

Chapter Meeting Notes [via Sr Julian] and Recording [via Br Florian] for Saturday May 13, 2023 Meeting
(Note from Prior – Minutes for January Chapter meeting will be available for fall Chapter meeting.)

Greeting [to 26 zoom-based attendees at 2pm central]- Abbot David; and

Opening Prayer – Bishop Alan Scarfe

Announcements re: Next Chapter meeting (TBD following election of new superior at June convocation);

Voluntary resignations of three members (Br Camillus, Sr Karen, Sr Cecilia); and Leadership changes (Br Gregory, Treasurer, and Br Chrysostom, Formation Dean, will be stepping down effective July 1; their successors will be identified by the new Superior at that time).

Reports – At conclusion of reports, motion by Br Chrysostom and second by Sr Catherine Ann was made and approved by majority 'chat tab' voting.

1. Financial Review for current quarter – Sr Mary Magdalene reviewed written report mailed out earlier (including a 6-month budget for future approval by Chapter because of one-time change of fiscal year; and pledges are encouraged to be provided at Convocation).

2. Convocation update – Abbot David for Prior Martha: Registrations due by May 17; election of new superior to occur and milestone elevations of eleven members to be celebrated. CSL will stay in new dormitory.

3. 5-year plan implementation update – via Committee chairs or their surrogates:

a. *Spirituality focus* on upcoming convocation/inclusion of rubrics to OD app and 2 discussion topics related to ministry; note addition of Wednesday online vespers option;

b. *Member Support and Outreach focus* on FB support (Kevin Orth new admin/coordinator), Website, and Technology upgrades. Noted attendance at ABC quarterly online meeting and book of interest to CSL (*The Monk's Cell* by Paula Pryce);

c. *Formation focus* on issue of new Formation Guide manual, 2nd year of online basic classes, and continued archiving of CSL history;

d. *Finance focus* on transition to calendar year and multi-year budgeting as well as some Finance Committee and leadership changes in process.

Discussion – Discussion centered around the upcoming convocation and election of a new superior; and on the proposed budget and the process for finalizing it for a vote by Chapter members.

Abbot David Closing remarks – Abbot David thanked the Council and all new and continuing members for their support during his tenure as Abbot. He noted his administration dealt mostly with the effects of the Covid pandemic on the CSL's prayer life and on preparation for balancing current needs with opportunities in the future.

Closing Prayer – Sr Madeleine Sophie at 3pm central time.

Attached link for MP4 Google Drive recording of meeting by Br Florian:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15JLHhOjbxvZsURS6qeWOPorWyJ2ZK7K/view>