

Board Meeting Minutes
The Catholic Underground, Inc
January 2nd, 2011 - 6:00 PM
St. Peter's Catholic Church Gueydan, LA
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Board Members:

Present: Rev. Christopher Decker, Joshua LeBlanc, Daniel Kedinger, Rev. Jason Vidrine, Joseph McClane, Roberto Veri, and Rev. Ryan Humphries

Absent:

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: None

Proceedings:

❖ Meeting called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Fr. Decker

❖ Opening Prayer lead by Fr. Vidrine

❖ Old Business

- Reelection of Board Members

Motion made by Joshua to amend the agenda to include reelection of Roberto Veri's spot. Joe seconded the motion. Motion carries.

- Reading of the Minutes

Minutes were read by Joshua LeBlanc. Motion was made by Daniel to accept the minutes as read. Motion was seconded by Joshua.

- Treasurer's Report

Report was submitted by Joshua. Report included Paypal account summary. Fr. Humphries questioned expenses for Catholicon and what part of it is being set aside for the expenses of the expo. Motion made by Joshua to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Fr. Vidrine. Motion was carried.

- Non-Profit Status

Joshua gave non-profit status. We are officially a 501c3. It was retroactive to December 2008.

- Development of Mission Statement

Fr. Decker the development of a mission statement. Submissions were made by all board members to develop this statement, but list was not compiled because Fr. Decker proposed that it be done by himself and Daniel within the next 30 days.

- ❖ New Business

- State of the Podcast

Fr. Decker and Joshua discussed state of podcast. They discussed decline of listenership and downloads and the continuation of a steady drop over the last 3 years. Summer is weakest download months. April-May busiest months. Joe asked why is it declining and what can be done. Daniel stated he thought it was the lack of number of podcasts. Joe asked if content was the problem. Joshua stated that Advent shows are always the highest download so content with equal mix of faith and tech are high downloads. Joe suggested taking a survey of listeners to help with decision making. Joshua highlighted the informal discussion that took place between himself, Daniel and Fr. Decker Rotating schedule of what the topics would be. It was decided that the date of recording would be changed to Friday mornings with a rotation of Faith, Tech, Current events, and then Life update. Fifth Fridays would be something special. Daniel and Joshua recommended having standby panelists on a rotating basis or have persons on standby in the event that one of the core panelists is unavailable. Joshua stated that the podcast relies on the three regular panelists.

- CatholiCon 2011

Joshua reported on the status of planning of CatholiCon 2011. Catholic Underground received permission from the Cardinal Archbishop of Houston-Galveston. The subcommittee had visited the conference center and visited with event co-coordinator. Fr. Humphries will be handling logistics. Joshua is handling speakers and talent and has approached Matt Warner about being MC. He is leaning towards yes. The schedule of events is just about hammered out. Fr. Humphries gave small update of logistics for CatholiCon. Roberto will act as Liaison to Salt and Light TV for press releases and promotions for CatholiCon.

- Catholic New Media Institute

It was decided by board that the collections from Sunday mass at CatholiCon 2011 will go to New Media Institute. Motion was made by Fr. Decker to make Joe the head of CNMI. Motion was seconded by Daniel. Joe declined due to obligation to Fullness of Truth. Fr. Humphries suggested suspending the head until after CatholiCon 2011. Fr. Decker tabled the motion until further notice. Joshua made a motion to appoint an ad-hoc committee with Fr. Decker as head.

Motion was seconded by Fr. Humphries. Motion carries.

- Direction/Vision of Podcast

A presentation was made by Fr. Decker about future vision of the direction of the podcast. The absence of Catholics in regards to Video Casting was discussed. Joe suggested looking into “tok box”. Fr. Humphries suggested rebroadcasting something like EWTN or salt and light TV between live broadcasts. There was a discussion of how to pay for equipment. Fr. Decker is looking in to benefactor to pay for hardware and will look into monthly costs for things such as bandwidth. Joe will get Joshua information on Scanlan Foundation for funds. Joshua and Fr. Decker will do further research and report at a later date.

- Reelection of Board Members

Joshua discussed Roberto’s term ending. Joshua made motion to appoint Roberto for another 3 years. Fr. Decker seconded and motion was passed. Motion was made by Joshua to keep President, Chairman of the Board, and Secretary/Treasurer. Motion was seconded by Roberto. Motion was carried.

- ❖ Adjournment

Joshua made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fr. Humphries seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

- ❖ Closing Prayer led by Fr. Humphries

- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary, Annie M. LeBlanc