

Minutes of Saint Brigid's Council Meeting

January 15, 2024

Present: Mary Stamps, Cindy Stubbs, Noelle Rollins, Bev Selby, Alison Hendley, Glenn Harden

Opening prayer.

1) Review the community call and talk about next steps for the process.

- a) Impressions from the call were shared. Overall it was felt that the call went well with honest sharing. It was noted that the presence of the Holy Spirit was there.
- b) Discussion followed on what the next steps should be in the process.
 - i) The Council will develop a list of questions and issues that need to be addressed.
 - ii) A thread will be placed in the Mighty Network Council space and the conversation will continue in next month's Council meeting.

2) Decide on themes and observances for Lent.

- a) We will once again join the Yankton sisters for their Lenten retreat. A RSVP will be set up in Mighty Networks.
- b) The Friday night soup suppers will be brought back and money saved on eating a simple meal can donated to charities.
- c) The community will be encouraged to speak to their Deans about their private Lenten practice.

3) Other.

- a) A discussion was held on the role of the oratory in our community and how other meetings interrupt the time leading up to prayer. It was requested that the oratory have a buffer put in place so that the community can gather early in silence.
- b) A decision was made to create a 15-minute buffer.
- c) All groups that meet before prayer times will be asked to adjust their meeting times to allow for this buffer.

Closing prayer.

Reports

Amma's Report

My only report for December is that the community seemed to have embraced our Advent and Christmastide observances. Personally, those weeks were a restorative time that included one-on-one conversations with several of our members.

From the Porter: There's been a bit of activity but no one to send to Amma for a conversation yet. 4 initial inquiries. One Zoom conversation (they have decided not to begin yet or move forward yet), and one Inquirer is asking for a conversation, but we haven't set a time yet.

Noelle's Report

I do not have much to report for the past month due to the Advent and Christmas season.

Lectio resumed this month and will continue until June.

The Tech team will be meeting this week to resume their activities.

Amma and I will also meet tomorrow.

I did not post a new blog post in December or January but will resume next month.

Bev's Report

Liturgy Report

Since the Council last met, the Liturgy Team has posted Breviary guides for Advent through Christmastide and Compline settings for the four weeks of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and Ordinary Time.

The Liturgy Team met on Jan. 3rd, and we are now working on the upcoming St. Brigid's Feast Day liturgy (2/1), Feast of St. Scholastica settings (2/10), and are starting on the Breviary guide for Ash Wednesday (2/14) through Easter (3/31). We will take up our post-Easter settings at our Feb. meeting scheduled on Feb. 5.

I will post the pages for Litanies for the week of Christian Unity (starting 1/18) tonight. It continues to be a joy to work with this team who eagerly volunteer their time to undergird our Liturgy of the Hours and help our prayer flow smoothly.

Our Novice, Paul, has finished lesson #3 of 10. Sister Sue joined us for this lesson.

Alison's Report

I will have the 2023 finances ready in about a week.... I am doing a staycation next weekend and will have time to wrap things up.

Two notes:

1. We have a CD with \$15,000 opened.

2. When I made the year end donation to Habitat for Humanity the \$500 was doubled by a matching donation drive on Habitat's end.

Glenn's Report

Retreat Committee: The work of the retreat committee is on track.

Cindy's Report

The front porch has been a busy place for sharing and fellowship, with photos, book discussions, and a small gathering for discussing Jan Richardson's retreat.

The O Antiphons Visio Divina was beautiful but only attended by a few. Several people expressed gratitude to learning about this O Antiphons booklet.

Benedictine opportunities seem plentiful, and I will continue to post them as I find them. If you have guidance or insight on useful (as well as not useful) websites, your input would be appreciated.

Minutes submitted by Glenn Harden