

The Lasallian Educational Mission Council (GB)

Sunday 4 November, 2007 St John's House, ST HELENS
(Notes of the meeting, by Terry Collins)

Present: Sean Sellors (Chair), Thomas Campbell, Terry Collins, Owen Smith, Michael Worthington, Anne Marie Harrison. **Apologies:** Conrad Bannon, Siân Grant.

The notes of the last meeting were accepted as the record.

Matters arising

Malta Links. Sean reported that he had discussed the idea of a joint meeting with the members of the LEM Council of Malta. They had expressed an interest in the idea, but no date was fixed as yet.

September Assembly. It was reported that the response to Assembly had been positive. Thanks were expressed to all those who had played a part in the organising of the sessions.

The General Chapter Sean showed a powerpoint presentation of the Chapter. It was a way of helping members of the LEM Council to 'put names to faces', although the Chapter itself had dealt mostly with issues of primary concern to the Brothers. Input from the Lay Lasallians had come via the International MEL Assembly in November, to which our own LEM Council had contributed, and the General Chapter had taken the results of that Assembly into consideration. The Council was informed that the Documents of the General Chapter were now available in the form of *Institute Circular 455*. Copies were distributed to those members who had not already received them.

Formation The Council was informed that a meeting had been organised by the Formation Group to explore in greater detail the Australian course in Lasallian Leadership. Course organisers Gerard Rumery and Trish Carroll had made a presentation to selected representatives from Great Britain, Malta and Ireland. They looked at the contents of the course and the methods of delivery. It was stated that the participants had all expressed great satisfaction with the session. A full report will be made to the Formation Group at its next meeting, and from there a report will go to the District Council. It was agreed that the LEM Council should receive a copy of the report.

There was a report on the September conference for Newly Qualified teachers entitled 'Working in a Lasallian School', which had been organised by the Formation Group. This had been very well received by those who had participated, but the organisers were disappointed at the lack of take up from our own Lasallian Schools. (The participants had all come from schools of the Clifton Diocese.) The matter

would be raised at the Headteachers Conference in January. It was reported that plans were in hand for the next LACE meeting in May 2008, and that details would be available after the next meeting of the Formation Group.

Headteachers Conference A draft timetable was distributed. It had been drawn up in line with the discussions of the previous LEM Council meeting (to be found in the report of that meeting). Some time was spent finalising the details of the timetable and verifying the main contributors.

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- It was agreed that the meetings of the LEM Council with various Lasallian groups held so far (Young Lasallians, the Bristol association) had been successful and beneficial. The next meeting will be with the Lasallian Headteachers in January.
- It was agreed that the production of a Handbook was still a desirable goal, even though the project had come to a standstill for the time being, for various reasons.

Next Meeting: 20th January 2008, OXFORD.

