

Sacred Heart of Jesus Guild of the Diocese of Rapid City
CMA Meeting minutes
July 7, 2017

Attendees: George Ceremuga II, Rick Soulek, Amy Julian
Guest: Jacques Daniel, Kolbe Media

I. Opening

- A. Welcome and George Ceremuga opened the meeting at 0800: A motion to approve last month's minutes: motion Rick; 2nd Amy, approved by guild.
- B. Grounding/Center exercise: : Prayer and Native American music—Amazing Grace
- C. Reviewed mission and vision of CMA

Mission: CMA is a national physician led community of healthcare professionals that in 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

II. 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

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

III. Committees:

Reviewed 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.

- A. 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.
- B. 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.

- C. 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.
- D. 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. Dedication of Sacred Heart of Jesus guild of the Diocese of Rapid City:
 - i. Formal dedication ceremony at CMA White Mass planned for October 18, 2017 on the Feast of St. Luke the Physician at Terra Sancta.
 - ii. Bishop Gruss to preside.
 - iii. Discussed whether to have a light dinner, such as “heavy Hors D’oeuvres” similar to the prior year. The cost for the dinner would need to be funded with ticket prices.
 - iv. Also discussed whether we wanted to have an external speaker in addition to the Bishop. No decision was made.
- B. Public Relations:
 - i. West River Catholic, May 2017: <http://rapidcitydiocese.org/rapid-city-guild-catholic-medical-association-begins-meeting/>
 - ii. Dr. Ceremuga to be interviewed on Real Presence Radio on July 25, 2017
 - iii. Ongoing presence in Church Bulletins
 - iv. Amy to send out Tabloid style Newsletter with Letter from Bishop, Denver Annual Conference Information and contact information for Dr. Ceremuga.
 - v. Other possibilities: Religious leader/Ministry Association council? RC journal, Native Sun News, Lakota Times, Real Presence Radio, KINI Radio etc.
 - vi. Website presence
 - 1. See Spore Creations & Kolbe Media below.
- C. Event Sponsorship:
 - i. Cornerstone Rescue Mission:
 - 1. Executive Director Lysa Allison mentioned 5K August 26th fundraiser for Cornerstone Rescue Mission. Dr. Ceremuga plans to sponsor \$500.00
 - 2. Dr. Ceremuga mentioned that Jamie Hilt, who is a pharmacist, is hoping to work with Cornerstone w/r/t their pharmacy needs.
 - ii. Kateri Tekakwitha Conference in Rapid City:
 - 1. Dr. Ceremuga plans to sponsor at \$500.00
- D. Fund Raising/Grant proposals:
 - i. Rick Soulek has discussed grant proposals with the Diocesan grant writer.
 - ii. Dr. Ceremuga has found out that the 10% of the CMA national dues will not be remitted this year due to funding shortfalls at the national level
- E. Dr. Ceremuga attended the Mid-year meeting CMA: Mundelein, IL (“Inspiring Physicians to Imitate Jesus Christ”) June 1-4.
 - i. Received official recognition of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Guild as the 101st US CMA Guild.
 - ii. Topics included: Catholic Social Teaching for Physicians, Physicians Can’t Heal Themselves-Burnout Prevention, Effective Writing and Disseminating Press Releases in Your Area, Elevator Speech.
- F. Discussed status of SD organizational paperwork.

- i. Kathy Barrow, the lawyer who has been working on this on a volunteer basis has been transferred from Rapid City to Omaha, and has been very busy with that move, however she still intends to finish this process. Rick proposed that after the paperwork is finalized, we may want to find another local lawyer for CMA work. Bob Martin was mentioned as a possible source of help.
- G. Reviewed the discussion of the successful Good Shepherd Clinic in Spearfish. As presented by Dr. Forrest Brady, who is the medical director.
 - i. 9 years in operation: Fundraising has \$120 K in bank
 - ii. 140 volunteer members: Location at Lutheran Church on 10th St
 - iii. Monday nights from 1830-2100(two providers with support staff)
 - iv. SD medical license: malpractice covered
 - v. Pray prior to seeing patients: Prayer ministry for staff and patients (voluntary)
 - vi. Mental health and chronic medical conditions with 15-25 per Monday night: walk in
 - vii. Prescriptions through Walmart /\$4 plan
 - viii. No controlled substances prescribed
 - ix. Lab referral slips provided through regional health
 - x. Lab/xray/PT through Regional Financial Assistance
 - xi. Leadership development and growth a concern
- H. Reviewed Brandon Slack, of Spore Creative Design website development: cost and maintenance fees: bottom line \$ 1000 to design and \$100 monthly maintenance.

V. **New business**

- A. Dr. Ceremuga discussed the Christian Medical Dental Association, which gathers quarterly in Rapid City, and maintaining a connection with them.
- B. Dr. Ceremuga discussed attempts at conducting a member fundraiser to cover some of the initial costs, including requesting from the Bishop start-up support of \$1500 from the diocese.
- C. Jacques Daniel from Kolbe Media attended as a guest to present his website proposal.
 - i. Kolbe Media named for St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest who died in Auschwitz. At age 24 he received his 2nd doctorate, and though religious leaders of the day frowned on media, his vision was to use media to promote the gospel.
 - ii. Jacques has focused on media and technology to spread the gospel since graduating from BHSU
 - iii. Similar projects include:
 - 1. Catholic Health Care Professionals of Houston
 - a. www.catholichealthouston.com
 - 2. Center for Human Formation
 - a. www.humanformation.com
 - 3. National Conference of Diocesan Vocational Directors
 - a. www.ncdvd.org
 - 4. Converging Roads Conference Series
 - a. www.convergingroads.com
 - iv. Proposal included
 - 1. Initial Website Development 12-15 hours at \$80/hr (\$960-\$1200)
 - 2. Maintenance Options
 - a. Monthly \$60/month for up to 2 hrs work, which includes annual charges
 - b. As needed \$70 annual charge for hosting, \$80/hr updating

- v. Dr. Ceremuga, Rick Soulek and Amy Julian were inclined to strongly consider Kolbe Media, due to his relevant experience, and slightly lower pricing.

VI. Aug CMA meeting dates: 19 Aug at 0800 at CSS

VII. **Upcoming events: & Notes**

- A. Sep 7-9: National CMA meeting: Denver, CO (“Medicine at the service of marriage and family: transforming the culture with truth and love”)
- B. October 18 White Mass Terra Sancta
- C. CMA link is <http://cathmed.org> call 484-270-8002 for 10% discount with automatic renewal.

VIII. Closing prayer and adjournment.
Sing to Jesus!

Blessings to all!