

Sacred Heart of Jesus guild of the diocese of Rapid City

CMA Meeting minutes

April 29, 2017

Attendees: George Ceremuga II, Rick Soulek, Amy Julian, Lysa Allison, Tom Hilt, Jamie Hilt, Maria Munoz, Laura Peno-Green

I.

1. Welcome and George Ceremuga opened the meeting at 0630: A motion to approve last month's minutes: motion Rick; 2nd Tom, approved by guild.
2. Grounding/Center exercise: Hallelujah by Killiard School Choir: Prayer for our guild and for our breakfast

Maria shared her "Jesus" moment when being pulled over for speeding on her way to mass and offered a prayer for the police officer. After he asked her to drive slower and returned to his vehicle, the Holy Spirit prompted Maria to get out of her car and offer him a prayer. We do not know what a person is going through in life.

George shared his "Jesus" moment when walking in Memorial Park with his daughter Rebecca recently. As they approached the cross walk, a Native American in a motorized wheelchair approached them. George recognized this person as a former patient of his at Sioux San and exchanged greetings. As this man proudly proclaimed, "I have been sober for 3 years", he tenderly placed his large, soft, and warm hand into my hand as we continued along the path. After a minute we parted ways: I reflected on this GODcident for a few hours and later texted Rebecca: "I was holding the hand of Jesus on our walk."

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

II. 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)*

III. **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. Dedication of Sacred Heart of Jesus guild of the Diocese of Rapid City: Formal dedication ceremony planned in near future. Bishop Gruss to precede. Discussed dedication during white mass in October 2017.

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. George to meet with editor of West River Catholic prior to next meeting and submit information for article. 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 mentioned 5K in August fundraiser for Cornerstone Rescue Mission. Pharmacy support coordinated, Jamie Hilts agreeable to discuss and visit and provide consultation to reorganize current pharmacy area.

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. Continued dialogue regarding service to those with BH and substance abuse challenges.

e. Fund Raising/Grant proposals: Rick Soulek has discussed grant proposals with the Diocesan grant writer. 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.

V. New business

1. CMA sponsorship of 5 K Walk, Pray and Heal at Hills Alive will not take place. Idea well liked not able to support this year.
2. Family life Ministries update from Amy Julian: 716-5214 x236 or ajulian@diorc.org
3. CMA agrees to co-sponsor CME during Natural Family Planning Summer 2018.
4. Sioux Spiritual Center looking for executive director
5. Website discussion: Tom and George reached out to two separate web site designers. Plan to have Brandon Slack from Spore Creative Design in Rapid City attend next CMA meeting to walk us through the process. Brandon and his family attend OLPH.
6. No June CMA meeting
7. July CMA meeting dates: 8 or 22
8. Aug CMA meeting dates: 19 or 26

Upcoming events:

April 29: CMA meeting 0630 at Cornerstone Rescue Mission

April 29: Journeymen: Fight the Good Fight: 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: May 13 at Catholic Social Services at 0800

XIV. Closing prayer and adjournment.

Sing to Jesus!

Blessings to all!