

ESCC Council Meeting held at Sacred Heart Minor Seminary, Victoria.
Tuesday, January 12, 2015 at 4:00pm

Present: Adele Debattista, John & Veronica Grech, Mary Newman, Lucy Sultana and Fr Loreto Tabone, who chaired the meeting.

Apologies: none

The meeting began with a prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Matters Arising:

Welcome to **new council member**, Susanne Hall.

JRS (Jesuit Refugee Services) There are no services for refugees in Gozo, they are directed to the Curia.

Advent Retreat was well-attended, about 30 persons.

Parking arrangements. Adele will contact for access for Ash Wednesday and Easter services.

Christmas collection of food and toiletries went to Good Shepherd for distribution to needy local families. There was a generous amount of items collected this year.

Christmas Meal. 29 people are signed up for community meal next Sunday at Valley View Restaurant in Xlendi. We will have lottery for extra bottle of wine.

Centru Leap? Fr Loreto will check to see what it is about and whether there are local families on their list whom we could assist.

Correspondence:

receipt and thank you letter for donation to World Mission Sunday

thank you letter from Fr Cassar for donation towards his work in Kenya

thank you letter from the Sorijiet ta' Santa Klara

email regarding parking

Annual Report from Friends of the Sick and Elderly in Gozo

Treasurer's Report

The coffee money is currently in the red due to spending from the fund for sherry and mince pies (rather than taking it out of the offering)

Any Other Business

Lenten Retreat

- Fr Loreto will seek speaker: possibilities include Fr Jimmy Xerri, Fr Tony, rector of Seminary, also Fr Portelli and Fr Camilleri about celebrating Mass with us.
- Retreat date set for March 12th, 1/2 day with lunch optional

Bishop

Fr Loreto spoke to the Bishop and he has agreed to celebrate Sunday mass with us late winter/spring date TBD.

Easter Preparations

Audrey will order palms for Palm Sunday.

AGM to be held immediately after Mass on Sunday, January 24th. Fr Loreto will introduce and John will offer annual report and treasurer's report. A phone tree/database of people in the community willing to be on call

could be created to help with needs as they arise (readers, preparing coffee, visiting the sick, etc). We also need help with sacristan duties.

Annual Prayer Meeting for Christian Unity is being held January 20th at St. Augustine Church.

Date of next meeting set for 4pm on Tuesday, March 8th.

Meeting ended at 5:25pm with a prayer.

Signed,

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Chairperson