

**REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF ST. FRANCIS
XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL
Parish Council Meeting – 22nd July 2015**

1. PIOUS ASSOCIATIONS' MEET - 29th JUNE, 2014

The meeting was held at St. Antony's School hall at 4 pm and was attended by 50 people from all the pious associations of our parish such as Vincent De Paul society, Legion of Mary, Catholic women's League, Small Christian Community, choir members etc. to discuss the importance of the pious associations and to strategically work out the programme for the development of the parish welfare from all angles.

2. LECTOR'S MEETING - 13th July 2014

This meeting was held at St. Antony's school hall at 4 pm and was attended by 38 people of all the 3 language readers of our parish such as English, Kannada & Tamil to know the liturgical norms and the right method of reading in the Holy Mass.

3. LEGION OF MARY & VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING – 20TH JULY 2014

The Legion of Mary & Vincent De Paul Society special Meeting was held at St. Antony's school hall at 4 pm and was attended by 27 people to discuss and to know their role of the association in the parish in a specific & concrete way & how to live their Spirituality in the parish.

4. SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY MEETING – 27TH JULY, 2014

The SCC of our parish was started on 9th June 2006 with 23 groups in our parish to live out as an extended family and to spread the spirituality of sharing the Gospel. It is a movement of the priests, religious and the laity as a whole. This meeting was held at St. Antony's school hall at 4 pm and was attended by 27 people of all the zones in which Fr. Susai Raj, Sr. Shiny & Mr. Arokia Das the Secretary of the SCC of the Archdiocese oriented the SCC communities to live out and spread the gospel.

5. SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY MEETING – 22ND FEBRUARY, 2015

This meeting was held at St. Antony's school hall at 4 pm and was attended by 31 people of all the zones to learn the 7 steps of the SCC model of sharing the Gospel & spirituality under the guidance of Fr. Susai Raj and discussed past experience and the future improvements.

6. MINORITY HELP DESK INAUGURATION – 2ND MARCH 2015

As per the Archdiocesan circular & the Letter from the Office for Public Relations, KROSS dated 02.02.2015 the Minority Commission Programme was inaugurated in our parish with the Minority Help Desk on 2nd March 2015 at CYC Hall by the Parish Priest Rev. Fr.A.S.Anthony Swamy, Asst. Parish Priests Fr. Martin Anil and Fr. Arokia Swamy at 10 am in the morning. The programme was attended by 35 people from the parish and surrounding parishes along with the KROSS representatives and resource persons Mr. Hector Noronha & Mrs. Elvira Noronha.

The meeting began with the Prayer conducted by Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Swamy, following he welcomed everyone with special invitation to Mrs. Elvira and her team to enlighten on the Minority schemes. Parish Priest also highlighted a brief history of Christian economic status and the Government's laxity with regard to the upliftment and benefits. Now the opportunity is at our door steps and it is the time for all of us to make use of the opportunity and uplift our community.

7. COMMISSION FOR WOMEN INAUGURATION – 14TH MARCH 2015

The commission for women of the Archdiocese of Bangalore, Cathedral Deanery was inaugurated its wing in our parish on the women's Day celebration at our Parish Hall at 10 am in the morning under the topic "The Changing roles of women in the present society" Rev. Fr. Antony Swamy celebrated the mass and encouraged the commission under Mrs. Elizabeth Rajkumar to organise the skit, speech & dance competition and to build a talented women community.

8. MINORITY HELP DESK MEETING – 15TH JULY 2015

With the approval of the Parish Priest, St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral organized a programme of Caste & Income Certificate Training Programme at CYC Hall at 10 am in the morning on 15th July, 2015 with Mr. David from the KROSS as a resource person to explain about the ONLINE PROCEDURES. The programme was attended by 39 people to help out our community people and parish members.

9. LECTOR'S MEETING - 19th July 2015

This meeting was held at St. Antony's School hall at 4 pm and was attended by 28 people of all the 3 language readers of our parish such as English, Kannada & Tamil to know the effective skills for become a better reader in the Holy Mass.

10. CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – JUMBLE SALES TO HELP THE GIRL CHILD EDUCATION

The Catholic women's league of SFX cathedral Unit is an association that has been in existence since 1970 with a group of 55 women who are involved in the social work for the upliftment of the girl children and educating them. They raise funds through

the Jumble sale in our parish twice or thrice a year and has helped more than 250 children of our parish & other surrounding parish girl children who are under privileged.

11. MASS MARRIAGE & MASS RECTIFICATION – 8TH JUNE 2015

Our parish hosted a Mass marriage & Rectification programme in collaboration with St. Antony's Chapel, Near Ashoka Talkies on 8th of June this year whereby it was solemnised by Very. Rev.Fr. Anthony Swamy, the Parish Priest and the concelebrants Fr. Martin Anil & Fr. Arokia Swamy. In this programme 32 couples participated from our deanery and received Thali, Wedding dress for both parties & Lunch as sponsor. This was the first of its kind which took place in our parish which benefited many.

12. Meritorious students Help - May-June 2014 & May-June 2015

For the meritorious students of our parish who have been seeking the educational help was done in a large scale in the month of may-June 2014 & May-June 2015 academic years.

Also the students who have been graduated, there is a possibility of recruitment under the **Christian Minority Quota Latin rite who is other than Anglo-Indian**. We can work on that and therefore, now we request the council to work on this basis as well.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL

9TH MARCH 2015

The parish council meeting of St. Francis Xavier's cathedral was conducted on 9th of March 2015 at CYC Hall in the evening 5 pm. The meeting was attended by 34 people from all the zones and the gathering started with the prayer to the Holy Spirit and a short prayer led by **Fr. Martin Anil**, the Asst. Parish Priest followed by the welcome speech of **Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Swamy** the Parish Priest. As he invited the special speaker and the council members he insisted on the points of parish as a family and we are God's stewards to take care of His vineyard. Then the session began with the special speaker **Rev. Fr. Joseph Abraham** who gave an insight into the **passion of our Lord and the message of bearing with one another for the sake of Christ**. He also highlighted the importance of a parish council and the duty of each member in the council and to work for the welfare of the parish. He insisted on the **Parish council as PILLAR** of the parish. After which rosary was conducted in the Grotto of our lady whereby we prayed for the showers of blessings as the main intention. Completing the rosary the council was led to the main church to have the final benediction and after which the meeting ended with the dinner.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL 22nd July 2015**

AGENDA – 6.00 PM

1. Invoking God's Blessings – Prayer & Hymn to the Holy Spirit
2. Welcome speech

Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Swamy the Parish Priest

3. Report of the activities of St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral

Fr. Arokia Swamy

4. Talk on the “Year of Consecrated Family”

Fr. Martin Antony (Director, Paalana Bhavan)

5. Discussions & Clarifications
6. Vote of thanks – **Fr. Arokia Swamy**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL 16th September 2015

AGENDA – 6.00 PM

1. Invoking God's Blessings – Prayer & Hymn to the Holy Spirit

2. Welcome speech

Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Swamy the Parish Priest

3. Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting

Fr. Arokia Swamy

4. Talk on the “**Mission Sunday – October 2015**”

5. Discussions & Clarifications

6. Vote of thanks – **Fr. Shanth Kumar**

DEANERY MEETING

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL 23rd July 2015

Time Table & the Agenda

- 10.00 – 10.30 am - Coffee / Tea
- 10.30 am - **Opening Prayer & Welcome Speech**
Very. Rev. Fr. Anthony swamy
- 10.45 am - Talk on **“The Year of Consecrated Life”**
Rev. Fr. Ambrose Pinto SJ
- 11.15 am – 12.00 noon - Talk on **“The Year of Consecrated Family”**
Rev. Fr. Arulraj (Holy Cross)
- 12.00 – 12.30 pm – **Discussions, Clarifications &**
suggestions as How to celebrate the
year of the consecrated life and family
- 12.30 – 1.00 pm - **Adoration** (Main Church)
- 1.00 pm - **Lunch**

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL

22nd July 2015

The parish council meeting of St. Francis Xavier's cathedral was conducted on 22nd July 2015 at CYC Hall in the evening 5 pm. The meeting was attended by 40 people from all the zones and the gathering started with the prayer to the Holy Spirit and a short prayer led by **Fr. Arokia swamy**, the Asst. Parish Priest, followed by the welcome speech of **Very Rev. Fr. Anthony swamy** the Parish Priest. The special speaker of the day was **Rev. Fr. Martin Antony, the Director of Paalana Bhavan** who was invited by the parish priest along with the parish council members.

Since, this year is dedicated to the Family and consecrated life, the agenda was set to have a discussion on the welfare of the families and the education of the poor children of our parish and other progress that we can go forth. The parish priest began with an agenda of Planning to visit houses for making smart card and along with that to investigate the socio-economic status of our parish members is vital. He also presented the progress of the Catholic Women's League educating the girl children of our parish studying in nine schools which is a great work and success to build our community. The parish also has spent Rs 5 Lakh for this academic year 2015-16 for the education of the poor children of our parish and wholeheartedly thanked our beloved Archbishop Most. Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras for his generous heart for this great contribution. Hence, our parish is also looking for the Medical Fund and Educational fund for the successive years to come. Apart from this, the parish also provided 5000 note books last year and this year i.e., 2015-16, 300 school bags, 5000 note books to all the three schools in our parish campus (St. Aloysius school, St. Antony's School & St. Rock's School).

After the topic began with the above agenda there were number of suggestions and discussions arose from the parish council members. The Vincent De Paul members have also helped about 90 children with Rs 2 lakhs from their fund to support our poor children. Looking at this improvement in educating our parish children, there was a suggestion to collect one Sunday offertory especially for the Education and that can be developed as Education Fund to help our poor children. There were also suggestions regarding the catechism children to encourage about their attendance and give those incentives and prizes for their attendance and arrange for their local trips so that the children will be encouraged more.

Other suggestions came from the council members were that the priests visiting the families should spend time with the family members and in the church after the Sunday liturgy outside the priests are requested to stand outside to interact with the people by which there will be a cordial relationship between the clergy and the people at large. There was also suggestion for the introducing **Mass for the sick** in our parish so that they may make use of the opportunity to attend one mass possibly. The choir was also an important group to be concentrated for the improvement of the liturgy and should try to incorporate many young people into it and bring lot of changes in it was another suggestion.

Then the session began with the special speaker **Rev. Fr. Martin Antony, the Director of Paalana Bhavan** who gave an insight into the Family life by beginning with the story of the fig tree integrating with the scripture that tells, "I am the vine, you are the branches." This teaches us unity, co-operation and collaboration policy. He highlighted three basic points with regard to the year of family.

- a. **Family Catechesis:** the Pastoral Handbook 2.8, 8.2 speaks about the importance of this. Since family is with people and not with priests thus, the family should have the proper catechesis. These days the family faces plenty of problems and challenges. Therefore, in order to counter this start a "**Family Cell**" in the parish to set right the situation of all sorts.

- b. **Ongoing formation of the family programme:** this is a very important factor especially at the Family welfare centre and also to have Family conventions in the Deanery level.
- c. **Orientation Programme for the couples of different age groups :** one or two days retreat cum orientation programme for the couples such as 10th Anniversary, 15th Anniversary and 25th Anniversary will bring in lot of changes in the families.
- d. Along with this Establish Care Giver Group for Senior Citizens ie., **Senior Citizen Forum** in the parish.

With these insights he also spoke about the importance of Paalana Bhavana and the programmes that are conducted with various available facilities since, it is the nerve centre where all pastoral ministries are rooted. The credit goes to our Beloved Archbishop who has constructed this and it stands one of the best pastoral centre in Asia. He also highlighted the works of our Archbishop with regard to **Migrants and Differently abled people** in the archdiocese.

After the talk given by the speaker, parish priest highlighted the saints in the family and said that Pope Francis will be canonising the elder sister of St. Theresa of Little flower. He gave a thought on the Passover where by the father imparts the tradition to the children on the “**Passover**” night which is missing in the church today. There were 500 Basilicas in and around Rome now sold to Muslims and converted to malls. Such is our condition where we have to go back to the traditional method of family being a centre to impart faith aspects.

Celebration of the Year of Family & the Consecrated Life:

Since the year of consecrated life will be coming to closure on 25th of November, 2015, the discussion began with “How to celebrate it in a meaningful way?” the suggestions began with Fr. Devadas about the “Couples for Christ” which is accepted by the church can be one of the ways to promote the same in our parish. With regard to the consecrated life, we can have a “**Consecrated People’s Mela**” whereby we can prepare a PowerPoint show about the congregations in our parish and their charismas in particular

will bring an awareness in the people of our parish to encourage their children send for the consecrated life. Also those couples who are celebrating their Silver Jubilee this year can have their special celebration in the parish by inviting them in particular. Fr. Parish Priest also suggested identifying the best families or Couples for this year and having the celebration. The council also accepted to start the **Senior Citizen Forum** in the parish and help them in many possible ways.

Finally, the meeting ended with the rosary followed by dinner.

MINUTES OF DEANERY MEETING

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL

23rd July 2015

The Deanery Meeting of St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral was conducted on 23rd July 2015 at 10.00 am in which representatives of 14 parishes of this deanery and the religious from various communities and lay representatives attended this meeting. There were two speakers for the meeting to address the gathering. One was **Rev. Fr. Ambrose Pinto, SJ** who gave an insight into the **Consecrated life** which the Pope Francis is wanting i.e., "Wake up the world as Prophets." He spoke on the clericalism and other aspects which is creeping into the church that makes the Christian call as sleepy. Rather the consecrated life is called to wake up the world as prophets.

The second topic was addressed by **Rev. Fr. Arulraj from the Holy Cross Fathers** with an entitlement "Family accompanied by the Church" under the banner of **Consecrated Family life**. In this topic he stage everything in different points so as how church accompanies the family and should accompany the families which is the basic and important ministry as well.

- a. The church accompanies Christian families on journey through life: quoting *Familiaris Consortio*, 73 of the 1981 document he said it is urgency today for the church. Pope Francis called people to "go to the Periphery" we need to go out to reach to the people. Only 6% of the people come for mass on Sundays in France and thus we need to go to the wounded families to heal.
- b. Single parents suffer in the society as how to face the problems that arise and withstand is another problem that has to be noted.
- c. Marriage preparation is not sufficient and up to the mark and thus we need to find ways to solve this problems. Quoting *Familiaris Consortio*, he said about the importance of Remote Preparation – in the schools, Proximate preparation – in the

Family welfare centres and Immediate Preparation – in the parishes is the need of the hour.

- d. Treating the families with love and respect is to be inculcated and walking with the families like that of Jesus walking with his disciples on the way to Emmaus is an example for all.
- e. The issues such as “can a divorced receive communion? Children suffering from the separated families and Inter-faith marriages in increase are a serious talks which are under discussion in the October synod.

Family synod survey in India:

1. Family visits make them experience in prayer, foster family spirituality and encourage through SCC other pious association.
 2. Provide “Couple Centred activities and Programmes” in the parishes.
 3. Creating Responsible Christian Parenting and Faith formation for Parents is a must
 4. Improve marriage preparation
 5. Annulments & Divorce :
 - The church should stand against the social devalues that are rising these days.
 - The church should stand against the social media.
 - The church should stand against the local issues such as Alcoholism, domestic violence, petty violence and addictions.
1. The church should understand and address the changing family situations
 2. Ensuring priests to be trained with adequately in pastoral care.
 3. Care for the Homosexuality couples and educate on the issues and preach gospel of mercy.
 4. Finally, Preparing Action Plan that is to be conducted through SCC prayer groups, Sunday liturgy etc.

The meeting had the suggestions and clarification at the end of the talk and after which the group was led to the main church to have the final benediction and after which the meeting ended with the lunch.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL

16th September 2015

The parish council meeting of St. Francis Xavier's cathedral was conducted on 16th September 2015 at CYC Hall in the evening 6.30 pm. The meeting was attended by 34 people from all the zones and the gathering started with the prayer to the Holy Spirit and a short prayer led by **Fr. Irudayaraj**, the Asst. Parish Priest. The meeting was held with the agenda of Mission Sunday celebration. The minutes of the last meeting was read by Fr. Arokia Swamy and then the session was taken over by **Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Swamy** the Parish Priest. He welcomed the gathering and initiated people into the understanding of Mission Sunday.

He narrated the examples of St. Januarius, the Bishop of Naples, Nigeria incident, UNO leaders witnessing Christ in public. He also emphasised on what is Mission Sunday? It is not just collecting money but we follow the command of Jesus and proclaim the gospel by which every knee shall bow and tongue confess that Jesus is Lord as said by St. Paul. It is also continuing the mission of Christ. In India, there are many villages who have not known Christ and on the other hand the European churches are facing faith crisis and are converting themselves to Islam. The US and other developed countries are demoralising their life with abortion, homosexuality, euthanasia etc. thus, we need to encourage evangelisation and lay preachers and evangelisers. Christ witnessing is not easy today specially in India and Karnataka. Amidst conflicts crisis persecution by the ISIS we are called to witness Christ and proclaim but some people have no time for church and Christ.

Proposed activities for the Parish: After briefing about the proclamation the parish priest has explained the council about the starting of Smart card from William's Town and will be completed by December.

Starting of the 2.45 pm praise & worship is proposed after which devotion to Divine Mercy is to be conducted. He also explained the Archbishop's idea of starting an Engineering college & Medical College at Whitefield is a good news for us all.

Fr. Devadas explained about the paper work for starting of the Adoration chapel license which is also in the process for which the parish priest and the Estate committee is working hard to begin this construction.

Mission Sunday Discussions: the discussions for the mission Sunday celebration began with the fixing up of the dates as 18th October as Mission Sunday Offertory collection, November 15th decided as the Food Fest & December 27th fixed for the Raffle tickets draw. After this discussion carried towards the association's last year contribution and the present year programmes. there were suggestions for Pet Show, Tattoo artist, sugar candies etc which needs to be inaugurated this year as a new thing. Finally the council decided to have the meeting on 23rd September at 6.30 pm. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Fr. Shanth Kumar and with fellowship refreshments.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL

23rd September 2015

The parish council meeting of St. Francis Xavier's cathedral was conducted on 23rd September 2015 at CYC Hall in the evening 6.30 pm. The meeting was attended by 38 people from all the zones and the gathering started with the prayer to the Holy Spirit and a short prayer led by **Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Swamy** the Parish Priest. The meeting was held with the agenda of Mission Sunday celebration. The minutes of the last meeting was read by Fr. Arokia Swamy and then the session was taken over by **Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Swamy** who welcomed the gathering and initiated people into the understanding of Mission Sunday.

He read the passage from **Ezekiel chapter 37** which explains about the dry bones vision that the prophet receives and from which he understands the power of God and message of God. The message of God is that God gives life to the dry bones and giving hope for the human life. It is the Spirit that gives life and hope. Therefore live a life that is worthy of God on earth as God pleases. He also spoke of Padre Pio's life who was with an ardent zeal for Christ and for him Faith was life. His belief was in prayer and said that in books we see God and in prayer we find God's presence. MEP fathers preached here in India and converted us to life of God but now Indians go to preach the Gospel for the Europeans. This is the mission now for all of us.

Discussions & Suggestions: the discussion began on the finalising of the stalls for the Mission Sunday Food fest.

- The parish priest said about the Envelops of the Mission Sunday will be given to the SCC members to be distributed by which we can reach large people, and some will be kept outside for other parishioners as well.

- He also declared that there will No Children's Mass & catechism on the food fest day.
- Morning 6.15 am English Mass also will be cancelled.
- Request Note and announcement will be sent to our Deanery parishes about our food fest programmes.
- Pet show will be decided later
- Selling of Recharge cards on that day was accepted to be one more method to raise fund.
- Printing of the handbills is to be done and distributed.
- Glass and plates, water, gas cylinder to be tried with the sponsorers.

Then the Last year's Mission Sunday Food Fest collection was read out as:

Total collection – Rs 3,41,185.00

Total Expenses – Rs 92,076.00

Balance = Rs 2,49,109.00

Stalls Finalisation was done as:

1. Konkan Stall – Chicken curry, pork, fish, idly, appam, chapatti – Rs 60
2. Kannada Choir & Legion of Mary (Kannada) – Chicken curry, chapatti Rs 50 and idly Dosa, pork – Rs 30
3. Vinod & Peter – 500 chicken Biryani Rs 75 and Dosa idly with beef curry Rs 50
4. SCC Frazer Town – Idly appam chicken stew Rs 50 and poori palya Rs 30
5. SCC Frazer Town Moore Road – Idly sambar – Rs 30 and Pork – Rs 60
6. Catholic Women's League – Pork & Sanna Rs 80
7. Vincent De Paul Society – Chicken curry, Appam, Paaya+Appam, Cakes, sweets, pickles

Some more stalls to be organised in the next meeting and the council ended with thanksgiving prayer by Fr. Arokia swamy and fellowship refreshments.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL

4th October 2015

The parish council meeting of St. Francis Xavier's cathedral was conducted on 4th October 2015 at CYC Hall in the 11.00 am. The meeting was attended by 45 people from all the zones and the gathering started with the prayer to the Holy Spirit and a short prayer led by **Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Swamy** the Parish Priest. The meeting was held with the agenda of Mission Sunday celebration. The minutes of the last meeting was read by Fr. Arokia Swamy and then the session was taken over by **Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Swamy** who welcomed the gathering and initiated people into the understanding of Mission Sunday.

4th October is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi where the Parish priest introduced the saint with an experience of how St. Francis met a leper on the highway journey and the leper requested him to remove the pus and blood from his body. The saint cared the leper and experienced God in his life. He also introduced the **crib decoration** to know the poverty of Jesus and said that love to live in poverty for Jesus was born in a manger. He was also the first one to experience the 5 wounds of Jesus and founded the congregation. Pope Francis our Holy Father has taken the name of this saint for his love for God, life of simplicity & humility.

Inauguration of Senior Citizen Club, St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral

Since there were very few senior citizens on this day of inauguration, the parish priest explained about the need for the care of the elderly which is completely evaporating from our society. He explained that with a story of an young man carrying an Old man to through him into the sea when asked by a passer-by. Today elderly people are ignored and we need to care them and show concern since many in the old age home are psychologically affected. Thus, the purpose of St. Francis Xavier's cathedral starting the Senior Citizen Forum/Club is to help, show concern and care in whatever way possible by the church. The club will meet either fortnightly or monthly to discuss and share their experiences. As Jerome Home which is cared by St. Vincent De Paul Society members, it

is a need to help these people and looking into their socio-economic conditions. After this, the **Parish priest inaugurated officially the Senior Citizen Club of St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral.**

Along with this, he also mentioned about the welfare programmes (Pension schemes, Health schemes) that are conducted by the Minority Help Desk of our Parish on 28th September to 3rd October and also the Smart Card has been started in William's town on 3rd October which are important developments that are taking place in the parish.

Discussions & Suggestions: the discussion began for the stalls of the Mission Sunday Food fest.

1. Women's commission Stall – Pongal, Vada, sweet – Rs 40
2. Youth – Games stall
3. St. Aloysious School – Fr. Devadas agreed to offer money this time.

Other suggestions:

- It was suggested by one of the members to announce about the Stalls in the Sunday masses and shortly to open up the Canteen at CYC hall to bring in a socialisation of people in our parish. This incharge was taken by Ronnie Cutinha (Ronald) to organise the canteen every Sunday after mass.
- Web-page update of parish events was also yet another suggestion and this was also taken up by Ronnie Cutinha (Ronald) with the help of the parish clergy.
- Pet show for the Mission Sunday was approved in the meeting and will be hosted by the youth on 15th November.
- Raffle tickets 5 consolation prizes were sponsored by Ronnie Cutinha (Ronald).
- Altar boy's & girls to be made vibrant and active which was taken care by Fr. Shanth Kumar and soon the will be Altar-girls as well.
- Sound and light on Mission Sunday to be promoted; for which it will be taken up by Fr. Ambrose Pinto & Sr. Leoni.

Finally, the council ended with thanksgiving prayer & final blessing by Fr. Anthony Swamy and fellowship refreshments.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL

21st October 2015

The parish council meeting of St. Francis Xavier's cathedral was conducted on 4th October 2015 at CYC Hall in the evening 6.30 pm. The meeting was attended by 34 people from all the zones and the gathering started with the prayer to the Holy Spirit and a short prayer led by **Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Swamy** the Parish Priest. The meeting was held with the agenda of Mission Sunday celebration Food Fest. The minutes of the last meeting was read by Fr. Arokia Swamy and then the session was taken over by Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Swamy who thanked the parishioners for their generous contribution of collection towards the mission Sunday. The **offertory received on 18th of October** was amounted to **Rs 2,44,768 /- . Sisters of Tarbes offered Rs 32,000/-** towards the mission Sunday.

The meeting was held first to discuss and fix the Food Fest day in our parish and the council decided to fix it on 15th November beginning from 8 am to 2 pm and evening from 5pm to 7.30 pm.

Discussions & Suggestions: the discussion began for the stalls of the Mission Sunday Food fest.

4. SCC Frazer Town – (Jude)
5. SCC William's Town – Idly Sambar, Beef cutlet with bread – Rs 40/-
6. SCC Cox Town (Sr. Shiny) – Cutlet veg & Non-veg Rs 40/- & Jamoon Rs 10/-

Other suggestions:

- It was suggested by Mr. Ronnie to have Fun Games for all ages between 6-60 and requested to provide 8-10 volunteers to help & he took the responsibility to conduct it on Mission Sunday Food fest 15th November with his offering of Rs 20,000/-
- Mr. Uday kumar sponsored the Home Theatre
- Mr. Arun & Mrs. Vidya sponsored 15 consolation prizes
- Mrs. Assuntha (Kannada choir) sponsored Bicycle

- Mrs. Assuntha sponsored Gas Cylinder
- Mr. Ravi Thambuchetty offering other items.
- Plastic Glasses, tea, coffee offered by the parish
- Ms. Nieta D'souza shared some of her suggestions which has been accepted to follow it.
- Fr. Irudaya Raj suggested displaying the prizes and selling it in our parish every Sunday.

Finally, the council ended with thanksgiving prayer & final blessing by Fr. Anthony Swamy and fellowship refreshments.