

**Central California Guild of the CMA  
Saturday June 3, 2006 -- 8-9:30 am  
Ridgway's Restaurant**

**Minutes**

**In attendance:** Paul Braaton MD(P), Bob Forester MD, (VP) Mike Dumars MD(T), Sharon Briar MFT, Mike Ringer MD, Joe Grinsell MD, Mike Rossini MD, Rick DeLeon MD, Mrs. DeLeon, Virgil Ereso MD, Evelyn Ereso.

**1. Invocation & Call to Order - Dr. Braaton**

**2. Brief review of the conference**

Very good feedback on the conference in general with the following improvements suggested:

- a. Earlier preparation of promotional materials
- b. Repetitive mailings focused locally (4500 mailings but to 1,500 persons)
- c. More personal contacts with local physicians
- d. Consider increased marketing to non-physicians (i.e. nurses, allied health, social workers, Right-to-Life groups)

**3. Membership report**

About 10-20 individuals signed up for information, but the list was rather eccentric and not local physician directed. Dr. Dumars thinks Dr. Bolton the sign up list. Drs. Rossini and Grinsell need membership information.

**4. Financial report**

We have less than \$2,000 in outstanding liabilities and will have a bank balance of approximately \$8,000 once they are paid. Dr. Braaton will follow up with Mike Sarafolian CPA in that regard. Dr. Forester suggested that the funds be earmarked to this year's White Mass and possibly a single speaker program next Spring.

**5. Guild Chaplain and meeting time**

Rev. Al Delgado was appointed as our chaplain by Bishop Blaire and will be able to make our next meeting. The group consensus was that individual spiritual direction and confessions should be arranged with him privately after our monthly meeting.

**6. White Mass**

Mike Ringer will head up the White Mass Steering Committee. Paul Braaton will contact Bishop Curry again this week by email and a follow-up phone call. If he is unable to commit, Dr. Braaton was directed to contact Professor O. Carter Snead, an associate professor of law at the University of Notre Dame Law School who specializes in the intersection of law, science and medicine. He joined the Notre Dame faculty in 2006 after having served as general counsel for the President's Council on Bioethics. He remains a consultant to that body.

**7. Other New Business**

A motion was approved nominating Dr. Braaton to be our Guild's candidate for the national CMA Region X Director position which will

soon be vacant. On his installation, Dr. Forester will assume direction of the local guild. The idea of rotating the Board positions was discussed.

#### **8. Educational program**

There was a general discussion and consensus that the focus of our monthly Saturday meeting should be attending Mass (perhaps celebrated by our chaplain) and a very brief business update with the main focus of our attention on the educational program. The program should be fundamentally directed at learning Catholic teaching in regard to health care. Our study materials should be from orthodox sources such as the Vatican, the USCCB, publications that have received an imprimatur or exemplary speakers of national renown.

Per Bishop Vasa's recommendation, our plan is to begin next month with the "Ethical and Religious Directives." Dr. Forester distributed Part 5 from the conference to be discussed at the July meeting. We will proceed with one or two sections per month. Once completed, Dr. Ringer proposed that we learn some fundamentals of ethics such as Dr. Rice's program from EWTN on the Natural Law.

#### **9. Adjourn**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am. The next meeting will be in the same format on Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Forester MD

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