

Committee	Action	Moved/Seconded/Vote
Administration/ Finance	Approve Certificate of Change for NY Dept of State	Johnson/Verret/Passed
	Tertiaries isolated geographically to support local efforts in their countries with their annual contributions	Johnson/Verret/Passed
	Affirm Sr. Jean CSF as Associates Secretary	Johnson/George/Passed
	Establish \$2,000 Formation Counselor training fund setting aside \$1,000 each year for the next two years	Johnson/Jones/Passed
	Authorize Minister Provincial to contract with St. Anne's Retreat Center KY for Chapter 2017 -- 6/17-20/2017	Johnson/Ramcharan/Passed
	Amend TSSF Statutes -- III. Membership	Norian/George/Passed
	The Third Order, Province of the Americas, Society of St. Francis, affirms that Christ indwells all persons. Membership is open to all persons regardless of gender, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, class, status or education, race, gender, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or socioeconomic condition.	Note: To go into Statutes
	Amend TSSF Norms -- Chaplain/Pastoral	Johnson/George/Passed
	"Resolved that the Chapter of the Third Order, American Province, Society of St. Francis, affirms that Christ indwells all persons regardless of sexual orientation race, gender, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or socioeconomic condition; we welcome and encourage..."	Note: To go into Norms
	Ratify Proposed Changes to TSSF Constitution as requested by Ministers Provincial (see Prov. Secy for details).	Johnson/Lawson/Passed Note: To go into TSSF Consti.-needs approval
	Establish \$5,000 Challenge Fund for Spanish-speaking countries ministry.	Johnson/Lawson/Passed
	Request Provincial Convocation Committee to make reasonable use of Provincial Convocation Scholarship Funds to bring some tertiaries from	Schenone/Refer to Provincial Convocation Committee

	Latin America.	
	Minister General to confer with Ministers of other Provinces to gauge opinions/ feelings on these matters, ie, modifications to the <i>Principles</i> .	God's Joyful Fools Alabama/Refer to the Minister General
	Renewal of Principles with a new revision [to reflect renewed perspectives]	Barnidge/Refer to the Minister General
Pastoral/ Chaplaincy	Where cause exists, including but not limited to, failure to report, renew, contribute annually, or engage the Community Obedience, and after personal contact with the brother or sister, the Area Chaplain, with the consent of the Provincial Chaplain and Minister Provincial, may apply to the members of Chapter for the release of a professed brother or sister from his/her Third Order vows.	Verret/George/Failed 1 Yes, 11 No, 2 Abstentions
	Authority be given to Janice Syedullah and John Brockmann to proceed with the digitalization of the contents of the Third Order Library.	Jsyedullah & Brockmann/Schenone/Passed
	Part 1: When an inquiry from a person in prison is received, they will be investigated on an individual basis and brought before the Standing Committee for a recommendation regarding formation. We are not able to accept a person into the formation process unless there is a trusted on-site Third Order member and/or an Episcopal clergy/chaplain who has background in prison work.	Peacock/Lawson/Passed
	Part 2: Incarcerated individuals in formation will only receive name and contact information for the Formation Director (FD). For incarcerated persons in formation, the formation team will consist of the Formation Counselor, Formation Director, and the Provincial Chaplain.	
	Part 3: Incarcerated tertiaries are not eligible to vote for Chapter.	
	Part 4: That we provide an intercession list for incarcerated persons that does not include names.	
	Part 5: That after profession, the incarcerated person will have contact with the Provincial Chaplain or his/her designate.	
	When financially possible, the Minister Provincial, Provincial Chaplain, Formation	Rogers/Verret/Passed

	Director, and Fellowship Coordinator shall attend a convocation other than convocation other than their own annually with the transportation and convocation cost to be paid by the Order.	10 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstentions
	That Jeffrey Hall's and Wm. Rice's request for release from profession be granted.	George/Verret/Passed
	That the term of office of the elected Provincial Chaplain begin and terminate on the First of December to bring it in line with the Statutes pertaining to the Fellowship Coordinator, Provincial Secretary, Formation Director, and Bursar.	George/Verret/Passed
	We refer to the Editor of the Franciscan Times to solicit articles to address these topics on the UN Charter for Compassion, and the writings of Phyllis Tickle (The Great Emergence) and Ken Wilbur's (Integral Theory) for reflection and discussion among the membership.	Barnidge/Refer to Editor of Franciscan Times
Fellowship/ Associates	Since there have been multiple challenges with the Associates for many years and since there seem to be people of different generations who have a desire to have a Franciscan connection, be it resolved that an <i>Ad Hoc</i> Committee be formed to re-vision the role of Associates and explore the possibility of forming a new group. This Committee should be chaired by Sr. Jean, CSF, and Bishop Scruton with additional members from the First Order, TSSF, and the Associates. It will report to next year's Chapter meeting.	Graham/Lawson/Passed Note: Report to be given at 2016 Chapter.
	Hot News comes out from the Secretary and we suggest that she continue to seek ways to get this to those who do not have computers. Delegate to others to get out individual copies. Provincial Secretary to select best "fit" for addressing this concern.	Miner/Refer back to Miner.
	Since Sr. Jean has become the current contact person for the Associates, she will contact Janet Wakefield and answer her questions directly [regarding Associates feeling welcomed at TSSF fellowships and convocations.]	Wakefield/Refer to Sr. Jean.
	Contact Jim Hagen to see if he would be willing to confer with Tracey Carroll and Janine Schenone to conceive similar ways [Virtual Fellowships] to involve	Schenone/Refer to Jim Hagen & T. Carroll

	Spanish-speaking tertiaries in fellowship.	
	The Order 1) encourages electronic communication, but 2) there are no funds for the proposed "Go-to-Meeting." 3) There are better options for this that are free, ie, Skype, ooVoo, Google Hangout. B. Graham will email this feedback to both John Brockmann & Judith Gillette.	Brockmann/Graham to communicate.
	Request for Online fellowships through group talks. [Virtual fellowships are in process as of Chapter 2015 date.]	DSmith/Minister Provincial to communicate.
	Request re concern to have more options for contacts with TSSF members.	Moberg/Refer to Chaplain or Area Chaplain
Communications	1) Produce a new version of tssf.org using SquareSpace. 2) Budget of \$400 per year. 3) Generate new content on Franciscan spirituality. 4) Update language to be more inclusive. 5) Create a Spanish web presence. 6) Re-purpose content from <i>Franciscan Times</i> , <i>Hot News</i> , and other sources.	Communications Task Force/George/Passed
	That we redo print and electronic publications with the Tau Cross logo that is used on the Directory [cover]. Correct address information on brochures.	Communication Task Force/Wilding/Passed
	By the end of 2016, 1) Reduce the size of the Franciscan Times to 16 pages, sent three times per year. 2) Produce an electronic color version that is emailed and posted on the website. Printed versions will cease for people with electronic access. 3) Print and send a black and white version to those without email and those who request a print version. 4) Content to include items such as 300-word book reviews, brief accounts of Franciscan actions and contemplation, spiritual practices. Move long historical articles to the website. 5) Generate Spanish content.	Communications Task Force & Brockmann/Graham/Passed
	We already request headshots and do not want to establish a norm that requires people to send information about themselves.	Brockmann/Refer to Communications Task Force
	Directory/website/prayer list. Would it be possible to put names and maybe places from the Directory/prayer list on the website, probably password	Carroll/Refer to Communications Task Force

	protected so that it would be available for prayers?		
	Reach a wider audience to raise awareness of our Order by developing a list of speakers and group leaders within our Order who can travel, giving educational lectures or leading groups to spread our traditional and contemporary message. This could be a budgeted item. [Also] correct website and post office addresses on brochures.	Barnidge/Refer to Communications Task Force	
	(Communications Task Force suggests more social media presence.)		