

The Valladolid Association



Minutes of the Meeting of the Valladolid Association, held Tuesday 15th June 2004 in the Raven Hotel, Drotiwich

Welcome

The President, Mgr David Bottrill the following to the AGM

Revs J. Bolland, G. Brassington, S. Brown, F. Carvill, J. Clarke, B. Groughan, P. Dean, J. Deeney, J. Fealey, K. Gleeson, P. Harris, A. Hayes, B. Higham, R. Hishon, R. Horn, B. Jones, M. Jones, A. Joyce, M. Keegan, M. Kujacz, J. McLoughlin, F. Parkinson, N. Pate, D. Reid, J. Rigden, V. Ryan, F. Slater, P. Smith, D. Smith, M Tomkins, J. Wash, G. Webster, M. Williams, Messrs M. Caunce, P. Glennon, C. Hammond, J. Magee, G. McCarthy, S. McCoy, W. Reynolds, A. Thorp, M. Ward.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from;

Bishop A. Roche, Revs D. Baker, P. Billington, D. Caine, G. Chidgey, P. Collins, R. Corrigan, P. Dooling, T. Drainey, J. Elliot, M. Garvey, A. Jackson, J. King, P. McDonough, J. Nowotnik, J. O'Donovan, J. Pardo, A. Prescott, N. Rotheron, J. Ryan, D. Sexton, N. Ritchie, P. Webb, P. Ziomek, P. Coxe, A. Turner, P. Coyle, Messrs J. Cocker, J. Dignan, C. O'Donoghue, P. Ormerod, J. Hyland.

2. Minutes

Were circulated and approved as a true record after the election of Philip Glennon was added to the record.

3. Matters Arising

None was recorded.

4. Financial Report

The Secretary opened by commenting that after reviewing previous minutes he realised that this item should have been Secretaries' and Financial Report. Accordingly he reported

Membership currently stood at 158 and he requested that members advise him if they identified any omitted from the Directory. Since the last AGM 4 members had died

- Frank Doherty Newcastle & Hexham
- John Kearsley Westminster
- Douglas Morris Southwark
- John Kavanagh Salford

43 members were attending the AGM, and 32 had sent apologies

During the course of the year he had sent condolences to Spanish Ambassador following the Madrid bombing – the letter of condolence had been acknowledged. Archbishop Nichols had been invited to the AGM, but was otherwise engaged.

Also following considerable difficulty experienced in changing the signatory of the existing bank account he had closed the account and opened another as a subsidiary of the College bank account.

Copies of the income and expenditure account had been distributed to all attending the meeting showing a likely surplus of £259.09. The secretary explained that last year the hotel charged for wine and coffee as an extra and hence the Increase in cost of lunch and a dramatic decrease in the quality of wine. There was an increase in postage as there were two mailings but a decrease in printing costs as he was allowed the use of the parish copier without charge. There was an increase in costs to cover the travelling and accommodation expenses of the speaker on Monday evening.

Membership subscriptions amounted to £540. The Secretary indicated that if the Association carried on with the existing level of paid subscriptions within a few years there would be insufficient funds to cover cost, but he recommended that the subscription remained unchanged for 2005.

He suggested that the accounting procedure was changed and that the financial report was prepared on the basis of a calendar year so it could be distributed with the AGM notice.

Mgr Rigden asked whether the e-mailing initiative had been a success. The Secretary responded that it had been reasonable successful and where a member had been unable to open the e-mailed documents he had issued hard copy. He also reported that the process seemed to have non-delivery problems like the Royal Mail, and there were times when he did not receive e-mails though this problem seemed largely to arise with e-mails from Spain.

Mgr Ron Hishon proposed that the Secretaries' report be adopted with thanks; seconded by Mr C. Hammond and unanimously approved.

5. Rector's Report

The Rector, Michael Kujacz, presented an illuminating report on the College;

- John Kearsley's correspondence to his mother during his time as a student, and her replies had been preserved and were now in the College Archives
- Douglas Morris chalice had been donated to the College
- Of the 9 students presently at Valladolid 7 were going on to seminary
- Ryanair had increased the popularity of the College and there had been 500 visitors since Sept 2003. Visitors were always welcome but the College also needed to have a quiet period.
- The ICEL secretaries held the final meeting at the College and the first Dry Mass in the proposed liturgy had been held in the College
- Country House was being operated as a going concern
- Santiago is nearly 90 and sends his greetings to everyone
- There are 14 definite students for September 2004 with a possibility of 19 the highest yearly intake since 1617
- He reported on the possibility of Irish students
- Fr. Kevin Mcloughlin had been appointed Spiritual Director and Sr Amadeus was now a contracted member of staff for 5 years.
- Students and staff from Oscott visited the College for Holy Week this year and next year Ushaw College will be visiting for Holy Week.

In response to questions the Rector advised that

- 700 magazines had been produced and 540 sent out.
- There were now four deacons from amongst those who had attended the propaedeutic year

The Rector was complimented on his presentation

6 Constitution

The President asked the Rector to report on the Constitutional issue, which arose as a result of the College's current role. The issue arises out of Clause 3, which states that

All priests who have been members of staff at the College and those who have been students there, who are in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church, shall be eligible for membership of the Association

The Rector was of the view that this wording needed changing and a suggested alteration to the constitution was put forward as

All priests who have been members of staff, or students at the College and those laymen who have carried out part of their studies for the priesthood at the

College, and who are in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church, shall be eligible for membership of the Association

After some debate it was proposed by the Rector and seconded by Mgr Jeremy Rigden that this revised wording should be adopted.

The Secretary pointed out that whilst members could act in accordance with this intention, alteration of the Constitution required that due notice should be given to all members before any alteration was made. He therefore proposed that the intended wording be sent out with the notice for the 2005 AGM, at which a formal vote could be taken.

The President raised the issue of the provisions within the Constitution for an elected council, but the general view was that there was no need for this provision to be implemented. It was proposed by Fr Tony Joyce, and seconded by Fr Alf Hayes that the role of Diocesan Representatives should be re-established. The Proposal was unanimously adopted.

The Secretary asked for volunteers.

7. Election of New Members

Two names have been put forward

Paul Glover the present spiritual director

Proposed by Fr Michael Kujacz
Seconded by Fr Frank Parkinson

Albert Burke

Proposed by Fr Tony Trafford
Seconded by Fr Alf Hayes

Both were unanimously elected

8. Election of President for 2005

The Secretary reported that there were two Silver Jubilarians in 2005 namely Fr Anthony Dykes and Fr Paul Billington, and three Golden Jubilarians Fr J. O'Donovan, Fr P. Garret and Fr G. Marsden

Fr. Paul Billington was proposed by Fr Bernard Higham; seconded by Fr Michael Kujacz and duly elected.

9. Any Other Business

The President asked members if they thought the evening talk initiative was a success. All agreed and it was proposed that this initiative should continue.

The secretary asked for suggestions for future speakers.

The President reported that there was a vacancy on the College governing body for a representative of the Association. Fr Tony Joyce was proposed by Fr Bernard Higham, seconded by Fr Joe Mcloughlin and was duly elected.

Meeting 2005

Tuesday 21st June 2005 at the Raven Hotel, Droitwich.