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Minutes

General Assembly Annual Meeting

National Federation of Catholic Physicians’ Guilds

Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois

November 6, 1965

ROLL CALL:

G. G. Papola, M.D. Chicago Guild (R.D.)

Rosalie Reardon, M.D. Oak Brook Guild (R.D.)

T. Hayes, M.D. Grand Rapids Guild

C. Pfister, M.D. Chicago Guild

H. Haley, M.D. Chicago Guild

H. Ratner, M.D. Chicago Guild

J. Brennan, M.D. Milwaukee Guild

J. B. Mulloy, M.D. Milwaukee Guild

N. F. Damiano, M.D. Milwaukee Guild

J. P. Grimaldi, M.D. Buffalo Guild

G. O. Taylor, many of these would be resolved. It was again suggested that Miss Jean Read’s efforts be confined to the publication of THE LINACRE QUARTERLY and that a substitute and replacement be found for her position as Executive Secretary. There was much discussion but no action was taken.

Cooperation of Guilds in the various projects of the National
the course for several hospital chaplains will take two weeks. Then there will be an additional three months for men training in psychiatric and mental hospital work.

Bishop Paul will be leaving his post at the time of the meeting his successor had not been named.

Monsignor Murray is serving on President Griffin's advisory council for Medical Missions.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

The Editor of The Linacre Quarterly expressed gratitude to the President, Moderator and other columnists for their continued excellence of the contributions, and to the authors submitting papers to the journal. Dr. Egan suggested that the candidates for the Linacre Award be invited by local Guild Presidents in conjunction with the regional directors and officers. The proposal was adopted. The Linacre Award Committee will, therefore, include the President of each Guild and the Board of Directors of the National Federation.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer reported that several Guilds are delinquent in their dues. It was suggested that individual reminders of such delinquent Guilds be sent directly from the Central Office, but it might tend to weaken the Guild's position, and the delinquent ones need the most strength. Therefore, no remedy was found at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FAMILY LIFE

Dr. Thomas Hayes, as chairman, reported for the Family Life Committee.

He mentioned the First International Symposium on Rhythm, under the joint sponsorship of the National Federation and the Family Life Bureau of N.C.W.C. The goals are improved teaching, research and training. Discussion. It was advised that drug companies are cooperating in the endeavors of the combined Diocesan Rhythm Clinics.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman, Dr. C. P. Cunningham, announced the affiliation of two new Guilds—San Francisco, California and Victoria, British Columbia. A Guild in Pontiac, Mich. is in formation. Membership has dropped. The top number has dropped from 106 groups to 92.

CATHOLIC PRESS REPORT

The Federation's committee on medical advertising has helped to formulate rules, assisting the Catholic Press Association, which will be advocated for use of Catholic publications in acceptance of medical advertising. They will be sent to all member journals.

REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORTS

Dr. Grant Harrison, reporting for Region II, advised that the Rockville Centre Guild has $18,000 in its Mission Fund which is to be used to complete a hospital for San Pedro Necta. This Guild has sent seven physicians to San Pedro Necta and is quite interested in its progress. They have established three Family Planning Clinics in their area.

Dr. Gino Papola, reporting for Region III, announced that a May meeting was held. Discussion concerned family life. The region is working actively to promote mission projects. A committee was formed.
to appraise students, interns, and residents of Guild activities. The White Mass was observed. All Guilds in the region are financially in balance with the Federation. A Health Care of Religious Committee is active.

Dr. Rosalie Reardon, the director for Region VII, advised that a Conference on Religion and Medicine had been held at the Lake Arrowhead Conference Center of UCLA, a part of the nationwide approach to co-ordination of these activities. It was a successful meeting. Several Sisters and Priests attended; only a few Catholic physicians were in attendance. Opinion was expressed that there might be more interest in religion and medicine on the part of Catholics than on the part of Catholics. Hereafter the Guilds will be on the A.M.A. Religion and Medicine mailing list. Loyola University was host to two meetings; a Conference on Morality in Medicine conducted by the Los Angeles Guild. The Creighton University has a strong alumni organization in Hawaii which might be of assistance to the Regional Director. (This State is in Region VII.) The names of individual doctors were also supplied. Dr. Reardon asked that Regional Directors be advised when Guilds in the respective groups are delinquent in dues to assist the central office in collections.

ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Dr. C. P. Cunningham, re-affirmed the nomination of Dr. Fred Taylor as President; Dr. F. E. Verdon, President-elect; Dr. B. J. O'Loughlin, Vice-President; Dr. J. M. Malone, Secretary, and Dr. Gino Papola, Treasurer. Nominations were opened to the floor. There being none, President Griffin asked for and seconded a motion which was seconded and passed to instruct the Secretary to cast an unanimous ballot for the slate.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. John vanagh, of the Catholic Psychiatric Guild, advised of a symposium on sex and value judgments scheduled for May 7-8, 1966 in Atlanta City. Monsignor Harrold P. J. Griffin will attend.

The 11th International Congress of Catholic Doctors will meet in Manila November 2-6, 1966. Motion was made and passed to send the President of the National Federation as official delegate to the meeting. The World Medical Association meets at the same time in Manila; its activities are related and pertinent and it is important that we be represented there. It was voted that three delegates be made official representatives, at their own expense. Dr. Cunningham suggested that the Federation invite the FIAMC to hold the next World Congress in Manila; this matter will be discussed at the June meeting. The Constitution and By-laws will be revised and will be approved at the Manila meeting. Dr. O'Loughlin reported briefly on his conversation with Dr. Gedda in Rome. Dr. Gedda, current President of FIAMC, is most anxious to have the Federation's approval of the Constitution and its expressed policies.

Marquette University, Vice-President for Medical Affairs, Dr. John Hitchcock, again called attention to problems in the use of animals in experimental medicine. He asked for support for HR 5191, the Roybal Bill. The consensus was that we approve the proper use of animals in experimental medicine but that we do not wish to urge approval of Federal legislation, even that listed in the Roybal Bill, without knowing what is actually proposed. We do not favor legislation which inhibits or stifles research. Also, human experimentation should depend on the integrity and ethical principles of investigators and not be a legislative matter. The President of the National Federation is empowered to advise interested people in our ideas after obtaining advice of legal counsel from N.C.W.C.

NEW BUSINESS

Two members applied for Life Membership—Dr. Rosalie Reardon, Pleasant Hill (Oakland Guild) California and Dr. Gino Papola, Philadelphia (St. Francis of Assisi Guild) Pennsylvania.

The Council of Presidents has been relatively inactive. Dr. Taylor hopes to take advantage of their good will and experience to re-elevate them.

Mrs. Read reported difficulties in obtaining dues and communication with Guilds. She does not have adequate assistance and her efforts are seriously divided between those of the editorial functions of THE LINACRE QUARTERLY and those of duties as executive secretary of the Federation. To date we have been unsuccessful in acquiring anyone else for this latter position. Continued effort will be made in this direction.

Guilds in Action, the Federation newsletter, should have more attention.

The next meeting of the National Federation will be in Chicago on June 29, 1966 at the time of the A.M.A. annual convention. The Chicago Guild will form a local committee and will consult with Dr. Taylor regarding facilities and programs and with Father MacKinnon in regard to the Medicine and Religion functions sponsored by the A.M.A.

The exhibit booth previously used at AMA conventions will be reactivated for the June meeting. Dr. Gerard P. J. Griffin will be in charge.

A winter meeting of the Federation was suggested for December 1-3.

The newly elected officers, listed below, were installed in office at the dinner meeting held in the evening:

Fred M. Taylor, M.D.,
Houston — President

F. E. Verdon, M.D.,
Miami — President-Elect

B. J. O'Loughlin, M.D.,
Los Angeles — Vice-President

J. M. Malone, M.D.,
Detroit — Secretary

G. G. Papola, M.D.,
Philadelphia — Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,
Bernard J. O'Loughlin, M.D.
Secretary

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