

MINUTES OF CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING
AUGUST 30TH, 2005, 7:00 PM

Dr. Forester opened the meeting with a prayer.

Attendance: Refer to attached roster.

Dr. Forester reviewed with those present, the speakers who are currently confirmed.

SPEAKERS

1. Father Spitzer, President of Gonzaga University has a wide range of experience and can speak on many subjects.
2. Camille DeBlasi – agreed to speak for the parish and also for the youth. We need to coordinate this with Youth Ministry.
3. Father Germain Kopaczynski – He is a Franciscan and is very articulate and engaging.
4. Wesley Smith – a Methodist lawyer and writer. He can address beginning and end of life issues, including stem cell research.
5. Phil Tossler MD, family practice – works in Oregon and is involved in resistance to Physician assisted suicide. He is “in the trenches.”
6. Bishop Vasa
7. Possible Thomas Pitre, MD President of the CMA.
8. Dr. Braaton continues to try to contact Fr. Richard John Neuhaus.

Father Tad Pacholczyk is a priest-neuroscientist from the NCBC and has a conflict in scheduling and is unable to attend this time.

Syliva Miller, RN, Ed.D, has also corresponded with Janice Ryan and she will attend one of our meetings. She is a possible speaker for Nursing Issues.

MEETING WITH BISHOP

Dr. Braaton, Dr. Forester, and Dr. Bolton met with Bishop Stephen Blaire. The meeting went very well, and the Bishop expressed concern about a plan by some groups to eliminate the granting of “conscience clauses” in new legislation. A recent example was when Catholic Charities of Sacramento were forced to cover health insurance for contraception and abortion for its employees. This was taken all the way to the Supreme Court and the case was lost.

The Bishop suggested:

1. Inviting Bishop Thomas Curry, auxiliary bishop for the Santa Barbara region of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Bishop Curry is the chairman of the USCCB committee dealing with conscience clauses.
2. Invite the bishops of Fresno and Sacramento and ask if they would welcome a new CMA guild.
3. We should have only a “top of the line” speaker to address “formation of conscience.”
4. Consider Carol Hogan of the California Catholic Conference to speak on “stem cell research.”

5. All speakers must have the approval of their Bishop.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Dr. Braaton spoke to Dino Durando. Susan Dickert will organize all three parishes for the youth conference. Suggest conference on Sunday afternoon for the Youth. Also invite the youth from St. Patrick's.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CME: Dr. Ereso said that CME Committee at Memorial is awaiting form of list of speakers and their curriculum vitae. Dr. Braaton mentioned alternate nuclear transfer. Dr. Forester suggested that this be a footnote in a stem cell talk. Once we have CME approval, we can work to obtain Nursing CEU's as well as for other disciplines.

HOSPITALITY: Carol spoke to Paula who said she will meet with us to discuss details. Carol spoke to Don Cavagnaro, Grand Knight and explained our committee and requested assistance from the knights to prepare breakfasts. He will ask the cooks. We will also write a letter to the knights outlining other assistance we will need, such as shuttling participants from the hotels to the conference center. Father Illo will also be asked to help contact other parishes.

LITURGY: Dr. Braaton will ask Father Illo if he will oversee this and we would like a Concelebrated Mass on Saturday with a Latin High Mass. We will also ask the University of Sacramento to provide a chaplain for spiritual direction.

MARKETING: Dr. Forester has been in contact with Marcia Hermann regarding designing brochures and mailings. Diane Quaresma is another option that Dr. Braaton has used in the past to assist with marketing to local churches.

EPISCOPAL RELATIONS: Dr. Forester and Dr. Braaton will write letters to all the Bishops, including Bishop Laveda.

OTHER REPORTS:

Dr. Braaton proposed that we have one unified conference the first time instead of splitting into groups for nurses. At later conferences, we could do this but we want to begin with a basic foundation. Carol was in agreement because we have very good speakers and we all should hear their presentations.

We are inviting Sylvia Miller to attend our meetings to present the nursing perspective.

Legal Representatives: Dr. Braaton called Mr. Giannelli, and Sharon suggested that she will contact Gary Nelson, Ross Lee, Tom Hogan, and John Gorman, all active Catholics.

CMA: Dr. Braaton and Dr. Forester joined and they will attend the conference in Portland 10/20-10/22 on the Biological and Spiritual Development of the Child. This meeting will

be an opportunity for our physicians to network with other Catholic physicians and health care professionals. There are currently four California guilds (Los Angeles, Fullerton, Van Nuys and San Francisco) which are currently non-functioning.

Dr. Forester spoke with John Lewis MD from Santa Clara, who is the current Region X (California) CMA Regional representatives. For more information go to the CMA website at www.cathmed.org

SCHEDULE: Dr. Forester outlined a first rough draft of the conference schedule. (attached).

A suggested Conference theme: “HEALING THE CULTURE”

ACCOMODATIONS: For priests and bishops Sharon will ask Father Illo about some staying at the rectory and if other parishes will also accommodate them.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday September 6th, at 7:00PM at St. Joseph’s Parish Office. We will have A teleconference brainstorming conference with the University of Sacramento President Reverend Robert Presutti.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Scarpinati RN, ONC