



Meeting Minutes:

May 14, 2024 Meeting

2:00-3:00pm Central Time Zone

1. In attendance: ([Group Picture](#))
 - a. Bro Mark Motz SM
 - b. Sr Kim Zuan Nguyen, CCVI
 - c. Molly Hynes
 - d. Fr John Schork, CP
 - e. Fr Toshio CM
 - f. Sr Mai Dung Nguyen, OP
 - g. Fr Juan Ruiz SJ
 - h. Fr Henry Bui Nguyen SCJ
 - i. Annette Lucero, OP
 - j. Sr Kathleen Reynolds CCVI
 - k. Sr Isabelle Kahambu Valinande
2. We began by introducing ourselves and sharing our ministerial highlights.
3. Our Opening Prayer was led by Fr Juan Ruiz SJ.
4. We Reviewed [Minutes](#) from the last meeting 2023.03.28
 - a. Minutes were approved by Fr Toshio Sato and Seconded by Sr Kathleen Reynolds
5. Bro Mark then apologized and explained the long time between meetings.
6. Bro Mark led a conversation about picking a new MAC by reviewing the [Bylaws](#) and reviewing [Nominations](#) that were sent in before the meeting. We agreed to vote by email at the end of this meeting before the next for 9 days. Bro Mark will send an email to vote. Sr Kim Zuan Nguyen CCVI and Fr Juan Ruiz SJ accepted nominations.
7. Bro Mark shared information about Convocation and encouraged [Registration](#). We will wait to discuss a donation until our next meeting.
8. Bro Mark shared information about Summer Institute ([OP](#), [Ethics](#), [BA1](#), [Health and Wellness](#), [Human and Sexual](#)) and others who have attended past workshops also encouraged participation.
9. Bro Mark recommend SLI Connect including the session on [resiliency](#).

10. Bro Mark shared [Member Area Update](#) from Sr Debbie who is on her annual retreat. We especially keep her in prayer.
11. Sr Mai Dung asked for advice “Has your community had an experience with an immigrant entering your community? Any advice with R1, DACA, VISA, etc?”
 - a. Fr Juan Ruiz answered in the chat “At this time, the Jesuits of the USA don’t accept men into the novitiate unless they have permanent residency without our support. In the past, we have helped people with this, but not at this time. I think it got too complicated. Stinks because we have had to turn away dreamers and similar cases due to this.”
 - b. Fr Toshio Sato answered in the chat” “We, the Vincentians, do not accept those without documents in the Western province. But, the Eastern Province is more open. One of the requirements is that the discerners reside in the USA.”
 - c. Fr Henry Nguyen answered in the chat: “The Priests of the Sacred Heart will also considers those who are currently in the US, whether its being here on a student or worker visa...”
 - d. Bro Mark responded recommending the pre convocation workshop on immigration.
12. Next meeting date
 - a. September 17th 2024 2pm Central Time
 - i. Topics
 - ii. Introduce our new MAC and pray for them
 - iii. Finances and Donation to convocation
13. Closing Prayer was led by Bro Mark