

MINUTES OF CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING August 16, 2005

ST, JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CONFERENCE ROOM @ 7 p.m.

Dr. Braaton opened the meeting with Prayer.  
New developments were reported: Sheila has reserved 40 rms at the Doubletree Inn. Father Spitzer will come Fri. and Sat. and could be our Keynote Speaker. Dr. Braaton showed us a book he recently wrote with Camille DeBlasi MA & Robin A Blunhoft, M.D. called HEALING THE CULTURE. (Ignatius Press). It was pointed out that Father Spitzer is almost blind. (Father Robert J.) He also wrote a book on Sufferring.

Dr. Braaton E-Mailed Camille DeBlasi asking her if she could put together something for Youth for Sunday afternoon at this Conference or in the future at another Conference.

Father Tad Pacholczyk can't come. We will need someone else to speak on Stem Cell Research. Bishop Vasa is coming.

We discussed the dinners and menu with Pino Scarpinati. He does not want to head up a Committee. He suggested Salmon for Friday, and Roast Beef for Saturday. We need to serve good wine. K of C could do lunch & bkfst. Youth could serve.

Steve White, President of CMA will probably be there. ~~He could speak on Cell Research.~~ *Might be a speaker possibility. RT*

Dr. Braaton will have Fthr. Illo contact Fthr. Charlie Brown. "We could send him a letter too". He will meet with Judy Rudd this week and contact other lawyers locally. He sent an E-Mail to EWTN re Fthr Richard Newhaus (First things. Com).

Dr. Bolton spoke about decision making and Reality vs Rules. "What are the principles? "The Law is not the Ethics" - we can slip into Relativism. She talked about the practice of keeping Religion separate from one's Medical Practice, and Scripture & Natural Law.

Carol Scarpinati showed us a booklet entitle CHARTER FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS which is approved by the Vatican. We could use this as a reference.

Janice announced that Dr. Sylvia Miller has agreed to be a Speaker. She will invite her to one of our meetings as she could help develop the agenda for Nurses. Dr. Miller believes she can cover the Nursing Care at End-Of-Life in 2 hrs. The Board Of Registered Nursing in Sacramento told Janice that Dr. Miller can use her own Provider No. to award C.E. Units.

Dr. Braaton spoke of our LONG TERM GOAL which is to transform our society. It will be a process of educating ourselves. We will plant a seed in Modesto.

Guild Membership was discussed. It doesn't take a large group. (Jan had 60). Dr. Braaton plans to have a Conference Call with Father Persatti to help us get started.

Regarding the meeting with Bishop Blaire, we will meet at St. Joseph's Office at 1:30 P.M. The meeting is at 3:30. Monday, (8/22) Dr. Braatan will present the purpose of our forming a Guild for the Central Valley. He will explain that we hope to be sponsored by the University Of Sacramento, and possibly Memorial Hospital. Dr. Forester pointed out the need to share Catholic teaching as it relates to Medical Ethics. Dr. Bolton added that we are also trying to revitalize Mission Doctors. All disciplines need to work together to uphold Catholic teaching.

We decided to invite Father Illo to head up the Liturgy Committee  
Other Committee Assignments were:

C.M.A. - Dr. Ereso

HOSPITALITY - Joe & Sheila, Carol & Pino

BROCHURE AND MAILINGS - Dr. Forester  
and SCHEDULE

SPEAKERS - Dr. Braatan. Dr. Hunt, and Dr. Bolton

AFFILIATION WITH THE University - Dr.R.J. Heck  
and VISION

EPISCOPAL RELATIONS - Dr. DeVilliers

LEGAL REPRESENTATION - Judy Rudd

Attorneys John Gorman and Gary Nelson

YOUTH - Susan Dickert and Sharon Briar, MS  
Camille DeBlasi MA

NURSING EDUCATION - Janice, Carol, and Dr. Miller

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, Aug. 30th @ 7 P.M.  
St. Joseph's Church Conference Room

Respectfully submitted

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