

ESCC Council Meeting held at Sacred Heart Minor Seminary, Victoria.
Friday, March 6, 2015 at 10:30am

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

Apologies: Veronica Grech, Fr Borg

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

Matters Arising

Penitential Service, Lenten Talks, Lenten Retreat. The Penitential Service, led by Fr Loreto, will be held on Friday, March 20th at 9:00am and will consist of Penitential Service, Stations of the Cross, and then Mass. The first two (of four) Lenten talks at Manresa have been attended by ten or eleven people. The Lenten Retreat details will be in the newsletter, 5 euro for retreat, 15 euro with lunch.

Holy Week Services. The Easter Vigil on April 4th will be held at 8pm because sunset is not until 7:45pm. Fr Loreto will coordinate with Fr Scibberas on the Easter candle ("tallish" but not so tall that it's difficult to light), Maundy Thursday procession (possible complication due to exhibition scheduled in the Hall) as well as wooden cross. Other details: we need to ask Audrey and/or Francis for vessels/towel. John will order the apostle bread rings, white candles for the Easter Vigil Mass and will have the candy for Easter morning. The Easter offering envelopes need to be given out for 5th Sunday of Lent. We also need to check with the Rector that it is ok to leave books in the pews from Palm Sunday- Easter.

Bishop. We need to ask about his availability to celebrate feast of St Thomas More. Will need to re-confirm with him during week of June 22nd.

Eucharistic Ministers. We should consider a prayer for those taking communion to others on the community's behalf.

Fr Loreto will go to Curia to finalize his being signatory on the ESCC account.

The priest visiting from Peru was unable to celebrate Mass with us because he had no Sunday mornings available. Fr Loreto will contact Fr Cutajar, serving in Albania, to ask if he will be able to celebrate Mass with us when he is next in Gozo.

Mass announcements are still being discussed.

Correspondence:

Feb 21. Thank you letter from Fr Chris on behalf of Franciscan Fathers for Samaritan Fund donation.

Treasurer's Report: Samaritan Fund donation was reallocated from previously discussed recipient and given to Franciscans for convent expenses.

	Treasurer's Report February 2015	
<u>Income</u>		
Cash in hand		890.77
Offertory		494.74
Total Income		1,385.51

Treasurer's Report February 2015		
Expenses		
Stipends	195	
Bulletins	12	
Host	11.35	
Stationery	5.45	
Flowers	42	
Gifts	17.07	
Honorarium	45	
Samaritan Donation	300	
Total Expense	627.87	
Balance End Feb 2015		757.64

Any Other Business

Welcome to two new members of the council: Mary Newman and Lucy Sultana. Karin will also put welcome/ introduction of new members in the newsletter as well as our newest reader of bidding prayers, Charles Cauci. Forty newsletters are printed for Sundays and the newsletter is also sent via email to past/current visitors. While people don't always take a copy home it is important to have enough in each pew because the responses for Mass are printed in the newsletter. Karin will also include notice of Elizabeth Fitzgerald's children's book, Tabitha's Story, in the upcoming newsletter.

Ways of encouraging community. More frequent, informal gatherings in peoples' homes rather than restaurants. Potluck get-togethers. Karin will also include in the newsletter that anyone is welcome to contact the chaplain (Fr Loreto) for a visit at home- not just in the event of illness, but also social visits as well.

The Friday service on the 27th (Our Lady of Sorrows) may include Stations of the Cross after Mass; check with Fr Chris.

A parishioner's donation of 5 euro was passed on to John Grech and will be put towards the Pascal Candle.

There are only 59 Mass cards (for the pews). Karin will check with Mary Mizzi to see if they also need more Mass cards for their service in' Ghajnsielem. Ordering of 40 A-5 cards at cost of 26 euro was approved; Audrey will order.

Our reader roster is full!

Date for next meeting: Wednesday, May 13th at 10:30am at the Seminary.

Meeting ended at 11:30am with a prayer.

Signed,

Chairperson

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