

Sacred Heart of Jesus guild of the diocese of Rapid City

February 4, 2017 Meeting minutes

Attendees: Bishop Gruss, Sandy Albertson, Dan Petereit, George Ceremuga, Pam Ceremuga

Absent: Rommel Brandt and Rick Soulek (both ill). Forrest Brady (another commitment)

Mauricio Birriel (working)

1800-1900

1. House blessing by Bishop Gruss
2. Prayer, Feast and Fellowship

Business portion of meeting called to order at 1900 by George Ceremuga

3. Reviewed mission and vision of CMA

Mission: CMA is a national physician led community of healthcare professionals that informs, organizes and inspires its members in steadfast fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church, to uphold the principle of the Catholic faith in science and practice of medicine.

Vision: Inspiring physicians to imitate the life of Jesus Christ

4. Prayer led by Bishop Gruss and followed by all attendees for our new guild.
5. Song: "They will know we are Christians by our Love"
6. Bishop Gruss provided guidance and direction to guild

- emphasized this is "your guild"; it's growth to be inspired by the Holy Spirit.

-bring unity to the medical community; develop deeper mutual support and understanding

-educating physicians in upholding the principles of the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine

- resource for physicians to assist in patient care; benefits both providers and patients

- champion right to life and organize awareness and education on proposed SD legislation: Doctor assisted suicide.

New business:

7. Election of Officers: Motion for approval asked by George Ceremuga. Dan Petereit, first motion, 2nd motion by Bishop Gruss: Unanimous approval. Members of charter guild and charter board members * discussed and approved.

Chaplain: Bishop Robert Gruss *
President: George Ceremuga, II, DO*
Vice-President: Rommel Brandt, MD*
Treasurer: Rick Soulek *
Secretary: Sandy Albertson*

George Ceremuga, III, MD
Mauricio Birriel, MD*
Forrest Brady, MD *
Jon Wingert, MD
Dan Petereit, MD *
Cassandra Ceremuga, MS-IV
Jerry Joyce, MD ex officio (Regional CMA director)*

8. Selection of Guild name: **“Sacred Heart of Jesus”** approved by board.
9. Application for CMA guild completed`
10. Charter reviewed and completed
11. Constitution and bylaws reviewed and completed
12. Discussed Bishop’s Letter of approval (pending).
13. Committees: Briefly discussed, information only
14. Faith, Inspiration, Reason and Evangelization (FIRE) Committee – assist the Board of Directors and Administration of the Catholic Medical Association (CMA) in the development of general and student membership services for their growth in faith and prayer.
15. Membership/Member Benefits Committee – assist the Board and the guild with the development, growth and orientation of the CMA’s membership. George Ceremuga to gather more information on national CMA benefits to our guild vs. local membership. We need to maintain at least 6 national CMA members to have our guild. We do receive 10% return on our guild memberships at the end of each year.
16. Resident and Medical Student Section – assist the Board of Directors and the Rapid City Guild in the encouragement and formation of medical students through prayer, service, community, education, and outreach.
17. Strategic Planning Committee – advises the Board on the process of defining strategy, the direction of the organization and the allocation of resources to pursue the defined strategy
18. Community Service: Discussion of possible organizations/activities to partner with.

Rapid City Mission

Knights of Columbus

Right to life

Nicholas Black Elk: Petition to open cause for canonization April 21, 2016

June 7-10 Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Tour for peace to West River Diocese (Nationwide call to

prayer and penance for peace)

July 17-20 St. Kateri Tekakawitha Conference

19. CMA National meetings: discussed

June 1-4 mid-year meeting theme: "Imitate the life of Jesus." Mundelein, IL

Sep 7-9 CMA Scientific Session: Denver, CO

20. Open discussion:

Consensus is that all we should meet monthly to keep momentum going forward.

George and Dan to take lead on article for West River Catholic, church bulletins and RC journal regarding "Sacred Heart of Jesus" guild. Article to be approved by the board prior to submission.

Plan for Bishop Gruss and George to appear on Real Presence Radio (RPR) to discuss our guild.

George shared healing of his right shoulder after applying Holy Water with the sign of the cross. This was suggested by his mother who gave him Holy Water from Lourdes.

To honor the healing power of prayer the following was shared: George and Pam prayed the Lord's Prayer last Sunday outside for all their children and after opening their eyes noticed three doves fly into the pine tree next to them one at a time. God's sign reassuring them that he has their children safely in his protection.

George read a poem from Catlin (10th grader from Red Cloud) titled **Red Road**. This is why I am involved in the CMA: to build a healthy, vibrant and resilient nation while imitating the life of Jesus.

"It's peace defying
It holds no violence
that's why I follow it in silence
It is the Red Road
Peace and Harmony is what it shows
Canku Luta some might say
Strong and bold is how you play
look into yourself
That's how you find it
Do good for the people
Don't let evil blind it
Look into Jesus's eyes
Walk with his pride
At the end when you take flight
You're guaranteed a spot in paradise."

-Red Road-

Catlin
10th grade student at Red Cloud Indian School
Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

21. Closing Prayer: George
22. Next meeting: Late March 2017 TBD
23. Adjournment: 2045

Respectfully submitted by George Ceremuga on Feb 9, 2017