

**ESCC Council Meeting held at 17, St Francis Square, Victoria.**

**February 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 16.00**

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

**Apologies:** Fr Joseph Borg

The Meeting opened with a prayer.

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

**Matters Arising:**

A successful "End of Christmas" meal took place at the Downtown hotel restaurant in Victoria on January 12<sup>th</sup>

Permission to use Manresa Retreat House will be sought from Father Anthony Cilia S.J. for the following:

A Retreat which will be directed by Fr Chris Farrugia during Lent. Date to be fixed later.

Lenten talks will be held one evening a week for three weeks from 1730 to 18.45 Fr Loreto will direct these.

The African Palms have been received and are in the sacristy cupboard.

The Holy Week Services will be held as follows:

April 17<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday at 17.00 followed by the Seder meal at Manresa

April 18<sup>th</sup> Good Friday at 15.00

April 19<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday 19.00

David Carrington is sorting out the reader's roster.

500 cards have been received from the printer giving the times of Masses and contact number of Fr Loreto Tabone. They will be distributed to all Churches, local Councils, Hotels, Supermarkets and rented properties.

A successful cake and produce stall was held last Sunday after Mass. Euro 136 was collected and this sum will be topped up to Euro 400. John will take it to the parents of Father Anton Grech and will ask if Fr. Anton could celebrate Mass with us when he comes on leave from Guatemala.

Re RCIA, This will be advertised in the newsletter and to other communities to see if friends and family members are interested. Adele will be joining the group.

**Correspondence:**

Email from Bishop regarding Ecumenical service.

Email from Fr Daniel Xerri regarding illumination of the altar.

Letter and receipt from African Palms Ltd.

A receipt was also received from Manresa for the Philippine disaster .

<b>Treasurer's Report January 2014</b>	
	<b>Euro</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Cash in hand	717.27 +
Offertory	358.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>1075.87</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Stipends	150.00
Newsletters	12.00
500 Cards	55.00
Stationery	10.65
Hosts	7.00
African Palms	13.00
Honorarium	45.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>297.65</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>778.22</b>

#### Business

So far we have not had requests for Gluten free hosts. People coming on holiday usually bring their own.

Communion under both kinds will be during Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas season.

Decided to make Council meeting minutes available each month both at Church and on web site.

Fr Loreto will clarify his mandate with the Bishop.

It was mentioned that we need to recruit more helpers and Audrey said she would like to resign as Secretary as she has been unwell and in the post for too long. Adele offered to take over as Secretary for the Council meetings. Audrey will continue with Chaplains roster for the time being until someone else can take over...

Karin mentioned we need to recruit someone to help as Sacristan as there are bound to be times when she and Audrey are away. Tessa and John offered to learn the ropes and it will be mentioned at the AGM. Also to find out if someone can play the organ and/or organise the singing.

Meeting finished at 17.55 with a prayer

Next meeting Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 16.00

*Adele*