Br. David’s Reports

Treasurer’s report

I was appointed treasurer by Abess Martha last spring. I’ve worked this year to formalize our financial policies and practices. The financial plan is available as an appendix to the customary for all to review. Formal description of the financial responsibility of the council and superior and job descriptions for the treasurer, business manager, and others responsible for those managing our finances was written and approved by council.

We have two subcommittees of the CSL council that have been implemented. A finance committee to update the 5-year budget plan and develop the next year’s budget from that plan, and an investment committee to manage our investments. The finance committee has completed a Q1 review and Q2 will be reviewed in July. The investment committee will meet after convocation to complete a review of investments.

Our business manager is Sr. Mary Magdeline. She has been continuing the work of others to bring the regular financial management in line with good financial practice and developing processes to stream line our money management.

The Council has approved the creation of a Financial Review Committee which will complete an annual review of our income and expenditures. The review has begun for the year 2023.

I will step down as treasurer effective in October,2024; and I will be searching for a replacement (with the help of council) this summer.

Porters Report

I am assisted by Sr. Catherine Ann. We have received nine inquiries from the US, Africa, and Australia since April. We have made some changes to our email people. We now ask them to tell us how they found us (via FB, our website, Google/Bing, diocese or Anglican websites, etc). We ask them to purchase the red book of the Rule and provide a link to the suggested readings on our website. We will begin the application process in Sept. There will be a meeting with the managers of FB and our deans of formation to review the messaging on our FB page after convocation. I will continue as Porter until July 2025.

**Communications Report**

Br. Florian continues to maintain the LIST\_SERV. It is very important that members inform him if you change your email address or if you are not receiving LIST\_SERV mail.

**Attention** **Deans of formation:** Please send the names and email addresses to Br. Florian and to me of the people being welcomed as Novice Oblates or Postulants so he can add them to the LIST\_SERV list and I can update Opus Dei so they can access the offerings that are copywrite protected.

Br. Jude Thaddeus maintains or FB presence. The public site is very active, but it’s objectives and purpose will be reviewed and any recommendations developed will be sent to council. He still needs member contributions to keep the content of both sites fresh.

The community directory will be fully updated in July; but this will be the last one that I will create, so that torch has to be passed before the end of the year.

Concerning Opus Dei, I will continue to work with Webcitz for maintenance of Opus Dei and the www.csl-osb site since I have an excellent working relationship with them. Abbess Martha will appoint me to serve on the worship committee this summer to implement updates as directed. For the future, I'll train and orient a person to step into that role if I cannot continue with it.

Also, the repairs and additions to the site are complete. This turned into a much more complex process than expected by either me or Webcitz. As we got more deeply into the program, we discovered processes and links created by the original designer were laid out inefficiently & which created problems and situations that when we implemented a change, it had unexpected ripple effects on other parts of the program that generated errors. So instead of just simply making a change, Webcitz was forced to work with me to understand the liturgy to implement total redesigns to many parts of the program. This work was very time consuming, but since the designer actually enjoyed learning about the program & making the updates. In the future, it is expected that changes will be easier and cheaper, because of the redesign and his understanding of our liturgy.