**CSL COUNCIL MEETING Minutes**

**March 13, 2025**

**Present:** Abbess Martha, Brother Raymond. Brother Jean Baptiste, Sister Genevieve Lynn, Brother William Marion, Sister Mary Magdalene, Sister Marie Patricia

**Absent:** Sister Gianna, Brother Florian

**Guests:** Brother Jerome, Chris Ndife

**Financial Report:** Sister Mary Magdalene presented the financial report and explained for new members what each of the sheets represented and why each was labeled as such. The report consists of both the January and February finances. The finances are in good shape, and the only large expenses had to do with ordering habits. CSL will also be paying for a couple of background checks to Oxford management. Pledges are coming in and they are also reflected in the budget statement.

Brother Jean Baptiste said he would be getting a committee together to perform the necessary account review. Anyone who is interested should let the Abbess or him know so the process can begin.

**Website:** Abbess Marthareported that all three outstanding tasks on the website and *Opus Dei* have been completed*:* make some edits to text on the main site, simplify *Opus* Dei rubrics, and fix formatting on the Holy Eucharist pages. The work was expected to take 8 hours but only took 71/2. The rest of the 40 hours of paid time will be in reserve in case more work is needed. Sister Mary Magdalene was praised for her work on the trifold.

**Formation:** Sister Genevieve Lynn presented the report and discussed the Lenten study is going well. The task groups are continuing their work and meetings. Preparations are already in the process for Convocation which will only have three Eucharists and four Vespers due to the change in dates.

**Porter Report:** The Abbess noted there are three applicants who have completed all their paperwork. Interviews will be taking place within the next 3 days. Two or three others are in various stages of entrance but the deadline is for March so those will be the ones who are considered if they meet all the requirements. There was some discussion about having Free Masons as members in CSL, and it was seen as positive for the Community.

**February Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the February minutes as written and corrected; seconded by Sister Genevieve Lynn; approved by the Council. [\*\*\*Abbess note, typed April 10 – maker of motion unknown, originally attributed to a member not in attendance. Meeting did not record so unable to verify.\*\*\*]

**Approval of Reports:** Brother Jean Baptiste made a motion to accept all reports as presented; seconded by Brother William Marion; approved by the Council.

**Worship:** Abbess Martha discussed the upcoming Matins on March 22, when the Community will remember those who have departed from this life with a reading of the Necrology and that other members will also be able to remember those they want named at that time. Brother William Marion will be leading the service, and all members are encouraged to attend.

**Old Business:** All habit orders have been placed, and Sister Mary Magdalene will follow up on the status.

Finally, some discussion occurred concerning the silence and preparation for Vespers on ZOOM.

Council ended at 7:05 with a prayer by Sister Marie Patricia

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Marie Patricia