

Servant Report 2014-2015

from the Scribe's desk



This was my first year as a member of the Servant Team and I am grateful for the affirmation, positive feedback and confidence that the Sisters and Brothers have communicated to me throughout the year. As the Scribe, I have been committed to four goals in the year since last Chapter:

1. Creating a solid record of decision making and events that took place this year and where possible collecting historical documents of importance to the Order.
2. Rebooting the OEF website, including a professional membership management system that would allow us to easily manage stewardship and events.
3. Communicating regularly with the Novices and Professed on what is happening with the Servant Team and in the life of the Order.
4. Completing the ministry profiles project that I began after Chapter 2013.

I believe that I have made a good deal of progress on the first point, and I am currently maintaining both electronic and paper records of meeting minutes, incorporation documents, and I have collected a couple of resolutions passed by previous Chapters. I would be deeply grateful to any sibling that has hard copies of such materials, if they would share these documents with me at this Chapter so I can continue to build the Archive I plan to pass on to the next Scribe.

Item two has been successfully completed, with oeffranciscans.org replacing our old virtual friary. I encourage members to register for the site, participate in the forums, and consider sharing their reflections with the broader public. I am happy to train new authors on using Wordpress to create new reflection work. Our Scriptorium, powered by Wild Apricot is now the central location for member and mailing list records, online giving, event publicity, event registration and automated mailings like the ones you've probably been receiving. If you are a member with a ministry or spirituality blog or site that we can promote, please let me know.

With the help of Wild Apricot, minutes, announcements and updates are now regularly being distributed to the members. I have also secured a conference call line for the Order which is regularly used by the Servants and other working groups.

With the excellent help of Sister Chris Petersen, a booklet of interviews will be available at Chapter including every member who consented to be included. If your profile is missing, we're happy to include your story in future editions.

I have the following goals for the coming year in this role:

1. Train 3-4 website authors who can share good news stories of OEF and Gospel life on our Reflections page.
2. Begin using Wild Apricot's mailing list to distribute Fiddlesticks.
3. Continue to build the OEF Archives with the help of the community
4. Develop a Video Webcast on Formation Topics

Peace and All Good, *John Michael Longworth, OEF*