

Sacred Heart of Jesus guild of the diocese of Rapid City

CMA Meeting minutes

March 25, 2017

Attendees: Bishop Gruss, Dan Petereit, George Ceremuga II, Rick Soulek, Amy Julian, Lysa Allison, Rommel Brandt, Mauricio Birriel, Alma Tatum, Tom Hiltz, Maria Munoz

1. Welcome and George Ceremuga do I have a motion to approve last month's minutes: motion Rommel Brandt, 2nd Bishop Gruss, approved by guild. Sacred Heart of Jesus card and cross given to Rommel, Mauricio, and Rick as founder members of our guild.
2. Grounding/Center exercise: Music: Our God is an awesome God (This song stayed in my mind all day long- how about yours?) Prayer for our guild and for our breakfast

Discussed thoughts becomes words, become actions, become beliefs, become values, become our destiny.
(This is a paraphrased quote from Gandhi)

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 and community members to imitate the life of Jesus Christ

Introduced members of charter guild and charter board members *

Chaplain: Bishop Robert Gruss *
President: George Ceremuga, II, DO*
Vice-President: Rommel Brandt, MD*
Treasurer: Rick Soulek *
Secretary: Amy Julian (volunteered at today's meeting) Thank you Amy!

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)*

Committees: Discussed as our guild matures, roles will be become more defined. Place effort on recruitment and the resident/medical student section. Sponsor medical students and residents discussed. Our role to cultivate the next generation of healers.

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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

IV. Old Business:

- a. Completed application for CMA guild: submitted to National Office 24 February 2017: National CMA board reviews and approves applications at June board meeting.
- b. 501(c)3 update by Rick Soulek: Last week, George and Rick met with Kathy Barrow, attorney, pro-bono support of submitting 501(c)3 application to the IRS. Sacred Heart of Jesus thank you note and crucifix sent to Kathy for her support. Organizational Items being prepared include: CMA Guild Application, Guild Charter Agreement, Approval Letter from Bishop Gruss. Kathy is amending the CMA templates to insure they comply with SD requirements.

V. New business

- a. Dedication of Sacred Heart of Jesus guild of the Diocese of Rapid City: Formal dedication ceremony planned in near future. Bishop Gruss to precede.
- b. Discuss draft Welcome letter: Distribute through bulletins at Catholic churches in Diocese. Religious leader's council? (West River Catholic, RC journal, Native Sun News, Lakota Times, Real Presence Radio) Bishop Gruss recommended an article in the West River Catholic. Amy Julian to coordinate with editor and article forthcoming. Smaller version of letter to be included in bulletins and disseminate through various media sources as well as RPR exposure.
- c. Cornerstone Rescue Mission: Executive Director Lysa Allison to discuss the needs of the Mission. Discussed 5 separate facilities, Veteran program, clinic and woman and children's shelter. She will provide more information regarding volunteer opportunities. She expressed gratitude for the invitation to become a member of our guild. She has opened

up the Cornerstone Rescue Mission for our next guild meeting. Pharmacy support coordinated, Jamie Hilts agreeable to discuss and visit and provide consultation to reorganize current pharmacy area. She also mentioned that there is a huge need for dental care among their clients. Other issues include foot issues, ulcers, etc.

d. Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Needs (Rapid City Behavioral Health Coalition): George read from **The Word Among Us**, "There's no getting around it. God wants us to work together to improve the situation of society's weakest members. In the end, the moral strength of any community will be measured by how we have treated our most vulnerable citizens, not by how we ourselves have fared." Dan Petereit shared that Mark Harlow is in a leadership position at Regional Health and involved in the discussions concerning the behavioral health crisis resulting from the closing of Regional Hospital to mental health patients.

e. Fund Raising/Grant proposals: Rick Soulek has discussed grant proposals with the Diocesan grant writer. A previous grant had been received from Our Sunday Visitor which covered many of the expenses incurred in bring out Fr. Tad Pacholczyk out for the original meeting, as well as other costs of that meeting and the initial mailings. Discussion regarding CMA national dues with our guild receiving 10% at the end of the year. Members may elect to join guild at local level where entire dues utilized at community level. Membership open to all faiths and backgrounds.

f. Hispanic Update: Maria Munoz to meet with Bishop Gruss on March 30. Regional Health has discontinued paid service of Hispanic translators. Volunteers still accepted. Part of the problem is that federally paid interpreters must be certified interpreters, however there is no certification program in our area. One of the larger concerns is whether discharge instructions are understood by Spanish speaking only patients. Often children serve as their parents interpreters.

g. Sacred Heart of Jesus web page: Tom Hilts has graciously agreed to work on a basic web page. George to work with Tom on this project.

Upcoming events:

April 8: Natural Family Planning @OLPH from 0900-1200; contact Amy Julian: 716-5214 x236 or ajulian@diorc.org

April 9: Palm Sunday Brunch: Sunday Noon-2pm at Ramkota Convention Center

April 29: CMA meeting 0630 at Cornerstone Rescue Mission

April 29: Journeymen: Fight the Good Fight: Terra Sancta

April 30: Blended & Blessed Conference for Blended Families: Terra Sancta

June 1-4: Mid-year meeting CMA: Mundelein, IL ("Inspiring Physicians to Imitate Jesus Christ") Topics to include: Catholic Social Teaching for Physicians, Physicians Can't Heal Themselves-Burnout Prevention, Effective Writing and Disseminating Press Releases in Your Area, Elevator Speech.

June 7-10 Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Tour for peace to West River Diocese (Nationwide call for prayer and penance for peace) St Joseph's in Spearfish and OLPH participating.

July 19-23 Kateri Tekakwitha conference at the Ramkota: "Loving one another through the spirit of St. Kateri" For more information contact Deacon Marlon Leneagh at 605-343-3541 or mleneagh@diorc.org.

Sep 7-9: National CMA meeting: Denver, CO ("Medicine at the service of marriage and family: transforming the culture with truth and love")

October 18 White Mass Location TBD

CMA link is <http://cathmed.org> call 484-270-8002 for 10% discount with automatic renewal.

VI. Open discussion and next meeting date: April 29, 2017 at 0630 at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission

XIV. Closing prayer and adjournment.

Our God is an Awesome God!

Blessings to all!