

ESCC Council Meeting held at 17 St Francis Square, Victoria.
10th November 2014 at 4.00pm

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

Apologies: Karin Brayshaw, Fr Borg

The Meeting opened with a prayer.

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

Matters Arising:

Council minutes will be available online as well as hard copies on the table outside after mass; names of candidates/recipients of Samaritan Fund will be withheld to ensure privacy.

Sale of books donated by Seminary will be held one more time during coffee break after mass. After this final sale, any remaining books will be donated to the Friends of the Sick & Elderly to be sold at the Car Boot Sale.

Samaritan Fund. Preference is for local candidates/causes from Gozo. As yet no suggestions have been received from the community and submissions are open through end of November (with funds to be disbursed by year's end). Audrey received a case from social services but it was deemed a poor fit for the fund as it was for a superficial need and the amount requested too high. It was suggested that a donation could be given to cover part of the need if it were part of a larger effort to raise money for the cause.

Mass intention. Amount of 10 euro is only a suggestion; any amount is acceptable, no amount is required. Family visiting from Ireland last week for a wedding (Fr Loreto married them) had a death in the family while here in Gozo and so had a special mass intention for the deceased.

Advent Retreat will be held at Manresa. It will be 15 euro, including lunch or 5 euro without lunch. Retreat will be led by Fr Chris Farrugia and will be from 9am until noon with lunch after.

Microphone. The lectionary microphone is effective when properly positioned in front of speaker. Microphone at the altar needs to be checked that it isn't being blocked by any items on the altar (causing the sound to be muffled) and the cable should lead away from the speaker.

Both Karin and David need renewal as Eucharistic Ministers; term expires after 2 years.

No reply from Bishop yet as regards date for celebrating a Sunday mass with us.

The mass at St Mary's Cemetery, Xewkija, was attended by 12 and led by Fr Debrincat.

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

Any Other Business:

Fr Loreto will make announcement to encourage attendance of weekday masses.

Penitential Service, if held, would be on Wednesday or Friday morning. Friday service may be more practical as it wouldn't overlap with Anglican service. Committee members will take informal survey to check interest in Penitential Service.

Sick parishioner did receive gift of plant on behalf of the community.

The next meeting is Monday, December 1st at 4:00pm.

Meeting finished at 5:30 with a prayer.

Signed



Chairperson