

Members present: all except Father Ikenna (not in the country)

Item	Person leading	Brief description	Time allotted	Comments
STANDING ITEMS				
1. Ruffle feedback	Vincenzo & Peter		5'	Made 570 euros (more than we usually make from just the raffle in past years, where the bulk of the money was raised by sale of cakes, chili)
2. RE/Adult faith talk	Precilla and Monica	Feedback on the third adult talk 2 more Adult faith talks this year	5'	2 more adult ed talks – should we include confirmation students, or only for certain ones – Vincenzo reported that the last one was a bit difficult to follow, but he will ask for feedback from the other confirmands at next class. Peter Sloan noted that this was just an extra activity offered to the confirmation students. This normally does not happen when we are in class, not online. Next adult ed talks: March 14 and 2 May (Monica). The speaker for March 14 th will go ahead as planned, and for my talk I will try to make it appropriate for students, too. After the May talk we will discuss whether inviting young adults is an option for the RE program starting next school year.
3. Notification of Sacraments in St Anne	Mabel	How do we proceed?	5'	St Anne has no record of our sacraments ever being entered in their ledgers. Elda mentions diocese guidelines require us to register with an existing parish, canonically. But we have never done it There are some gaps in info for confirmands going back a few years. Precilla asked April Capili but he only collected paper documents and gave them to the person entering the information at the time, so does not have any documents. Mabel noted that we can use the description of the procedures for the next person who will register the sacraments in the ledger, so they know exactly what information is needed. Peter noted that in some cases there are gaps in the information. In some cases, there is only the name but no further details

(e.g. Confirmation name, sponsor). For First Communion, this is less crucial, but baptism and confirmation records have to be complete.

We need to decide if we want to pass all this info on to another parish (St Job? Ste Anne? For now, we decide all the ledgers stay with us. Precilla suggests we keep all original documents the children submit in a Cloud/ Google Docs folder so we can all access it. We have our procedures written up now and that can serve as a guide for whoever is entering the info. We will update the procedures deleting where it says that Priest has to notify St Anne of any sacrament held at OLM. For now we don't have to hurry about notifying the parish. We will decide at a later time, for the time being the ledgers need to be kept updated.

4. Promoting OLM update	Marc	How do we move forward?	5'	<p>Marc reported on his contacts with embassies of English-speaking countries (most not open to promoting anything religious). Jacqueline had a good contact with the Argenteuil European school in Waterloo – they even offered the use of their premises. ISF in Waterloo is also interested. Both Marc and Jacqueline will contact those schools again after Easter. Marc asked if we could consider organize some RE activities there? He is preparing a blurb about the RE program and send that around. He will first send it to Precilla. He asked if we should also reach out to Indian or Nigerian embassies with information. Precilla was a bit hesitant, as depending on who the staff are, they could take it amiss as if we were trying to proselytize.</p> <p>Marc will speak to Muela (Zambia) and Emelda to see if we can contact their embassies/communities. He suggested we put an ad in the Brussels Times. Precilla suggests we contact Sri Lankan embassy. Fr Lobo used to celebrate Christmas Mass with their embassy staff and families at St Anne's so they are familiar with our parish. Mabel will do that. Peter says we are still advertising on the CHS calendar. We are also listed on the xpaths.com page (part of Brussels Bulletin). Marc will contact the brussels times to see how to advertise and also to see if we can get interviewed for exposure.</p>
5. Planning to increase community life/pancakes breakfast		Address concerns regarding not enough exposure and COVID impact on attendance and the future	5'	Moved to next meeting

NEW ITEMS

1. Collection Lent/Easter	Elda	5'	<p>Second collection for Lent is for Fr Lobo's project, so Elda noted that we will not have a collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Suggested we could devote the second collection of the last 3 weeks of Lent to the Little Sisters.</p> <p>Peter Nolan – we had postponed the orphanage clothing drive. We meant to do it at Easter, but it may still be difficult since we are not meeting physically. So we could contribute to a gift certificate (bon d'achat) and the contact person at the orphanage (Christine) offered to purchase the items. Gerardine suggested we do this but not linked to the collection, just ask people to contribute separately to the orphanage. They can donate online. Vincenzo had already set up a virtual giving tree for Christmas, and offered to adapt it for our current purpose. Gerardine suggested we should ask for 20 euros minimum donation, Mabel said we would need min. 23 families (as for raffle, we could of course invite people even if not living in Brussels)</p>
2. Cloud account	Vincenzo	5'	<p>Vincenzo has looked at what packages MS Teams offers to Non-profits (waiting for quote) and that gives us shared workspace plus MS Office 365, Outlook, etc. or Google (we already use their classroom and gmail accounts). He will report back when he has the two quotes.</p>
3. ASBL committee update	Peter	10'	<p>Gerardine gave a presentation of history, current membership, legal obligations. Peter explained where the parish's funds are deposited. Monica suggested we have an actual AGM which includes all the parishioners , and is different from the meeting of the board (4 members), which also must be legally held once a year. Elda suggested we have this meeting in conjunction with an annual picnic or other event. A chance to report on activities, plans, get feedback and hopefully get people more involved. Peter Sloan agreed this could be a good opportunity to involve people. Peter Nolan noted there used to be regular general assemblies, at the time those who had been parishioners for at least 4 years could join. That has now changed, since by law everyone in the parish, regardless of their degree of involvement are members.</p>
4. India school project Update	Vincenzo	5'	<p>Moved to next meeting</p>
AOB: HOLY ART	Invitation to families to	5'	<p>Moved to next meeting</p>

**The impact of the pandemic
in the Church/religious
practice**

make one
order

10"

Moved to next meeting

Discussion
around the doc
Monica
translated
(please review
it before next
meeting)

Wrap up
Next meeting March 22nd
