

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' COUNCIL OF PRETORIA

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SATURDAY 6 MARCH 2010, HELD AT IONA CONVENT.

1. WELCOME
Penny Maree welcomed everybody and led the opening prayer.
2. ATTENDANCE: Principals, BOG, CIE and CSO members and educators of thirteen Catholic schools in the Pretoria Archdiocese attended making up a total of 37 participants.
3. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM OF 7 MARCH 2009
The minutes of the previous AGM held on 7 March 2009 were handed out, but not formally read or adopted.
4. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CSC IN 2009
The activities of the CSC were reported on by Penny Maree, the chairperson of the Principals' Forum. She highlighted some of the inter-school events and emphasized their value in bringing the schools together. Participants shared in two's on personal high points experienced during 2009.
5. Rosa Calaça, director of CSO Johannesburg, spoke briefly about the CSB, its new executive, changes to the constitution and theme for 2010. She mentioned the services offered by CSO to the schools in Johannesburg and Pretoria and goals set for 2010 to 2013 and also encouraged schools to avail themselves of the guiding instruments such as Signs of God's Presence, Fully Alive and Aspects of Catholic Education.
6. Paul Faller, RE Coordinator at CIE, gave an inspiring presentation entitled "Keepers of the Fire" which reminded us of our role in keeping the flame of faith alive and the vital role of Religious Education which lies at the very core of the school curriculum. Next year CIE will be offering workshops for teachers about gospel values that underpin every learning area in the school curriculum.
7. On behalf of the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Gender Education Unit at CIE, Paul spoke on the Sexuality Education Policy of CIE which is now in the hands of the SACBC and is soon to be published. He explained that the purpose of this policy is to fulfil the requirements of the LO curriculum, and to teach SE in a way that is in accordance with the ethos of Catholic education. A list of the training/mentoring services offered by this unit was handed out to everyone present.
8. Penny Maree, then facilitated the breaking up into interest groups, i.e. BOG, Principals, High School, Foundation Phase, Intersen and RE Coordinators, in order to review the past needs as recorded in 2009 and look at present needs and make suggestions for 2010. These were recorded and handed in for the CSC and CSO to address, and a leader was chosen from each group to meet with Penny and Renée at a future date.
9. Rosa Calaça thanked Penny Maree for the sterling work done as chairperson of the Principals' Forum. Gratitude was also expressed for the well organized morning, delicious refreshments and beautiful flower arrangement in the hall.
10. CLOSURE
At noon the meeting was closed with a prayer led by Penny which included each group within the gathering, and a final blessing by Fr Peter Switale.