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National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds

JUNE 28, 1961

COMMODORE HOTEL NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

ROLL CALL

Officers present

Eusebius J. Murphy, M.D. — President
Joseph E. Holoubek, M.D. — First Vice-President
Clement P. Cunningham, M.D. — Second Vice-President
Gerard P. J. Griffin, M.D. — Third Vice-President
Franklyn E. Verdon, M.D. — Secretary

Affiliated Guilds represented

Bernard O'Loughlin, M.D. — Los Angeles, Calif.
Franklyn E. Verdon, M.D. — Miami, Florida
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C. P. Cunningham, M.D. — Rock Island, Illinois
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William J. Rea, M.D. — Wichita, Kansas
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J. E. Holoubek, M.D. — Shreveport, Louisiana
Edward A. Greco, M.D. — Portland, Maine
Francis W. Dinan, M.D. — Boston, Mass.
John M. Malone, M.D. — Detroit, Michigan
C. J. Maternowski, M.D. — Grand Rapids, Michigan
James R. Doyle, M.D. — Rochester, Minnesota
W. D. Davidson, M.D. — St. Cloud, Minnesota
Reverend Norman Rottet — Kansas City, Missouri
P. G. Casey, Jr., M.D. — Trenton (Middlesex County), N. J.
J. Gribb, M.D. — Albany, New York
Anthony J. Alteri, M.D. — Bronx, New York
Daniel J. Sullivan, M.D. — Brooklyn, New York
Charles Baize, M.D. — Buffalo, New York
James T. Daniels, M.D. — New York City, New York
Rocco P. Bevilacqua, M.D. — Queens, New York
G. P. J. Griffin, M.D. — Rockville Centre, New York
James H. Steve, M.D. — Cincinnati, Ohio
Melvin F. Yee, M.D. — Cleveland, Ohio
Philip C. Rond, M.D. — Columbus, Ohio

RAYMOND CAGNINA, M.D. — Steubenville, Ohio
CHARLES S. WOHL, M.D. — Toledo, Ohio
John D. Donovan, M.D. — Pittsburgh, Pa.
P. F. Pender, M.D. — Utica, New York

Others

Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. A. McGowan — Moderator
Reverend John J. Planagan, S.J. — Editor, THE LINACRE QUARTERLY
Miss Jean Read — Executive Secretary
Mr. M. R. Kneifl — Consultant
Daniel A. Mulvihill, M.D. — Honorary President
William P. Chester, M.D. — Past President
William J. Egan, M.D. — Past President
Reverend Joseph R. Hughes — Diocesan Guild Director, Trenton, N. J.
Reverend James S. Tong, S.J. — Director Catholic Hospital Assn. of India
Herbert Ratner, M.D. — Oak Park, Illinois
George F. Price, M.D. — Brooklyn, New York
Reverend Edward L. O'Malley — Moderator, Albany, New York Guild
Reverend Kenneth P. McKinnon — Moderator, Detroit, Mich. Guild
John H. E. Bayly, M.D. — Washington, D. C.
George E. Mullen, D.D.S. — Brooklyn, N. Y.
William Fitzgerald, M.D. — Albany, New York
Reverend James H. Fitzpatrick — Moderator, Brooklyn and Queens, N. Y. Guild

Sessions of the National Federation Executive Board convened at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 1961, at the Commodore Hotel, New York City, New York.

ROLL CALL indicated thirty-two Guilds represented; along with officers and visitors, a total of fifty were present for the annual meeting.

The Minutes of the Winter Executive Board meeting held in Washington, D. C., December 3, 1960, were read and approved.

The president also participated in a Medico-Moral Seminar held in Trenton, New Jersey earlier in the year.

He directed the Mission Pilot Study inaugurated to assist in the establishment of a central bureau to furnish medical and para-medical personnel to mission areas.

In March, the president participated in the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Guild of St. Luke of Boston, speaking in the name of the National Federation on that occasion.

He also addressed the Spanish-
speaking doctors in the New York area to encourage the formation of a Guild. An address was also given to the Rene Goupil Guild in Trenton, New Jersey, effecting its affiliation with the National organization.

Moderator's Report

Monsignor McGowan indicated that his position is often one of being a "spiritual referee." Not judging the Catholicity of any person, but giving guidance to the group in general. He said that his most interesting task since the last meeting involved the happy solution of the problem concerning lay medical volunteers in over-seas Catholic activity. He also reported that the concept of a "Catholic Physician of the Year" Award should be, in his judgment, maintained.

The Moderator advised that legal counsel in Washington, D.C., through N.C.W.C., will assist in effecting incorporation of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians.

The Linacre Quarterly

Distribution of 10,492 copies of the May 1961 Linacre Quarterly was reported.

Several articles from recent issues have been reprinted, on request, in other journals.

Material is continually needed. A sheet will be included in the next issue of Guilds in Action requesting titles and suggesting authors to assist the journal's Editorial Board in securing articles.

Effort is still being made to secure advertising for the magazine.

Memorandum Report

Dr. Clement Cunningham, committee chairman, announced the possibility of National affiliation of some 30 or more Guilds during 1961-1962.

Contact with Canadian areas, principally around Montréal, indicates interest in the formation of more Guilds in Quebec and other Provinces.

He has been corresponding with State chairmen who have expressed willingness to assist with the formation of these groups in cities where none function at present.

To effect the formation of the Chicago, Illinois Guild, a public relations agency has been employed to work with an executive committee of doctors under ecclesiastical guidance. Initiation fee is $10.00 and annual membership dues are $5.00 per member.

The 100th Guild, represented by Dr. James R. Doyle of Rochester, Minnesota, was welcomed to the Board meeting. Some 6,887 members comprise the entire membership of the Guilds.

A map dotted with the locations of the affiliated Guilds throughout the United States and Canada was displayed to the gathering.

Financial Report

The Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, prepared by Certified Public Accountants, Kerber, Eck and Braeckel of St. Louis, Missouri, as of December 31, 1960, indicated total receipts for the year to be $27,720.12; added to the balance on hand as of January 1, 1960, income totaled $37,799.09. Deducting disbursements for the year of $25,775.43, the cash balance was $12,023.66. Accounts Payable on December 31 amounted to $1,463.27. As of May 31, 1961, the balance on hand was approximately $9,000.00.

The Board authorized the central office to invest unused income, to realize extra earnings for Federation projects.

A.M.A. Exhibit

Dr. Gerard P. J. Griffin, chairman of the Federation Exhibit, explained that the display used for the past five years was prepared again for the 1961 A.M.A. convention. To effect an audio-visual plan with the assistance of experts in the fields of theology and medicine, would have meant constructing a new display and those asked to participate had to decline because of other commitments, so minor changes were made to the present booth and used again.

The staffing was quite disappointing. Very few doctors responded to the chairman's request to give an hour or two through the week to service the exhibit.

A new theme of presentation seems to be in order. Enthusiasm for the Mission Movement might be the change of subject to increase interest in the project. The advice of others in the Catholic Action field is to be sought.

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3. Education and Research

1. Development of a Standard Health Record System
2. Establishment of the confidence of and improvement of communication with the directors of responsible religious groups, such as the Conference of Major Religious Superiors for Women, the Sister Formation Movement and The National Congress of Religious.
3. Education and Research
4. Organization of a comprehensive health program under religious control.

The Standard Health Record System developed by the committee consists of six forms:
1. Medical Form for Examinee
2. Medical Identification Card
3. Physician’s Report or Communication Sheet
4. Annual Physical Examination Sheet
5. Instruction Sheet
6. Brochure on Health Care of Clergy and Religious

This health “package” has been printed and distributed by The Catholic Hospital Association to the higher superiors of its member hospitals. The need for psychiatric evaluation is recognized. The Guild of Catholic Psychiatrists has been requested to aid in the development and testing of a satisfactory form.

Dr. Nix will present the Program at the National Congress of Religious at Notre Dame University in August of this year.

Educational efforts are reflected in the articles appearing from time to time, in The Linacre Quarterly. Grants have been provided for research in the health care of religious.

The committee feels that phases one and two of its assignment have been completed. Future efforts will be directed toward education and to the development of a comprehensive health program for religious under religious control.

It is felt that much can be done by local Guilds to assist in this Health Care Program for Religious. A set of the health care “package” is to be sent to all Guild presidents.

Catholic Physician of the Year Award

At the request of the Detroit Physicians’ Guild, the subject of the Catholic Physician of the Year Award was added to the agenda for discussion.

It was explained that this Award was inaugurated in 1957 when the Federation celebrated its 25th anniversary and that each year since that time, biographical material on various Catholic physicians, not necessarily members of any Guild, has been submitted to a committee of Federation doctors appointed by the president to study and make the decision. Admittedly, the judging is difficult but many present expressed the opinion that it is fitting to name a Catholic colleague for this honor. Mention was also made of the fact that all names suggested are submitted to local Chancery offices for their information and official recognition.

It was decided to continue the annual Award which is announced at the Winter meeting of the Executive Board.

Winter Board Meeting

To follow tradition, the Winter Board Meeting of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians’ Guilds will follow the Clinical Sessions of the American Medical Association and be held in Denver, Colorado. The dates will be December 2 and 3, 1961.

Committee Reports

Dr. William Egan, chairman of the Federation group attending the White Conference on Aging, held in January of this year, had given his report which appeared in the February issue of The Linacre Quarterly. Comments from several readers of the journal expressed the hope that a more firm stand would be taken by the National organization in the matter of financial assistance for the care of the Aged.

Dr. Martin J. Healy, chairman of the Century Dinner, reported preparations complete to take care of some 500 guests for the dinner and program planned for the evening of June 28. He described the difficulties in planning such an event; five mailings to Guild members throughout the country were not too productive of reservations and he advised that local support was counted upon most heavily. Several substantial donations were a great boon to financing the venture.

Guild Reports

These will appear in the next issue of Guilds in Action.

Father J. J. Flanagan, S.J.

Honored

Before adjourning for lunch, a Spiritual Bouquet was presented to Father John J. Flanagan, S.J., editor of The Linacre Quarterly and adviser to the Federation, on the occasion of his 25th anniversary in the priesthood. The Masses, Holy Communions, Visits, Rosaries, and Offerings of Day’s Work, gathered from the physicians in our Guilds were recorded and presented to Father along with a note to advise that a sum is on hand for expenses to attend the International Congress of Catholic doctors to be held in London next year.

Catholic Mission Service

To report on the Pilot Study, the president described the background of the need for a central service to provide medical and para-medical services to mission lands. The idea had been presented to the Federation Board a year ago and a committee was appointed to study the matter. Individual Guilds are interested in this project and some are at this time send-
ing doctors to foreign lands, supporting them financially. Contact with the Catholic Medical Mission Board with offices in New York City offering to assist in whatever ways possible to help execute that function of the organization to supply personnel to the missions, brings the study up-to-date. The possibilities of aid to a central service bureau could be:

1. Financial support from local Guilds
2. Guilds serving as screening agencies for the Catholic Medical Mission Board
3. Sending personnel

To promote the cause, the president appointed a Ways and Means Committee of the Federation to offer assistance to the Catholic Medical Mission Board. Members are: Drs. R. Locey, chairman; J. E. Holoubek, F. Drinan, Wm. Chester, W. Davidson, J. Daniels, J. Malone, and D. A. Mulvihill.

Reverend J. Tong, S.J., Director of the Catholic Hospital Association of India, in the United States at present from New Delhi, described outstanding work done by physicians in the missions. Allied aid in the form of scholarships, sending equipment, text books for student nurses, was also indicated as a worthy cause.

The interest of other faiths in mission work was forcefully described.

Special meetings called by Reverend Anthony LaBau, S.J., director of the Catholic Medical Mission Board, during the A.M.A. convention to discuss mission matters will be productive of a more definite plan to report at the next Board meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Election of officers will be held at the next Federation Board meeting. The president appointed the following to serve as the Nominating Committee: Drs. William J. Egan, Boston; Melvin C. Yeip, Cleveland; Wm. P. Choate, Detroit; D. A. Mulvihill, New York, and James T. Nix, New Orleans. A slate of officers will be presented to the Board at the Winter meeting in Denver.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was passed to incorporate the National Federation and Monsignor McGowan was asked to have N.C.W.C. proceed in the matter.

It was voted to investigate the possibilities of an Educational Fund for the Federation to develop projects along this line.

A request from the Baton Rouge Guild to have the Federation prepare a Pre-Cana film, for physicians to use in their Conference work, was referred back to the group for contact with the Family Life Conference of N.C.W.C. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Reception and Dinner-Dance, Commodore Hotel, 6:30 p.m.

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