

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Bayouland Computer Solutions, Abbeville, LA

Date: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Time: 4:00 p.m

CALL TO ORDER at 4:12 pm by Fr. Decker

OPENING PRAYER by Fr. Vidrine

ROLL CALL

Rev. Christopher Decker	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rev. Ryan Humphries	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Joshua LeBlanc	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Travis Boudreaux	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rev. Jason Vidrine	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rev. Michael Earthman	Present		<input type="checkbox"/>
Roberto Veri	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes were dispensed of reading aloud. Fr. Vidrine moved that the minutes be accepted as presented with any necessary corrections. Joshua seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
2. The agenda was amended to include the Treasurer's Report. The previous balance in the PayPal account was \$1,601.59. The previous balance in the Bank Account was \$613.87. Total Expenses for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter: \$466.92. Total Income for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter: \$682.02. Current Balance: PayPal \$2,163.61, Bank Account \$266.95.
3. A Canonical status report was given by Fr. Decker. He is awaiting all letters of recommendation from clergy that listen to the podcast to turn in to the Vicar General of the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

4. A report of The Catholic Underground status with the Internal Revenue Service was given by Joshua. He received a letter informing him that the 501c3 status of the organization had been revoked. This was due to the IRS sending a request to Catholic Underground to report total income. These letters were sent to Fr. Decker's old address and they weren't forwarded to him for the past 3 years. Then a cancellation letter was sent to the whole board, which Joshua received. He will file necessary paperwork to reinstate the organization and has been told it will be resolved and made retroactive.
5. Fr. Decker raised the issue of possibly changing or amending the mission statement of the organization as it has evolved a bit over time. The possibility of forming an ad-hoc committee to review and possibly amend the mission statement was discussed. Joshua made the motion to form an ad-hoc committee consisting of Fr. Decker and Jeff Blackwell to review the mission statement and submit its recommendation at the next board meeting. Fr. Earthman seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Fr. Decker gave an official state of the Apostolate report. The program airing on Catholic Community radio in Baton Rouge continues to go well. The show has picked up new listenership in the Baton Rouge and New Orleans area as a result of the broadcast. Joshua suggested that the show be pitched to Joseph McClane who has become the general manager of a Catholic radio station in the Houston, TX area (1430am). Travis volunteered to contact Joe. Fr. Decker discussed the future of video podcasting. The Catholic Underground has a YouTube Live account and now has the ability to go live on YouTube during casts. The Catholic Underground's Facebook page also continues to see new likes (almost 4,300 as of date of meeting).
2. Fr. Decker gave a report of he and Fr. Humphries' visit to Austin for an unofficial South by Southwest event in conjunction with Austin Catholic New Media. He and Fr. Humphries spoke at the event and made new contacts. He also discussed the possibility of holding the next CatholiCon in Austin with the assistance of Austin Catholic New Media.
3. Fr. Decker discussed the possibility of doing video shorts and asked the board to brainstorm. He would like to produce a few, possibility illustrated, videos similar to the videos released around the time of the papal election (How to be elected Pope),

explaining some aspect of the church. The idea would be to increase exposure of the Catholic Underground. A few ideas were tossed around and the topic will be revisited at a later date as ideas develop and evolve.

4. The date and time of the next board meeting was set on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at Bayouland Computer Solutions.
5. Joshua made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Fr. Vidrine. The motion carried.

CLOSING PRAYER by Fr. Decker

ADJOURNMENT at 4:53 p.m