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MINUTES  
WINTER MEETING  
EXECUTIVE BOARD

*National Federation of  
Catholic Physicians' Guild*

DECEMBER 1, 1961

BROWN PALACE HOTEL

DENVER, COLORADO

ROLL CALL

Officers present:

EUSEBIUS J. MURPHY, M.D. — President  
J. E. HOLOUBEK, M.D. — First Vice-President  
C. P. CUNNINGHAM, M.D. — Second Vice-President  
G. P. J. GRIFFIN, M.D. — Third Vice-President  
F. E. VERDON, M.D. — Secretary  
F. M. TAYLOR, M.D. — Treasurer

Affiliated Guilds represented:

THOMAS HAVEL, M.D. — Los Angeles, California  
ROSALIE M. REARDON, M.D. — Oakland, California  
J. PHILIP CLARKE, M.D. — Denver, Colorado  
F. E. VERDON, M.D. — Miami, Florida  
C. P. CUNNINGHAM, M.D. — Rock Island, Illinois  
JAMES T. NIX, M.D. — New Orleans, Louisiana  
REVEREND MARVIN J. BORDELON — Shreveport, Louisiana  
JOHN M. MALONE, M.D. — Detroit, Michigan  
THOMAS A. HAYES, M.D. — Grand Rapids, Michigan  
EUSEBIUS J. MURPHY, M.D. — Bronx, New York  
GEORGE F. PRICE, M.D. — Brooklyn, New York  
A. MALCOLM HETZER, M.D. — Rockville Centre, New York  
MARTIN J. HEALY, M.D. — Westchester, New York  
NORMAN MACNEILL, M.D. — Philadelphia, Pa. (St. Rene Goupil)  
F. M. TAYLOR, M.D. — Houston, Texas  
ROMAN GALASINSKI, M.D. — Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Others:

RT. REV. MSGR. D. A. MCGOWAN, Moderator  
REVEREND JOHN J. FLANAGAN, S. J., Editor, THE LINACRE QUARTERLY  
WILLIAM P. CHESTER, M.D. — Detroit, Michigan  
REVEREND EDWARD L. O'MALLEY, — Albany, New York  
REVEREND KENNETH MACKINNON, — Detroit, Michigan  
MR. M. R. KNEIFL, — St. Louis, Missouri  
MISS JEAN READ, — Executive Secretary

LINACRE QUARTERLY

Sessions of the National Federation Executive Board convened at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 1, 1961, at the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado.

The Minutes of the annual Executive Board meeting held in New York City, June 28, 1961 were read and approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Eusebius J. Murphy reported participation as a speaker in Guild activities of the Brooklyn and Bronx groups. He represented His Eminence, Cardinal Spellman in discussion of a program to be initiated by the American Medical Association concerned with medicine and religion.

The President was in frequent contact with the Catholic Medical Mission Board in New York regarding the development of the project to send medical and paramedical personnel to mission lands.

Dr. Murphy thanked the Federation Board for cooperation during his term of office as President.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Monsignor McGowan commended Dr. Murphy for his work as President of the National Federation during the past two years.

Any connection with the medical-spiritual program envisioned by the A.M.A. is not to be considered as any indication of the Federation's policy on moral issues. This is still in the study phase.

The Moderator reported an indebtedness of the Federation for

dues to cover membership in The International Congress of Catholic Doctors. Details of the transaction are sketchy and more will be secured from the secretary to place us on a current dues paying status.

A communication has been received from Directors of the Congress for Catholic physicians to be held in London, July 9-13 again urging American doctors to submit their papers to be given during the sessions of the meeting. The topics are:

The Catholic Doctor and the Problems of the Adolescent.

The Catholic Doctor and the Aging Population.

The Catholic Doctor and the New Approaches to Mental Health.

The "Hopeless" Case.

The Catholic Doctor in the Newly Independent Countries.

The Committee will be advised of any speakers from the United States who will prepare papers. Copies should be sent to Dr. J. W. Dignan, 58 Sebert Road, London, E7, England.

Monsignor McGowan thanked the Century Dinner Committee for its efforts in arranging the activities for June 28th. This group, under the direction of Dr. Martin J. Healy, planned for the Memorial Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral as well as the Dinner Meeting.

In answer to questions regarding TV and radio programs concerning moral issues in medicine, the Moderator advised that Guilds

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should exert their influence locally in whatever direction is necessary to uphold Catholic principles in such presentations.

#### THE LINACRE QUARTERLY

Distribution of 10,735 copies of the November LINACRE QUARTERLY was reported.

Father Flanagan advised that an Editorial Committee meeting had been held the day previous. It is deemed advisable to expand this Committee and assign specific responsibilities to each member.

It was suggested that contacts in foreign lands might prove interesting for an exchange of correspondence.

A question and answer column was suggested. The scope of the material used will be broadened.

Suggestions for authors and topics still most welcome by the Committee.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Chairman, Dr. Cunningham, advised that there had not been much membership activity during the past six months. One or two new groups have been added but three have been dropped. Chairmen have been appointed in 33 states to promote the organization of new Guilds.

Discussion regarding the stimulation of Guild formation developed around incentive to organize. Autonomy gives constituent members opportunity to plan meetings and activities, but thought was expressed that more motivation should be offered from the nation-

al organization. To aid in this endeavor it was suggested that geographical areas be assigned to specific Federation officers to keep in touch with the individual Guilds.

To stimulate attendance at Executive Board Meetings it was suggested that a half or all day be devoted to a special program following the business meeting, providing speakers on various activities that could be advanced and developed by individual Guilds.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The annual financial statement of the National Federation is presented at the June meeting as the fiscal year ends December 31. Final figures, therefore, were not available as of December 1. The bank balance was indicated to be approximately \$5,000.00.

It was reported that on advice of an investment firm in St. Louis, Missouri the sum of \$5,700.00 Federation capital was converted into stocks, to yield extra income for the national organization's activities.

#### THE WHITE MASS

The Mass to honor St. Luke on October 18th is widely accepted at this time. Publicity directed to diocesan papers and Catholic hospitals, in addition to *LQ* and *Guilds in Action* notices, continues to make this observance the year's most important spiritual activity for our groups. Several Governors have declared October 18th "Physicians' Day" throughout their States.

#### A.M.A. EXHIBIT

Dr. Gerard P. J. Griffin, chairman of the Federation Exhibit Committee, described the display the organization has been using for six years. The theme has continued to feature moral principles in medical practice. The objective of the booth during the A.M.A. convention each year is to acquaint more doctors with the Federation's work and result in expansion of membership. The literature displayed sets forth Catholic principles in the practice of medicine and a substantial quantity is distributed.

The staffing of the booth continues to be a problem. Perhaps with a few changes in appearance and a new approach through different topics of interest in the medico-moral field, the second time around for use of the display will renew spirit. It will be retained and used at the A.M.A. convention to be held in Chicago, Illinois during June 1962.

In addition, a second exhibit will be prepared for use in the Scientific area, to indicate the research in lung cancer that has developed in the Health Care of Religious Program.

#### HEALTH CARE OF RELIGIOUS PROGRAM

Dr. J. T. Nix, chairman of the Committee of Health Care of Religious, reviewed the progress of the Program outlining the Examination Forms and Medical Identification Card distributed from The Catholic Hospital Association to religious communities of men and

women. These have been published after much study and preparation of statistical reports that indicate the need to safeguard the health of religious.

Substantial literature has been published in *LQ* and elsewhere on various phases of the subject. An article has been prepared for the *A.M.A. News* giving an account of the Program.

The Committee urges local Guilds to petition their Chancery offices for opportunity to assist the religious in their health care programs.

It is the opinion that grants for further study in this Program could be easily obtained. Medical care would be the main objective to secure such aid.

As set forth in the Federation exhibit notes, a display indicating research in lung cancer will be prepared for the scientific section of the A.M.A. convention. Dr. Nix will have charge of this feature.

#### FEDERATION HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR RELIGIOUS

Priests, brothers, and sisters who are physicians are accorded honorary membership in the National Federation. Certificates are issued and complimentary copies of *THE LINACRE QUARTERLY* are sent to them. Dr. Gerard P. J. Griffin, who handles the details of this project, believes that the Federation does not have the names of all religious-physicians and would like that information, along with mailing addresses, for any who are known to *LINACRE QUARTERLY*

readers. Dr. Griffin's address is 311 Garfield Place, Brooklyn, New York. This notice is also to be published in *Guilds in Action*.

It was reported that Reverend Thomas V. Moore, known to many, and now Father Pablo Maria Moore, a Carthusian monk residing in Spain, has dedicated his new book *The Growth of Sanctity and the Home* to the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds. Father Pablo, also a physician, was accorded honorary membership in the Federation at the time of completion of his book and he asked permission to make this dedication as a token of his esteem. Monsignor McGowan acknowledged the request indicating the great pleasure of the Federation in this dedication.

#### INCORPORATION OF FEDERATION

Papers to effect the incorporation of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds will be in order before December 31, 1961. A re-affirmation vote of such procedure was made. Incorporation is sought to permit the Federation to accept gifts, tax exempt, and to protect the organization's officers from legal actions.

#### CENTURY DINNER REPORT

Dr. Martin J. Healy, of the Westchester, New York Guild, chairman of the Century Dinner Committee reported on Federation activities of June 28 in New York City.

A large number attended the Memorial Mass held in St. Patrick's Cathedral at 9:00 a.m. His

Eminence, Cardinal Spellman was celebrant and Monsignor McGowan gave the sermon.

The Century Dinner, taking its name from the 100th Guild to join the National Federation (Westchester, Minnesota) was held at the Commodore Hotel, attended by 501 guests.

The complete report will become a permanent record in the minutes of this meeting.

A check in the amount of \$215.15, profit from the occasion was presented to the Federation treasurer.

#### CATHOLIC PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

Dr. Norman J. MacNeill of Philadelphia, named Catholic Physician of the Year for 1961, present and representing his Guild at the Board meeting, acknowledged the title. He was properly honored at the dinner meeting held in the evening.

#### INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF CATHOLIC DOCTORS

Dr. J. E. Holoubek reported that those wishing to participate in the Congress are asked to submit their papers to the London committee by March 17, 1962. Subjects are listed in the Moderator's report. Jet flight transportation from New York on July 7 and return July 14 will be \$450.00-\$486.00. Expenses during the Congress will be about \$20.00 a day. The Congress fee, in our currency will approximate \$16.80. The International Travel Advisors offering a vacation tour to follow

the Congress will make hotel reservations for the group as well as transportation arrangements.

The central office of the Federation should be contacted for further details.

The Board very kindly voted to send to the Congress, Monsignor McGowan, Moderator; Dr. Eusebius J. Murphy, retiring president, and Miss Jean Read, executive secretary.

#### MEDICAL MISSIONS

Dr. William P. Chester, chairman of the Federation Mission Committee, reported on study of this project. Discussion ensued as to the mechanics of operation for the mission program in which the Federation is interested. The Detroit Guild advocates complete lay medical direction closely allied with the Federation. It was again explained that the Catholic Medical Mission Board with offices in New York has expanded its scope of activity to include the work of placing medical and para-medical personnel in the missions. On advice of Dr. Murphy, the Federation president, a lay medical secretary was to have been appointed as of the date of this meeting.

Both the Detroit and Los Angeles Guilds' mission projects were explained. No Federation plans would in any way interfere with programs of individual Guilds now in progress.

Strong urging directed thought to the project completely in the hands of the Federation rather than supervised by any other organization. It was agreed to table

further decision in the matter until the June Federation meeting, to observe developments at the Catholic Medical Mission Board.

#### EDUCATIONAL FUND

The Board discussed the need to seek contributions from pharmaceutical firms to aid medical education. It was suggested that an educational fund be considered feasible that would be directed to scholarships for students who would use their training to assist in the missions for a time. The "needy" student should not be the sole object of the assistance. A combination of funds from the above companies and doctors was suggested as a mutual arrangement.

Further comment was directed to use of the Federation booth as a medium to make known willingness to accept funds for educating medical students, providing literature in the field and allied projects.

The new Federation officers will appoint a committee to investigate the need of an Educational Fund.

#### PRE-CANA REPORT

Because of pre-Canas activity in many parts of the country, it is felt by some Board members that a committee of the Federation should function to assist existing organizations promoting this work through the National Family Life Bureau or parish groups, helping to prepare medical talks, discuss the goals to be achieved, outline procedure for the conferences, and provide other assistance with ap-

proval of the Ordinaries of the dioceses in which this activity flourishes and in keeping with the aims of the Family Life Bureau.

Since this is an established function, the Federation could be only an assisting agent. It was suggested that a committee be appointed for this project. Any talks prepared should be sent to the chairman who will, in turn, make use of them in areas requesting information.

#### ANNUAL FEDERATION BOARD MEETING

June 27, 1962 will be the date of the annual Federation Board meeting to be held in Chicago, Illinois; this is during the American Medical Association convention, scheduled for the week of June 24. Time and place will be announced later.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee appointed at the annual Board meeting in June 1961 presented the following slate of officers for 1962-1963: Dr. J. E. Holoubek, Shreveport, La., President; Dr. C. P. Cunningham, Rock Island, Ill., First Vice-President; Dr. G. P. J. Griffin, Brooklyn, N. Y., Second Vice-President; Dr. F. M. Taylor, Houston, Texas, Third Vice-

President; Dr. F. E. Gordon, Miami, Florida, Secretary, and Dr. B. O'Loughlin, Los Angeles, Calif., Treasurer. Unanimous vote named this group to serve the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds for the next two years.

Dr. Holoubek accepted this office with thanks asking for the prayers of the Board for guidance and advising that he would depend on the assistance of the Guilds along with individuals whose experience has brought the Federation to its present growth.

To assist the officers it was voted to establish a senior advisory committee of past presidents, honorary presidents, and other such members as deemed necessary to serve *ad hoc* at the discretion of the president.

Guild activity reports will appear in the next issue of *Guilds in Action*.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

A dinner meeting followed at 7:00 p.m. The Executive Board joined with the Catholic Physicians' Guild of Denver and students from University of Colorado Medical School for a most enjoyable evening. Dr. Count D. Gibson, Jr. of Tufts University, Boston, was principal speaker.