



Capuchin Franciscan

Province of St. Joseph

Minutes of the Provincial Council

18-19 February 2020

Detroit, MI

Interviews

- The council met with (Ms) Kristi Hassouna, via Lifesize, regarding a capital campaign for the renovation of St. Francis Monastery. A report was given on a recent discussion with a company (Steier Group) who could help us decide whether or not funds could be raised, and what amount. An advisory group on this matter suggests that the province begin the process of hiring this company and the council agreed to have (Ms) Kristi Hassouna follow through by contacting the company.
- The council met with (Ms) Amy Peterson who gave a report on the recent activities of the office of Pastoral Care and Conciliation.

Personnel

- Lester Bach: died on February 2, 2020 and was buried in Mt. Calvary, WI.
- Michael Dorn: his deaconate ordination will take place with OFM friars – September 26, 2020 in Chicago at St. Clare Montefalco chapel.

Donor Recognition

The council discussed the possibility about having a donor recognition site for donors who offer money specifically to the province. After much discussion, it was agreed that somewhere in the outdoor new section of the Solanus Center, a paver section be created for all donors to the province and the Detroit ministries (excluding the Capuchin Retreat). The council will speak also to (Ms) Kristi Hassouna about what would be the expected amount of money donated to “earn” a paver.

St. Clare Montefalco Parish, Chicago, IL

Information regarding the diocesan decision about the parish will be published to the province. The council has reviewed the announcement of the archdiocese, and the understanding is that full-time salary for the Capuchin parochial vicar will be included. Whether or not the present dean, John Celichowski, will continue to minister as the dean needs to be decided in the future.

Sale of three lots of the property of St. Fidelis Friary, Appleton, WI

A request came to the province by an interested party to purchase three lots of province property of St. Fidelis Friary. The council rejected the offer.

Minutes Reviewed

The council received and reviewed the minutes of the January Formation Council meeting.

Corporate Business

- (Ms) Diane Simpkins (treasurer) presented the budget vs actual. Her conclusion is that we are in good financial shape in that the province is under-budget in expenses and over-budget in income.
- The council received a 3 year plan of Capital Improvements from Capuchin Retreat. The council gave its approval.