honoraria	90.00
Bulletins	12.00
Donation to Franciscans	250.00
Present (fruit)	11.25
Stationery	4.60
Candles	3.96
Flowers	10.00
TOTAL:	561.81
Balance end Oct 14	1,688.81

Bulletins	15.00
Cards & Flowers	11.00
Noticeboard etc.	21.90
Purificators & Corporal	45.00
Local Charities:	205.00
TOTAL:	507.90
Balance end Nov 14	1,898.56

Note: There was also \$30 for another 2 stipends, given to Fr Debrincat who is on his way to the U.S.

Any Other Business:

Nominations from the community were reviewed and funds allocated for four (4): The Grand Commandery of the Castello, Malta, for its charitable work in the field of leprosy, The Friends of the Sick and the Elderly in Gozo, the Ursuline Sisters Orphanage in Malta, and an individual recipient of the Samaritan Fund.

Fr Loreto will be signatory for the account with the Curia in addition to John. John, as Treasurer, will write letter to Curia conveying the committee's intention to have Fr Loreto as signatory and Audrey's relinquishing of same.

Miscellaneous. Microphone is sorted. The door to tabernacle is being repaired. Some kneelers are torn and need repair.

New priest, Fr Tony Sciberras, will be new director of Seminary starting in January. Will invite him to celebrate Mass with us.

Bidding Prayers at Mass. Suggestions to make bidding prayers more relevant include asking congregation step forward to do bidding prayers, or having 2-4 volunteers work on topical prayers with Fr Loreto during the week and prepare them in written form to be read on Sunday.

Parking lot has been more full on Sundays; will keep an eye on it to see if it is a problem for parishioners.

Christmas Eve 10 pm

Christmas Mass will be at 10am. The coffee money fund is up to 100 euro now and Veronica will use funds to purchase 6 dozen mince pies and 4 bottles of sherry. Will also purchase a bottle of wine as a token of appreciation for John Galea for playing the organ and also for Stephen Attard for playing Christmas morning before the service.

The ecumenical service (carol service) is in Nadur next week.

The next meeting is Tuesday the 6th of January at 4pm.

Meeting finished at 5:35pm with a prayer.

Signed



Chairperson