

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette, LA

Date: January 4th

Time: 4:00 p.m

CALL TO ORDER at 4:21 pm by Fr. Decker

OPENING PRAYER by Fr. Vidrine

ROLL CALL

Rev. Christopher Decker	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rev. Ryan Humphries	Present	<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	Present (via phone)	<input type="checkbox"/>

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fr. Vidrine moved that the agenda be accepted as presented. Joshua seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
2. Minutes were dispensed of reading aloud. Joshua moved that the minutes be accepted as presented (email). Fr. Earthman seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
3. A review of 2012 was given by Fr. Decker. The Catholic Underground has been steady and regular with podcasting. New individuals have been brought in on various levels to assist with production. A working relationship has been formed with Catholic Community Radio in Baton Rouge (WPYR).

4. Treasurer's Report: A detailed treasurer's report was emailed to all board members before the meeting. Joshua gave a brief summary of the Treasurer's Report. Catholic Underground has a steady supply of monthly donations. He also discussed the possibility of doing another fund drive in 2013 similar to the one conducted in 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The CU Weekly Podcast was discussed. The goal for 2013 is to maintain consistency so as to gain listenership. A Catholic radio station in Chicago had asked to syndicate the podcast and permission was granted by Fr. Decker. Fr. Humphries raised questions about a Creative Commons License. He will ask his sister, who is a contract lawyer, to advise on the best course of action.
2. The consideration of the role of video as part of the podcast was discussed by Fr. Decker. The decision to discontinue video to focus more on the professional production of the audio show so that it could be used for radio. He discussed the possibility of starting to incorporate video again via Google Hangout as a way of starting video again. Travis asked if it had ever been considered to produce short video clips. Fr. Humphries and Fr. Decker both were agreeable to the idea but brought up the need for other talent to be involved in the scripting and producing of such clips. It was decided that it be further explored as a possibility for CU Specials.
3. The topic of extra podcasts was discussed. All extra podcasts, with the exception of "Life is Still Worth Living" will be discontinued. They will be archived on the site. Travis asked about tapping into local talent in the Baton Rouge and New Orleans areas. Fr. Decker stated that Catholic Community Radio will have a production room at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and some seminarians will be utilized for special shows. Fr. Earthman suggested that the year be spent relationship building and networking to source out other talent.
4. The topic of relationship with Catholic Community Radio. David Dawson, the radio manager, has given CU permission to solicit donations on the podcast for the podcast. He is also open to the idea of allowing CU to have an hour of time on a Pledge Drive. In regards to the Formal Corporate Relationship with Catholic Community Radio, the two entities are not subsidiary but function symbiotically. Fr. Humphries raised the question of if CU should enter a formal corporate relationship with CCR unless absolutely

necessary. The general consensus of the board was that there was not a need to enter into such an agreement at this time.

5. The topic of De Facto appointments was discussed. Fr. Decker suggested that CU name Jeff Blackwell the technical director. A formal motion was made by Joshua and seconded by Fr. Vidrine. The motion was carried. Fr. Humphries was named Managing Editor of the Catholic Underground Podcast but a vote was not needed to accomplish this action. Kathleen Lee was named as a panelist for the Catholic Underground podcast which also did not need a vote.
6. The topic of Tabled Projects was discussed. First tabled project was Catholic New Media Institute and catholicnewmedia.com . Fr. Humphries stated that it could pick up steam again if there was someone who was willing to be the managing editor. Fr. Decker suggested that it be monitored as time goes on until such time as a managing editor presents themselves. Fr. Humphries also discussed the future of CatholiCon. The board discussed the possibility of holding the next conference in Austin, TX and join forces with Austin Catholic New Media. Fr. Earthman discussed using 2013 as a relationship building year and hold the next conference in the spring of 2014. Joshua suggested that every 3rd year, Catholic Underground host a large scale conference but once a year hold a smaller regional conference with Clare Camps in places such as Lafayette to help build brand recognition and build relationships. The possibility of hosting such a day in 2013 was discussed.
7. Joshua made a motion to set the date and time of the next board meeting before the adjournment of the meeting. Fr. Vidrine seconded the motion. The motion carries.
8. The topic of Canonical Status in the Diocese of Lafayette and Baton Rouge was discussed. The status is still pending in Lafayette. Fr. Earthman made a motion to move the Head Quarters of Catholic Underground to Baton Rouge, to draft a corporate resolution as such, and move the civil corporation to Baton Rouge and seek Canonical recognition in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The motion was seconded by Joshua. The motion carried.
9. A motion was made to reappoint Roberto Veri to the board for a term of 3 years by Joshua. The motion was seconded by Fr. Humphries. The motion was carried.

10. Fr. Decker tabled the discussion of Agenda Item# 8: Review, Discussion & Adoption of Formal Statement of Mission & Purpose.

11. A motion was made by Joshua to set the next board meeting for April 12th at the Bayouland Computer Solutions office at 4pm. Motion was seconded by Fr. Humphries. The motion carried.

12. Fr. Humphries moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joshua. The motion carried.

CLOSING PRAYER by Fr. Earthman

ADJOURNMENT at 6:24 p.m