

Glastonbury Abbey: Oblate Steering Committee Minutes--August 23, 2011

Present: Fr. Nicholas, Carolyn Carpenter, Tom Gorman, Denise Patts, Sally Pineau, Kathleen Purcell, Joe Scanlan

Meeting was convened at 7:00 PM with opening prayer by Fr. Nicholas.

Oblate Steering Committee (OSC) meeting minutes of August 2, 2011 were accepted and will be forwarded to Br. Albrecht for inclusion on the website.

1) **Welcome Letter:** people are excited about the variety planned for the year and the two book choices. Carolyn will fix the Calendar date before our first Oblate meeting.

2) **Member List:**

Kathleen Purcell's resignation was formally accepted and a Thank You card was signed from the OSC.

ACTION ITEM: Denise will double check with Fr. Andrew as to who is making an oblation and who is joining as a novice. Oblates: Ruth Ann Wetherby, Deborah Roy, John Geary, Kathleen Jeffery. Novices: Barbara Brennock, Maddie McGinty, Ann Marie Creman.

Paul Schlossburg has requested to stay as an Observer for one more year. Barbara Heyde will stay as a Novice for one more year.

ACTION ITEM: Tom continues to update the member list and will have name tags for first Oblate meeting. Denise will get the blank tags. Tom will coordinate with Sally as well for the tags.

3) **Flocks:** We divided the group (Oblates and Novices) among the five members. Sally has those with no emails. We will contact after the September Oblate meeting.

4) **September Oblate Meeting:** Review of agenda Denise prepared for the first meeting. Tasks assigned: Opening Prayer – Fr. Nicholas; Reading of Rule – Sally; Copies of welcome letter, schedule, breakfast flyer, mentor list – Carolyn; Chittister book introduction – Tom; Rohr book introduction – Carolyn; Prayer basket (no fishing for names) – Denise; Mentor List purpose – Denise; Photographs and Sign-up sheet for Field Trip – Joe; Flocks – Denise.

5) **Oblate Program:** All items are ***ACTION ITEMS:***

- Icon Presentation: Carolyn will follow-up with Fr. James Savage for a brief biography and will share with Tom who is host for the 10/4/2011 Oblate meeting.
- Movie Night options: Nooma 2 selections – each selection runs 10-14 minutes. Committee reviewed one option “Noise” and will use this as the first selection. Carolyn will: write down the text of “Noise” for presentation at the November Oblate meeting for discussion and share information via email to OSC to choose the second video.
- Witness Talks: Oblates: Tom is still working on. To date Kathleen Jeffery (new oblate) is confirmed.
- Book: Motion was made and accepted to schedule separate group times for review of how each book will be presented.

6) **Oblate Handbook:** Motion was made and accepted to review the beginning section at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM: OSC Members to review first section for discussion at September OSC meeting.

The next OSC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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