

**The Bishop John S. Cummins Institute for Catholic Thought,  
Culture and Action**

**Meeting: Tuesday, 13 March 2007**

**MINUTES**

Present: Scott Kier, David Gentry-Akin, Steve Woolpert, Janet Luce, Norrie Palmer, Jane Camarillo, Frances Sweeney, Ron Olowin, Sharon Sobotta, Shane Keane, Annie Chase, Bishop Cummins, Kara Boatman, Darcy Tarbell, Brother Donald.

1. Brother Donald opened the meeting at 3:05pm with a prayer.
2. The February minutes were read and approved. [15-0-0]
3. Scott Kier distributed the monthly finance report. He also reported that the Finance Committee to discuss the request for assistance from the School of Science: to assist with the Science Day luncheon. The Committee recommended that the Institute not offer a grant to the School of Science since the request was considered outside the competence of the mission of the Institute. Approved unanimously.
4. Scott Kier reported that he and Brother Donald had met with Mike Jung who is working on the College's new webpage. The Institute will be a subcategory of a subcategory [either Core Traditions or Institutes] of the main category, "Lasallian Approach." The new site is scheduled to be up and running at the beginning of July.
5. Shawny Anderson and seven students made a presentation to the Board on their trip to NOLA during January. The presentation including video presentations and excerpts from the journals of some of the students. A very impressive presentation by the students. Because of the generosity of so many, Shawny reported that she was returning the entire Cummins Institute grant in the amount of \$6,000.

Shawny reported that several students would be returning to NOLA during the holiday break. The financial situation is not clear for this trip. Scott Kier moved that the Institute allow Shawny to retain the grant until after the April trip to NOLA and use whatever she requires, returning the balance when she returns. David Gentry-Akin seconded the motion which carried 13-0-0.

6. Annie Chase reported on the Katie Springer God and Science Panel Discussion. She thanked Darcy Tarbell and Kara Boatman for their participation and Brother Donald for his participation on the Panel. Kara thanked Annie for her work, noting how positive the discussion was on such a difficult topic and, in general, how well she handled the entire event. Shane Keane agreed and thanked all those who participated in the preparation of the event.

Not so secondarily, Brother Donald acknowledged the wonderful contributions Shane and Annie have made during this year: attendance and participation at

- meetings, work with NOLA projects, work on Katie Springer Panel Discussion and, in general, how significant their membership has been. All agreed.
7. Joseph Symkowick, CRS Partnership Officer made a presentation to the Board on programs offered by CRS in partnership with colleges and universities in the area. He provided some historical background and information about CRS and noted that CRS is currently working with the University of Santa Clara and Seattle University to provide speakers, scholarship programs, assist with curricular activities and immersion programs. There was a discussion on possible points of collaboration.
  8. David Gentry Akin reminded the members that Rosemary Haughton will lead the CIT conference in June, this year beginning with a public lecture on 11 June. Darcy Tarbell and David are working with local parishes to get them to participate. Frances Sweeney noted the importance of encouraging the participation and attendance of particular campus persons by a focused theme. David will provide additional specific information on the conference at the March meeting.
  9. David Gentry Akin informed the members that he attended the ACCU meeting in February which focused on the integration of the Catholic intellectual tradition across the curriculum. He encouraged increased SMC involvement with the ACCU.
  10. Brother Donald announced that a portion of the April meeting would be devoted to a review of terms of office for appointed positions. The members had discussed the topic three years ago and agreed there was no need to specify terms but encouraged a review at a later date. He also announced that his first three-year term expires in June and that a discussion needs to take place at the April meeting after which the Board needs to decide whether to ask that he continue for a second term or if two candidates for Chair for 2007 – 2010 should be recommended to the President and Provost.

Brother Donald adjourned the meeting at 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Donald Mansir, FSC  
Chair