

CMA Conference Planning Group -Minutes of Mtg. 11-1-05

In attendance were: Paul Braaton, M.D., Bob Forester, M.D., Kate Bolton, M.D., Sharon Briar, MFT, Michael Dumars, M.D., Virgil Ereso, M.D., Tom Hogan, JD, Sylvia Miller, R.N., EdD, Janice Ryan, R.N., Carol Scarpinati, R.N., Tyrone Wong, M.D. Father Illo came briefly, at end of Meeting.

Dr. Braaton opened the meeting with Prayer.

Drs. Braaton and Forester reported on the CMA Conference in Portland, Oregon 10-20-10-22. The Conference was personable, i.e. people mingled at Lunch & Dinner and families attended. All were "kindred souls". At a meeting with Thomas Pitre Pres. of CMA, et al, they think we have enough speakers. We need to have another event planned and could have Thos Curry, Father Tad, John Haas.

CME The possibility of having our May, 2006 Conference in Sacramento was discussed; there are a number of Hotels, an Airport close, etc. Another possibility was Catholic Healthcare West, or St. Agnes Medical Ctr. in Fresno. As we can't deal with a hospital that does abortions, Dr. Forester called Memorial. They stated "We don't do elective abortions". It was felt it might be best to have the Conference in a Hotel.

Dr. Forester submitted a tentative schedule for the Conference if held in Modesto. We have not heard from Memorial as to the use of their Conference Ctr. We need to decide what we want to cover, who will cover it, and the time factor. Father Spitzer and Bishop Vasa will be leaving by 11:00 Sat. a.m. Suggestions for a title were: "Changes In Culture and Individuals that will make us better End-Of-Life Caregivers". and "Conscientious Practice and Compassionate Care At End-Of-Life".

The 75th Annual Conference of CMA will be Oct. 26-28, 2006 and will address "The Natural Moral Law: God's Gift To mankind".

Dr. Miller's comment ^{ON} Physician-assisted suicide: "If we manage symptoms better patients won't request this". She was not familiar with the term "Nurse Planner". However, she has broad experience in planning Conferences and Curricula, etc. She mentioned the 50 min. hour as being customary for Conference Talks.

Tom Hogan called D.Kmiec of Pepperdine Univ. but has not had a call back. He will make another attempt to contact him as he is Nationally known and could speak about Religious Liberty - a subject Bishop Blaire wants us to cover.

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Dr. Bolton talked about vendors and the fact that we don't want vendors that manufacture abortive Meds. She talked about the possibility of an Educational Grant. We could charge \$200. to \$250. for Catholic Groups to have displays. These could be Book Publishers, Right-to-life Groups - whatever Catholic Doctors need to be aware of in their practice. Regarding the Budget, she felt our cost would be as minimal as possible if our Conference is held at Memorial.

Dr. Braaton had in mind that the Central Valley Guild would include Fresno, Stockton, and Sacramento. Bishop Blaire has written to the Fresno and Sacramento Bishops. Bishop STEINBACK of Fresno is known to be opposed to the Guild. With this in mind, Dr. Miller volunteered to meet with him to discuss our objectives, the Conference, etc. Dr. Dumars will continue to work on contacting Physicians and others in the Fresno Diocese.

Regarding CMA guidelines, Jackie Duffey, Coordinator at Memorial can advise us. Barbara Boone is our other contact person at this Hospital.

Next Meeting: November 15th at 7 P.M.
St. Joseph's Conference Rm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice E. Ryan, R.N. P.N.