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MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE BOARD
National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds
JUNE 15, 1960
SEVILLE HOTEL
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA
ROLL CALL
Officers present
EUSSIBIO J. MURPHY, M.D. - President
JOSEPH E. HOLLOUCK, M.D. - First Vice-President
CLEMENT 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 TOMASSI, M.D. - New Rochelle, Connecticut
EDWARD J. LAETIT, M.D. - Miami, Florida
EDWIN J. CASEY, M.D. - Beloit, Illinois
NICHOLAS P. PRIMIANO, M.D. - Joliet, Illinois
STEPHEN C. MICHAELS, M.D. - Fort Wayne, Indiana
JAMES T. NIX, M.D. - New Orleans, Louisiana
FRANCIS W. DRINAN, M.D. - Boston, Massachusetts
SHEFFICK J. MIZRACHY, M.D. - Detroit, Michigan
ROY V. BORDELEAU, M.D. - St. Louis, Missouri
J. L. CRICHEN, M.D. - Albany, New York
MARTIN P. 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
CHARLES S. BLASE, M.D. - Cincinnati, Ohio
MELVIN F. YERK, M.D. - Cleveland, Ohio
FRANK E. DARROW, M.D. - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
BERNADETTE E. CASTOU, 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
REV. REY, Mgr. D. A. MCGOWAN - Federation Moderator
REV. JOHN J. FLANAGAN, S.J. - Editor, The Linacre Quarterly
MR. M. R. KNEPP, C.R. - Consultant
MISS JEAN READ - Executive Secretary
DANIEL A. MILLS, M.D. - Honorary President
JOHN J. MASTERS, M.D. - Past President
WILLIAM P. CHESTER, M.D. - Past President
FRANKLYN E. VERDON, M.D. - Miami, Fla. Guild
REV. EDWARD L. O'CONNOR - Moderator, Albany Guild
WM. FITZGERALD, M.D. - Albany Guild
V. T. L. C. J. STAUNTON - Moderator, Cincinnati Guild
HARRY R. RATER, M.D. - Chicago Guild
JAMES E. LOEY, 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. Masterson 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 one or two physicians in many missionary lands. Names and addresses are 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.

MUTUATOR'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.
It was recommended to contact local Pastors for the name 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. Geran Croce, 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.

**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. Further progress report shall be made at the winter meeting of the Federation Board.

**FEDERATION SECRETARY**

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

An audited statement of cash receipts and disbursements for 1959 was submitted at the Board meeting. 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.

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**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 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.
Florida Guild was elected to the post.

Committee for Catholic Physician of the Year

Dr. John J. Masterson of Brooklyn, New York, Catholic Physicians 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 Honor 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 I. Healy, of the Westchester, New York Guild, proposed that the National Federation sponsor a social function 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 approval 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, and

Whereas:

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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 Federation. 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 for 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 was proposed by Dr. Mulvihill and 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. 

1. Endorse and highly commend the efforts of the Citizens for Decent Literature for its efforts 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 the individual and collective support of such Guilds 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 hearing 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.

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

CASH BALANCE — JANUARY 1, 1959 $ 9,986.15

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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.

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