

Definitory notes from April 26, 2017

St. Francis Novitiate and Friary, Arroyo Grande, CA.

- Received a petition from Friar Joseph Martin Hoang for admission to Solemn Profession. After a review of his Directors recommendations and a report by Br. James Reiter regarding his scrutinium, this petition was favorably voted upon. Congratulations Friar Joseph Martin!
- Both the celebration of Solemn Profession and our First Professions in the Province will be August 2, 2017, at 7 PM, at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish.
- Received, and regrettably accepted the resignation of Friar Giles Zakowicz (Our Lady of the Angels Province), as our Novice Master and also Guardian of our St. Francis Novitiate and Friary. Friar Giles is thanked for many years of service to the Federation and our Novices, and for his tremendous hospitality to all.
- Upon the recommendation of the Conventual Franciscan Federation (CFF), elected Friar Joseph Wood (St. Bonaventure Province), as both Novice Master and Guardian of our St. Francis Novitiate and Friary.
- Voted to allow the expenditure of no more than \$40,000 in order to do an evaluation and feasibility study to be done for the St. Joseph Cupertino Friary, in Castro Valley.
- Voted to call an Extraordinary Provincial Chapter to occur beginning at 9 AM, Tuesday, June 26th, at our Community Week, in order to consider the sale of the Bello house in Pismo Beach.
- Decided that other areas to be treated at Community Week would be:
 - Creation of a first draft of a Strategic Plan
 - A reworking in order to update our 2005 Province Statutes.
 - Introduction of the work of creating a Province “Philosophy of Aging”, at the recommendation of our Visioning Committee.
 - A discussion of the work of our Delegation and Mission Promotion.
- Discussed a number of personnel issues and opportunities.
- Discussed the meeting of Friars Tom Czeck, Joseph Kim, James Reiter and Victor Abegg with the Viva Francis Foundation, in order to

explore how we might grow support and membership in the Foundation.

- Decided that John will attempt to do the Provincial Visitation during his visit to the Delegation in August, and for the Province in the month of October, 2017.
- Received a financial report from Friar George Cherrie for the months of January and February, indicating that for the as of the close of the first two months the Province had a net loss of \$9,679.
- Received a Balance Sheet as of the closing of February 28, 2017. After adjusting for the Mission Fund, this shows that the net Province Cash Assets are at \$1,056,658.
- Reviewed that Balance sheet of June 30th, 2014 showing a net Province Cash Assets at \$1,167,798. Comparing these two Balance sheets indicates that since June 30, 2014 and February 28, 2017, the Province incurred a net loss of \$111,140.
- Financial reports are now being posted on the Friars only section of the website.
- Voted to allow the Delegation of Vietnam to expend an additional \$10,000 in order to purchase property that is adjacent to the Annunciation Friary in Cu Chi.
- Decided to postpone the emergency actions required by our Financial Crisis plan pending further updates.
- The next Definitory will be held on June 25th, at 5 PM.