Summary of CMA meeting May 12, 2015

Attendees: Skorich, Harvieux, Messer, Egan, Henson, Eyer, Murphy, Jennings x3, Fr Peter, Fr Kevin

Financials: Gordy summarized current account balance, debits, credits. We have about $5000 in our balance sheet. Questions arose regarding what to do with these dollars. Suggestions included:

* Use to contribute to Fr Peter for trip to national CMA conference.
* Funding of medical students dues, meals, Boot Camp.
* Speaker travel and honorariums.

We received over $500 from National CMA in rebates of national dues. This represents about 10% of the dues that we pay to National. We need to encourage our members to become CMA dues-paying members. Records indicate that we have slipped a bit in this regard.

Discussion occurred regarding payment of dues and membership. If St R members are not interested or able to pay national dues, then should we consider implementing local dues?

# Medical students / residents:

How do we attract medical students and residents to our group?

* Need to advertise our meetings and contact medical students. Jim Boulger (dean) could be contact: NEED VOLUNTEER FOR THIS TASK.
* Christian medical group currently present at UMD Medicine: need to contact.
* Would be helpful to develop a list of medical students / residents that we could contact with our meeting announcements: SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO ACCOMPLISH.
* Consensus was that St R would pay for dinners for student attendees. Also possibly pay for their CMA registration (depending upon numbers).
* Need some type of message board / website reminder.

# Recruitment:

* Tim Eagan to see if he can locate previous contact list for Duluth and Superior physicians.
* Discussion regarding how to recruit nurses,NP,s, pa’s , administrators, other health care professionals to our meetings.
* Article in Northern Cross: I WILL CONTACT KYLE ELLER.
* Retired MD’s: NEED TO CONTACT ED RYAN, DENNIS SOUKUP: would be helpful to have a retired liaison for this job. ANY SUGGESTIONS?
* Docs located in Superior: need to develop this group. FR KEVIN GORDON TO HELP? (kgordon@catholicdos.org)
* Doc’s located elsewhere: how to recruit?
* Fr Kevin suggested a program: “Called by Name”, where each of us personally invites one or two people to the meetings. THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP.

# White Mass:

* Date : Oct 24 2015. Fr Robert McTeague is featured speaker. Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Sirba. Fr Peter planning to arrange retreat time in the morning of Oct 24 for teachers, but which we can attend.
* Need to get sponsorship with St Mary’s and St Luke’s. They purchase full price tickets then make tickets available to their employees at reduced cost.
* Mike Messer arranged catering last year.
* Need to step up recruitment for attendance.

# Formation Meetings:

### DATES FOR UPCOMING YEAR:

* + Sept 20 2015
  + Oct 24 2015 (white mass)
  + Nov 20 or 27 2015 (tentative)
  + Jan 17 2016 (topic: spiritual healing- fr muhich)
  + Mar 6 2016
  + May 17 2016 Annual business meeting

### OTHER DATES OF NOTE:

* Pope Francis to be in Philadelphia: weekend of Sept 25-27. GORDY TO CONTACT Betsy Kneepkens REGARDING CURRENT DIOCESAN PLANS.
* CMA annual meeting: Oct 1-3 2015.
* June Demontreville retreat: more info pending per Kevin Murphy.

### SPEAKERS and FORMAT:

* Several suggestions for speakers. Fr Muhich will give session on spiritual healing. Dr Eyer would like to continue with spiritual and religious formation . Dr Scott Johnson suggested a speaker on State of Christian Church in the Middle East : (WILL NEED TO FIND SPEAKER: TIM SUGGESTED CHECKING WITH PRIESTS OF THE HOLY ORDER OF THE SEPULCHRE FOR A SPEAKER. No speaker confirmed yet.) There was discussion regarding other topics. I think we will continue with faith formation issues and speakers will be geared to those topics.
* Will continue with Sunday meetings at the Cathedral beginning at 5 pm for mass (or possible adoration instead), followed by social time, dinner, then speaker. We will add a short business meeting / update during dinner time.
* Plan to utilize local speakers as much as possible.
* Did not discuss caterers: ARE PARTICIPANTS HAPPY WITH CATERING CHOICES AND COST?

## TO DO LIST:

* SKORICH: draft local dues / associate dues document, contact / find speaker for state of Christian church in middle east, confirm speakers and topics and dates with Messer and Harvieux, contact Northern Cross for recruiting article
* MESSER: organize caterers for white mass and other dates
* EGAN: locate recruitment / membership list
* HARVIEUX: betsy kneepkens for Pope Francis info.
* NEED VOLUNTEER FOR CONTACTING MED SCHOOL AND RESIDENCY.