**And budget issues.**

**Minutes of the CSL Chapter**

**Saturday May 15, 2021**

The meeting opened at 1:05 PM central time with a greeting from Abbot David and prayer by Bishop Scarfe.

Sr. Martha reviewed voting:

* Annually Professed and above vote on all issues
* Novices and Full Oblates may vote on Administrative and Financial issues such as acceptance of reports
* **All** members have voice, meaning can ask questions or make comments on any issue before Chapter.

Annual Reports - \*\*\*Note – All reports were emailed in advance to streamline process\*\*\*

* Sr. Toni reviewed the report for the fiscal year to date.
* Sr. Martha reviewed her Prior’s Report
* Br. Chrysostom presented Formation Report. Working on new formation manuals. Will be receiving 2 Novice Oblates, 4 Postulants, and 2 members as Novice (1 current member moving from Oblation to Vowed and one person transferring from another community) so always looking for additional Formation Guides.
* Abbot David reviewed his report

Motion was made by Sr. Denise and seconded by Sr. Anna Grace to accept reports as presented. Motion passed 24-0.

Other Business

* Br. Gregory and Sr. Toni presented the FY 2021-2022 budget. It was based on history, which shows that 5 items use about 82% of the budget. Due to issues with email copies not being received, consensus was that an electronic vote on the budget should be taken at a later date so members can have more time to review.
* Sr. Petra discussed pledging for 2021-2022 and how it would be handled electronically.
* Committee and Working Group Reports
	+ Worship Committee: invaluable in assisting Sr. Martha with early Convocation planning. Will be working with Abbot on revised Rituale.
	+ Working Group-Oblate Review: Sr. Martha presented the group’s report. Customary and possibly constitution need changes to implement. There was concerns about Oblates directing Formation since it primarily involved vowed life, with which they are not familiar. Consensus was to start with leadership roles in Communications and possibly Finance and take baby steps.
	+ Member Care and Support – Br. Raymond reviewed the written report he submitted, made a request for additional hands to assist with outreach.
	+ Continuous Learning and Mentoring – Br. Steven Joseph review his written report.
	+ Communications: Abbot David led the discussion. Not ready for a Dean-level position yet.
		- There is interest in a newsletter, but few volunteers to do the work. He would like a working group of at least 3 to explore ideas.
		- Br. Florian is doing an excellent job managing video media, but need to explore other options
		- Sr. Anna Grace and Sr. Mary Francis will be reviving the prayer list. Sr. Anna Grace will be sending an email survey to help determine what should be included.
		- Tri-fold needs updating

Motion made by Br. Steven Joseph and seconded by Br. Robert to accept reports above as presented and discussed. Passed unanimously.

* Changes to the web-based Divine Office:
	+ History – community decided in 2010 to use the BCP as our primary breviary. Moved to online version in 2014.
	+ Now see a need to begin incorporating gender neutrality.
	+ Changes will be baby steps.
	+ Motion made by Sr. Anah Elizabeth and seconded by Sr. Julian to proceed with discussions on changes. Passed unanimously.
* Affirmation of 2021-2022 Council members selected electronically by rank:
	+ Professed – Br. Anskar and Sr. Anna Grace
	+ Oblates – Br. Daniel
	+ Postulants and Novices – Br. Peter Francis.

Meeting closed at 2:40 PM central time following a prayer by Bishop Scarfe.