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MINUTES  
ANNUAL MEETING

EXECUTIVE BOARD

*National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guild*

JUNE 15, 1960

SEVILLE HOTEL

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

ROLL CALL

Officers present

EUSEBIUS J. MURPHY, M.D. — President  
JOSEPH E. HOLOUBEK, M.D. — First Vice-President  
CLEMMENT P. CUNNINGHAM, M.D. — Second Vice-President  
GERARD P. J. GRIFFIN, M.D. — Third Vice-President  
FRED M. TAYLOR, M.D. — Treasurer

Affiliated Guilds represented

CHARLES W. WESTERBECK, M.D. — Los Angeles, California  
S. PAUL TOMBARI, M.D. — Norwich, Connecticut  
EDWARD J. LAUTH, M.D. — Miami, Florida  
EDWIN J. CASEY, M.D. — Belleville, Illinois  
NICHOLAS P. PRIMIANO, M.D. — Joliet, Illinois  
STEPHEN C. MICHAELIS, M.D. — Fort Wayne, Indiana  
JAMES T. NIX, M.D. — New Orleans, Louisiana  
FRANCIS W. DRINAN, M.D. — Boston, Massachusetts  
SHEFFICK J. MOROUN, M.D. — Detroit, Michigan  
ROY V. BOEDEKER, M.D. — St. Louis, Missouri  
J. L. CIRINCIONE, M.D. — Albany, New York  
MARTIN F. MCGOWAN, M.D. — Bronx, New York  
GERARD P. J. GRIFFIN, M.D. — Brooklyn, New York  
WILLIAM P. RILEY, M.D. — Queens, New York  
JAMES CORCORAN, M.D. — Rockville Centre, New York  
MARTIN J. HEALY, M.D. — Westchester, New York  
CHARLES S. BLASE, M.D. — Cincinnati, Ohio  
MELVIN F. YEIP, M.D. — Cleveland, Ohio  
FRANK E. DARROW, M.D. — Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
BERNARD J. HOUSTON, M.D. — Philadelphia, Pa. (Rene Goupil Guild)  
JOHN F. McVEY, M.D. — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
STEPHEN FOOTE, M.D. — Houston, Texas  
JOHN SATORY, M.D. — LaCrosse, Wisconsin

Others

RT. REV. MSGR. D. A. MCGOWAN — Federation Moderator  
REV. JOHN J. FLANAGAN, S.J. — Editor, *The Linacre Quarterly*  
MR. M. R. KNEIFL — Consultant  
MISS JEAN READ — Executive Secretary  
DANIEL A. MULVIHILL, M.D. — Honorary President  
JOHN J. MASTERTSON, M.D. — Past President  
WILLIAM P. CHESTER, M.D. — Past President  
FRANKLYN E. VERDON, M.D. — Miami, Fla. Guild  
REV. EDWARD L. O'MALLEY — Moderator, Albany Guild  
WM. FITZGERALD, M.D. — Albany Guild  
VERY REV. MSGR. JOHN C. STAUNTON — Moderator, Cincinnati Guild  
HERBERT RATNER, M.D. — Chicago Guild  
ROBERT P. LOCEY, M.D. — Ann Arbor, Michigan  
C. J. MATERNOWSKI, M.D. — Ann Arbor, Michigan

Sessions of the National Federation Executive Board convened at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 1960, with reading of the minutes of the Winter Meeting held in Dallas, Texas, December 5, 1959.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Murphy reported on new Guilds, advising of the affiliation of groups in Bakersfield and Fresno in California; Joliet, Illinois; Houma, Louisiana, and Cincinnati, Ohio, since the first of the year.

The president participated in a panel discussion on pornography, sponsored by the Albany, New York Guild. He also addressed the Medical Society of Brooklyn on the occasion of honoring Dr. John J. Mastertson as Catholic Physician of the Year for 1959.

Answering a large volume of correspondence occupied considerable time during the past few months.

Dr. Edwin J. Lauth, Jr., president of the Miami Guild, and his planning committee, were commended for their excellent work in behalf of the Federation and its activities as part of the A.M.A. convention and the Memorial Mass.

In behalf of Dr. William Egan of Boston, immediate past-president, who could not be present, Dr. Francis W. Drinan of that city's Guild, received a scroll from Dr. Murphy expressing the gratitude of the national organization for his outstanding service and leadership during his term of office.

It was reported that there are nun-physicians in many missionary

lands. Names and addresses are now available for mailing purposes.

The procedure for nominating candidates for Catholic Physician of the Year was again outlined. Guilds are urged to send in their nominations at once. Biographical material must accompany each name. A nominee must be a Catholic and his name must clear through the local Chancery office; the candidate need not be a member of a Guild.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Monsignor McGowan advised of a prospective Guild in the area of Lincoln, Nebraska. In the foreign field, it was advised that Lima, Peru has a Catholic Physicians' Guild.

He suggested the appointment of Drs. Joseph and Alice Holoubek as official delegates of the Federation to the International Congress of Catholic Doctors to be held in Munich, July 27-August 3.

Monsignor McGowan commented on the material published in an issue of *Time* magazine concerning Dr. John Rock who is doing research on a birth control pill at Harvard University, reply to which appeared in news releases from the National Catholic Welfare Conference and published in the May 1960 issue of *THE LINACRE QUARTERLY*.

It is the Moderator's feeling that the time has now come for the Federation to support mission projects, assisting in programs to send Catholic doctors to foreign lands, thus providing a medical apostolate for the Church.

#### THE LINACRE QUARTERLY REPORT

It was reported that the distribution of the May, 1960 issue of the journal totaled 10,367. Circulation includes readers among the membership of Physicians' Guilds totaling 6,100; the balance reaches hospitals, libraries, teachers, students, and physicians who are not members of Guilds.

Material for publication is in continual demand. Articles of significance in the Catholic medical apostolate and that will help direct the future of medicine are highly desired. The journal is the official organ of the Federation and because of its unique nature, the Guilds are urged to encourage their members to submit material for publication.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Report was made of 12 new Guilds since the last annual meeting. The following States do not have Guilds: Alaska, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada, Utah, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Washington, D.C.

Dr. Clement Cunningham, membership chairman, advised of a plan to have State representatives organize Guilds in their own areas. He pointed out that the largest Catholic population in the United States is east of the Mississippi river and north of the State of Ohio. The State of Louisiana has the nation's largest Catholic population; the diocese of Lafayette is 61% Catholic. It is estimated that there are some 35,000 Catholic physicians in America.

It was recommended to contact local Pastors for the names of Catholic physicians in parishes for prospective memberships in Guilds.

Advertising in diocesan newspapers and the *A.M.A. News* are other sources of promotion.

All the dioceses of the State of New York have Guilds.

Delegates to the meeting were urged to take back the missionary ideal of more Guilds in their areas.

#### FEDERATION EXHIBIT

Dr. Franklyn E. Verdon of the Miami Guild reported to the Board regarding the Federation Exhibit at the A.M.A. convention, advising that 24 local physicians and medical students, along with 8 or 10 visiting Guild representatives alternated time every two hours to greet those attending the exhibits of the general convention. Dr. Lauth wished special commendation for the assistance of Dr. Verdon, Drs. J. Gerard Converse, Charles Schwartz, Robert J. Boucek, and Scotti as contact committee both for the Federation booth and the details of the Memorial Mass held at St. Patrick's Church.

Reports, copies of THE LINACRE QUARTERLY, medals of St. Luke, and other items of interest were distributed to those inquiring about the activities of Catholic Physicians' Guilds. The display caption "Moral Principles in Medical Practice" evinces interest on the part of visitors to the booth and material is available on many topics in this field. Some 260 visitors signed registration cards and many

requested further information on subjects in their own specialties.

Dr. Gerard P. J. Griffin, general chairman of the Federation booth, suggested that the format be changed somewhat for the future. The same display has been used for five years and to meet current trends in approach, it is felt that a change is in order. Investigation will be made and reported at the Winter meeting of the Federation.

#### DELEGATES TO INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF CATHOLIC DOCTORS

The President appointed Drs. Joseph and Alice Holoubek of Shreveport, Louisiana and Dr. John Muccigrosso of the Westchester, N.Y. Guild as the official delegates of the Federation to the International Congress of Catholic Doctors to be held in Munich, July 27-August 3. Dr. Joseph Holoubek will present a paper concerning the activities of the National Federation and Dr. Alice Holoubek will address the group concerning the health care of priests and religious.

#### HEALTH OF RELIGIOUS PROGRAM

Pursuing the Program as set forth in the minutes of the 1959 Winter Federation Executive Board meeting, the need for a health care program for religious was again explained. A committee had been appointed to adopt a Medical Examination for Religious form and a pilot project was launched in Louisiana, report of which was to be given at the June meeting. Dr. J. T. Nix of New Orleans, chairman of the committee, reported use of the medical

form in that archdiocese. Members of the New Orleans Physicians' Guild are assisting in examinations. The Program is in progress with the permission of the Ordinary. In the diocese of Lafayette, it is a missionary project, also endorsed by the Bishop. All religious in the diocese have received the medical form. There are 200 doctors in the area of whom 5 are Catholic physicians. Many of the former are assisting in the project. It is felt that this Program will be of great benefit to hospital religious. Further material will be available to Higher Superiors at a later date. Topics of discussion included the transfer of medical records and hospitalization for religious. Further progress report will be made at the winter meeting of the Federation Board.

#### WINTER MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The winter meeting of the Executive Board will be held in Washington, D.C. The dates are December 3-4, 1960.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

An audited statement of cash receipts and disbursements for 1959 was submitted to the Board and read by Dr. Fred Taylor, Federation treasurer. It is published in the August, 1960 issue of THE LINACRE QUARTERLY.

#### FEDERATION SECRETARY

To fill the office of Secretary of the National Federation, vacated by the resignation of Dr. Robert M. Eiben of Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Franklyn E. Verdon of the Miami,

Florida Guild was elected to the post.

#### COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

Dr. John J. Masterson of Brooklyn, New York, Catholic Physician of the Year for 1959, was presented with a certificate to honor him in this title.

Dr. Murphy advised that eight candidates had been named as June 15 for this year's Award. He asked the Active and Honorary Officers, Monsignor McGowan and Reverend John J. Flanagan, S.J. to serve as judges. The Award will be made during the winter Executive Board meeting. Dr. Fred Taylor was asked to serve as chairman of the committee.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Martin J. Healy, of the Westchester, New York Guild, proposed that the National Federation sponsor a social function in the nature of a dinner dance in New York City when the American Medical Association convention convenes there next June. The Guilds in that area would take responsibility for the plans. The Executive Board agreed, appointing Dr. Healy as general chairman. It was moved to advance \$500.00 to the committee for initial preparations and to guarantee \$2,500.00 of expenses.

Drs. C. J. Maternowski and Robert P. Locey of the Detroit Guild addressed the Board concerning a plan for assisting Catholic physicians interested in serving the Church as doctors in the missions. Efforts in the health care

of Puerto Rican population in the Detroit area had prompted a movement to inaugurate an International Catholic Medical Service. The group working on the project is desirous of the support of the National Federation. With ecclesiastical permission, a central office with a secretary, and typing help, steps can be taken to initiate this important mission service. Dr. Charles Westerbeck of the Los Angeles Guild described the Mission Doctors Association in that area of California that has the approbation of Rome as well as local permission and has been functioning since early this year.

After discussion, the following resolution was proposed by Dr. Daniel Mulvihill of New York and passed by the Federation Board:

#### Whereas:

It has been called to the attention of the Executive Board of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds that there is widespread interest among Catholic lay doctors in the United States to participate personally and actively in medical mission work in the Catholic Foreign Missions.

and, it appears that at the present time there is in the United States no centralized organization for the collection and dissemination of information on such projects, nor for direct liaison between such interested parties and the ecclesiastical authorities responsible for the foreign missions. *Whereas:*

The Detroit constituent Guild has petitioned the Executive Board of the National Federation to consider the establishment of such a central medical bureau with ecclesiastical permission and under National Federation auspices, and this petition has the support of the Los Angeles, and other constituent Guilds of the National Foundation. *Therefore, be it resolved:*

1. That the Executive Board of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds at its annual meeting of June 15, 1960 express its high commendation to the Detroit and Los Angeles Guilds, and to the individual Catholic doctors concerned for their apostolic zeal in this important field of Catholic mission endeavor, and its unqualified support of their aims and efforts and

2. That the Executive Board appoint a study committee to consist of:

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Donald A. McGowan, Moderator, Washington, D.C.

Reverend John J. Flanagan, S.J., St. Louis, Mo.

Reverend Edward L. O'Malley, Albany, N.Y.

An Officer of the National Federation

A Representative of the Detroit Guild

A Representative of the Los Angeles Guild

A Representative of the Albany Guild

and to empower the President to expand this committee at his discretion.

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This committee to thoroughly investigate and explore:

1. The need for and feasibility of a central medical bureau under National Federation auspices to act as an information center and liaison body between interested lay medical personnel and the ecclesiastical authorities in direct charge of foreign mission work;

2. The specific organizational, personnel, and financial requirements for establishing such a bureau under National Federation auspices;

3. The interest of each of the constituent Guilds, and the general membership of the Catholic Physicians' Guilds in promoting and supporting such an endeavor by the National Federation.

This committee to make a preliminary report to the Executive Board at the semi-annual meeting, December 3-4, 1960, and to continue its activities and report to the Executive Board until such time as information and consideration warrant taking definitive action on the proposals of the Detroit, Los Angeles, and other constituent Guilds.

It was voted, also, to appropriate \$1,000.00 toward initial needs of the plan.

The committee authorized was appointed by the President.

The subject of pornography was presented by Dr. William P. Riley, President of the Queens, New York Guild. Describing the appalling quantity and quality of indecent literature that is distributed daily and falling into the hands of teen-agers, he advised of the work

being done by the *Citizens for Decent Literature Committee* in arousing opinion nationally to the dangers involved for the youth of America. After a thorough accounting of this worthy group's activities, the following resolution proposed by Dr. Mulvihill was passed by the Board:

**Whereas:**

It has been brought to the attention of the Executive Board of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds at its annual meeting of June 15, 1960 by Dr. William P. Riley of the Queens Guild:

That the unrestricted distribution of obscene, indecent, and pornographic literature, photographs, films, etc. constitutes a grave moral problem to the youth of many parts of the United States today, and

That there are Federal and State laws in most areas, which if adequately enforced could stop this nefarious traffic, and

That an aroused and militant public opinion is necessary to stimulate and encourage such adequate enforcement of existing laws by the enforcement agencies of the various Federal and State governments responsible, and

That *Citizens for Decent Literature* is a trustworthy, non-sectarian, non-political organization dedicated to arousing the public opinion necessary for more adequate enforcement of these laws, *Be it Resolved:*

That the Executive Board of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds at its meeting of June 15, 1960:

1. Endorse and highly commend the efforts of the *Citizens for Decent Literature* for its effort to arouse a public demand for enforcement of laws for the suppression of distribution and traffic in obscene, indecent, and pornographic literature, photographs, films, etc. and pledge its support to the furtherance of such worthy efforts, and

2. Take definite steps to appraise all the constituent Guilds of the Federation, and the individual members of the Catholic Physicians' Guilds of the enormity and moral implications of this traffic, through THE LINACRE QUARTERLY and other available means, and endeavor to enlist their individual and collective support in behalf of the crusade for decency in literature by the *Citizens for Decent Literature*.

3. That any definite action by any constituent Guild in behalf of this effort be done only after clearance and approval by the Ordinary of the diocese in which that Guild is located.

4. That the Federation express its thanks to and praise of Dr. William P. Riley of the Queens Guild for his personal contributions to this decency crusade in the New York metropolitan area for the protection of the youth of our nation.

THE LINACRE QUARTERLY will be supplied with further data to inform the public how assistance can be given to this campaign against indecent literature.

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILDS**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1959\***

CASH BALANCE — JANUARY 1, 1959 .....	\$ 9,986.15
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Subscriptions —	
Doctors.....	\$ 63.25
Hospitals .....	44.22
Priests .....	107.40
Others .....	35.78
Memberships .....	\$ 8,820.65
Affiliation fees .....	11,101.65
Meeting income .....	5,180.00
Miscellaneous .....	507.50
Total Receipts for Year .....	423.72
	26,033.52
	\$36,019.67

<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
LINACRE QUARTERLY printing .....	\$ 7,996.91
Honoraria .....	405.00
Reprints .....	619.05
Advertising .....	238.40
Stationery and supplies .....	844.15
Salaries .....	8,740.00
Postage .....	790.73
Travel .....	775.24
Convention exhibit .....	1,479.02
Board meetings .....	2,995.80
Returned checks .....	22.00
Bank charges .....	.25
Donations .....	100.00
Miscellaneous .....	484.15
Total Disbursements for Year .....	\$25,490.70

CASH BALANCE — DECEMBER 31, 1959.....	\$10,528.97
Accounts payable — December 31, 1959.....	\$ 455.75
CASH BALANCE — MAY 31, 1960.....	\$18,039.25
ACCTS. PAYABLE — MAY 31, 1960 (Estimated).....	5,403.72
On Hand May 31, 1960.....	\$12,635.53

\*1959 Report on Accounts prepared by Kerber, Eck & Braeckel, St. Louis, Mo., Certified Public Accountants.