**CSL Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 5 PM Central Time**

**Attendance:** Abbess Martha, Brother David, Sister Mary Magdalene, Sister Anah Elizabeth, Sister Marie Patricia, Brother Ronan

**Excused:** Brother Daniel

**Guests:** Lorien Alta, Cynthia Reese

**The Abbess called the meeting together at 5:04 CT.**

**Opening Prayer:** Sister Marie Patricia

**Financial Report:** Brother David sent out a packet to the Council members and entertained questions concerning the expenses. He noted the expenses on the Convocation in June as higher than those in the Fall. $12,000 was paid to Conception Abbey for June. The pledges thus far are under what was expected so reminders will be sent out in the mid-year statements. Some of the other expenditures noted where the new name tags and habits. Abbess Martha made a motion to accept the report as presented; seconded by Brother Ronan; approved by the Council.

**Investment Account:** The Abbess and Sister Anah Elizabeth are working on this to make sure everything is going as planned. The investment committee will meet before July 9.

**Financial review:** Three members have been selected for the review and they are: brother Jude Thaddeus, Sister Jana Lynn, and Brother Dunstan. They will be meeting on July 6.

**Treasurer’s Resignation:** Brother David will be stepping down at the end of October as Treasurer. He will send out a job description so that anyone who is interested in applying for the position will be able to see what is needed.

**Communication Report:** Brother David updated the Council on the new format on Opus Dei where the hymns were embedded in the services. He noted that music for the Fall Convocation needs to be chosen by Labor Day in order to put it into the services. Brother David also noted that all the design work on Opus Dei has been completed. Brother John David will start up the newsletter again and Sister Toni will help with the design. No other new work will be done on the main web site this year.

**Porter Report:** Brother David told the Council there have been 10 inquirers and he plans to start the interview process in August, 8 are from the US; 1 from Australia; and 1 from South Africa. Brother David also made a recommendation that nothing will change in the way we start and continue with the formation process. Three people were admitted too formation at Convocation and three more will be admitted on July 11.

**May Minutes:** Brother Ronan made a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Sister Marie Patricia; approved by the Council.

**New Business:** Abbess Martha gave an update on the Customary which will be sent to everyone in its new form. The financial documents will be added as an Appendix to the Customary. The Abbess asked that members send articles to Brother John David about the Convocation for the next news letter that he will publish.

**Old Business:** Abbess Martha explained all the issues that have arisen with the new habits and the vendor. Anyone who knows of other options for purchasing habits is asked to let the Abbess know. Brother William Marion will contact Glory and Praise to see what they can offer CSL. Also noted was Bishop Scarfe’s wife makes the caps for the sisters who wear veils. Brother David said that Sister Brigid would like the template back that she provided for the habits.

**The next meeting will take place on July 9 at 5 PM Central Time.**

**Closing Prayer at 5:55 PM, CT:** Sister Anah Elizabeth

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Marie Patricia, OSB