

**THE BISHOP JOHN S. CUMMINS INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC
THOUGHT, CULTURE AND ACTION**

Meeting: 10 October 2006

MINUTES

Present: Bishop John Cummins, Janet Luce, Norrie Palmer, Kara Boatman, Sharon Sobotta, Ted Tsukahara, Scott Kier, Shane Keane, Carole Swain, Steve Woolpert, Pamela Thomas, Annie Chase, Brother Charles Hilken, Ron Olowin, Brother Donald, Darcy Tarbell.

Brother Donald opened the meeting at 3:05pm. David Gentry-Akin led the members in an opening prayer.

Welcome

Brother Donald welcomed the new members to the Board: Norrie Palmer, Chair, Religious Studies Department; Kara Boatman, School of Economics and Business Administration; Brother Charles Hilken, FSC, Representative for Brothers; Sharon Sobotta, Staff Representative; and Annie Chase, Student Representative. Brother Donald also welcomed Brother Ronald who stayed for the discussion on the day's reading.

Minutes

The September Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Discussion on Reading

Ted Tsukahara distributed the final schedule for the Henning Institute Conference in the Soda Center on Saturday, 4 November. All are invited to participate.

Ted Tsukahara led the members in a discussion on chapter three of *Catholic Higher Education*. The members discussed which model of Catholic institution Saint Mary's is and which model we want it to be. There was general agreement that Saint Mary's is none of the models but has elements of each.

Other points made during the discussion:

- +students nor faculty are fully formed as Catholics
- +it is necessary to develop strategies for formation for students, faculty, and staff
- +it is necessary to find ways to nurture the Catholic culture/ethos on the campus
- +there is a need to be attentive to possible shadow cultures

The reading for the November meeting will be the apostolic letter, *Fides et Ratio*. Darcy Tarbell will have copies available in her office in Dante.

Committees

Brother Donald distributed current Committee membership and asked for volunteers. Scott Kier volunteered to join the Finance Committee, Jane Luce volunteered to join the In-Service/Formation Committee, and Sharon Sobotta volunteered to join the Events Committee.

The Events Committee [David Gentry Akin, Carole Swain, Darcy Tarbell] met and made a request to increase the budget for the Catholic Intellectual Tradition Conference in June 2007 to \$10,000. Since it is a three day conference [12-14 June] and the speaker [Rosemary Haughton] will be asked to give a public lecture [11 June], the members agreed unanimously to increase the budget to \$10,000. [16-0-0]

Review of Requests

The Board considered the request from Brother Mark Murphy concerned assistance for projects in Thailand. While the projects are laudable, how they contribute to the mission of the Institute or Saint Mary's was not clear. Perhaps a connection with the School of Education or Liberal and Civic Arts would make the request more applicable to the Institute. The request was tabled until contact can be made with these programs.

The Board considered the request from Brother Michael Sanderl and Carole Swain for assistance for student registration/attendance at the Huether Conference. The Board agreed unanimously to extend a grant in the amount of \$3,000. [16-0-0]

The Board considered the request from Campus Ministry to support its Immersion Project/School of the Americas again. It was discussed that the Campus Ministry budget needs to be reviewed and increased appropriately to include support for on-going projects and programs. Brother Donald suggested that he speak with Sally Stampf to request Filippi Funds for the Immersion Project in the amount of \$4,000.

Dean of Campus Ministry

Carole Swain announced the opening of the search for a new Director of Campus Ministry with a change in title to the position of Dean.

Brother Donald adjourned the meeting at 4:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Donald Mansir, FSC
Chair