

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

March 31st 2014 at 16.00

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

Apologies: Karin Brayshaw

The Meeting opened with a prayer.

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

Matters Arising:

Fr Loreto received his mandate from the Bishop: to look after the ESCC in Victoria as well as liaise with English-speaking Catholic communities of Nadur and Għajnsielem.

ESCC Guidelines were reviewed by council members at home and after the discussion it was decided that Guidelines will remain unchanged.

The Lenten Retreat held 22nd March at Marnesa and directed by Fr Chris Farrugia was well-attended. Eighteen attended and twelve stayed for lunch. Stations of the Cross were after lunch.

The Seder meal at Marnesa, scheduled for Maundy Thursday, was cancelled due to lack of interest and those who had signed up were informed. It was discussed that next year perhaps the Seder meal could be on Wednesday before Maundy Thursday instead of the same day in order to avoid having to rush from the service to the dinner. El Dorado was informed of the cancellation and Audrey to speak with Fr Cilio.

RCIA, Times of Malta advert of meeting was published twice in Sunday paper. Course to resume after summer.

Feast of Thomas More. Audrey dropped off letter to the Curia and then spoke to the Bishop and he will not back to us re attendance. Service & seafood meal on Friday the 20th of June has been

Email from Fr Cilia re thanks for donation of Euro 120 to Marnesa House.

Email from Karin re discussion points for review of ESCC Guidelines.

Treasurer's Report March 2014	
	Euro
Income	
Cash in hand	629.29 +
Offeritory	447.74
Over from Retreat	45.00
Total:	1122.03
Expenses	
Stipends	130.00
Newsletters	15.00
Honorarium	45.00
Towards Retreat	50.00
Marnesa Donation	120.00
Poor Claire's Donation	150.00
Photocopying & Cards	8.20
Birthday Cake	10.00
Flowers	10.00
Total:	538.20
Balance end March '14	583.83

Business

Options for use of available funds currently being held at the Curia were discussed, including scholarship for candidate for priesthood (600-800 Euro), and for worthy case for "Samaritan fund" (reserved for emergencies in the community). John will speak to someone at Curia re procedure for taking out funds. Two candidates for "Samaritan fund" were discussed. Fr Loreto will get an estimate of how much is needed for grandmother accompanying granddaughter who gets regular medical treatment in London. Tessa to contact Pauline Camilleri of social services regarding specific needs (furniture & appliances) of second candidate to avoid redundancy.

John gave donation of Euro 150 to Poor Claire's after Fr Chris said this year financial help (as opposed to food basket, etc.) would be most needed. Turns out Euro 150 was exactly the amount needed to pay the bill!

The Euro 15 book prize given annually to Seminary in memory of Fr Charles Caruana has reached the end of its 10-year term.

Days of Confession, April 10th in Xaghra, St James & Ghajnsielem (and Ta' Pisu on Friday) will be in the newsletter. Notice that confessions are heard before Mass will be put in newsletter as well as announced in church.

Preparations for Holy Week: Maundy Thursday need incense and 2 candleholders, 6 volunteers for foot washing (Francis has towels). Need to get crucifix for Good Friday from Seminary. 4 readings for Easter Vigil. John will make the fire. For Sunday, Fr Loreto will narrate the speaking part of Jesus. Chocolate Easter eggs for Sunday & John will order qaghaq ta' apostli. Veronica and Karin to take care of Easter Sunday flowers. Father Loreto will check in Malta at Emmaus for an Easter candle.

Tessa and John have both been "shadowing" Karin in sacristan duties.

Notice of Alive Charity fundraising (breast cancer) by Louis Debattista will be put in newsletter. Bake sale to help sponsor Louis in 1000km fundraising bike ride from Prague to Vienna to be held after Easter.

Vassallos to host evening potluck at their home during the first half of July. Cake/produce stall for Vassallo mission project in Guatemala will be held in early July and funds presented to them at potluck dinner.

The next meeting is Monday May 5th at 16.00.

Meeting finished at 17:10 with a prayer, making special mention of community members in hospital and recovery.



Signed
Chairperson