

Roamin' Catholics NW Chapter Business Meeting
7:30 AM, 6/6/08; **Linn County Fairgrounds; Albany, OR**
Reconvened *10 AM, 6/10/08 Silver Spur RV Park, Silverton, OR

Members present:

A quorum attended: George & Rosann Prusynski, Julia Hodson, Jim & Ann Phillips, Larry & Nova Ann Gower, Andy & Kathie Balogh, Bud & Marje Fouts, Jeanette & Ed Block, Bill & Donzella Leahy, George & Joanne Vennes, and guests/new members, Bernie & Pat Bangasser.

Secretary & National Director, George Prusynski, opened the meeting.

REPORTS:

Minutes:

The Sept. 26, '07 business minutes had been emailed to all members.

Motion: Bud Fouts moved they be accepted as written. **Seconded:** Larry Gower.

Passed: unanimously.

Nominating Committee:

Marje Fouts reported no success in finding candidates from the membership for the open Board positions due to their unavailability or already holding an FMCA or chapter office. Discussion among those in attendance resulted in the necessary candidates. George Prusynski would serve 1 year as Chapter President and continue as Chapter Secretary. Donzella Leahy has agreed to replace George P. as National Director on July 17th, when she officially completes her term as National Vice President, NW Area. Jeanette Block has agreed to serve a term as Alternate Director.

Motion: Bud Fouts moved we unanimously accept the slate of officers as presented. **Seconded:** Larry Gower; **Passed:** unanimously.

George Vennes will continue his 2 year term as Vice President, as will Julia Hodson as Treasurer. A temporary delegate, Gary Tilley, will represent NWRC at the FMCA International Convention in St. Paul, MN this July.

Treasurers Report:

Julia Hodson reported the April, '08 bank balance: \$1,102.12. To thank Father Betts for having served as our priest at this rally, it was suggested he be presented with a \$150 stipend. Larry Gower made the **Motion** that the club thank Fr. John Betts with a "Christmas Gift" of \$150 for his personal use or parish need at St. Mary's, Albany. **Seconded:** Katie Balogh. **Passed:** unanimously. Julia wrote checks for all necessary payments. George P. reviewed membership for Julia's benefit in determining any outstanding dues. Fourteen have been paid of 21 members. Some unpaid will be covered by the "chapter dues payments" received from FMCA NW Treasurer, Gwen Wright, in response to the AON quote inquiry offer. Donzella asked that the names of anyone who didn't identify the 'receiving chapter' when responding to that AON offer to email those names to her.

As announced at Saturday's vigil mass, the entire collection of \$136 will be donated to the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit (to help with expenses in their transfer to Notre Dame). Julia made the **Motion** to make the donation of \$136 to the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit. **Seconded:** Donzella. **Passed:** Unanimous.

Bill Leahy made the **Motion** that 2/3rds of future collections be donated and 1/3rd kept for chapter use. **Seconded:** Ed Block. **Passed:** Unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

George brought up the serious need for updating NWRC's *Chapter Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*. Jim Phillips offered his expertise in this area to start the process of rewriting them, using the official bylaw format found on the FMCA website. They will be presented to the Executive Board of RCNW to finalize and then be emailed or snail mailed to all members prior to presentation at the fall membership meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A fall rally: New member, Don Kocina, an experienced rally master (Rim Rock Roamers), may have ideas for future rallies. George suggested coordinating the rally with the fall planning meeting at Moses Lake following Labor Day. Several other sites were discussed. Fr. Carney will likely be able to attend our rally if it is scheduled following Monaco's Western Family Round-Up in Salem, Oregon in late September. Bill & Donzella Leahy volunteered to host the September rally and welcome ideas. All agreed that the spiritual component of the rally and its program should be left up to the rally master. There was comment that a rally combining two chapters was always an option for a good time.

Marje thanked Julia and George & Rosann for their fine Chapter Fair effort.

At the 6/6/08 meeting, all present were reminded of the 5 PM mass on Saturday where a soloist will lead the singing of several hymns acappella.

Joanne Vennes mentioned that she had access to 'sports' rosaries that would appeal to kids. . . beads of baseballs, basketballs, or soccer balls.

George P. passed his FMCA National Director plates over to Donzella for when she takes the position for RCNW. Jeanette agreed she would appreciate a set of Alternate National Director plates that would include the name of our chapter. An executive decision was made to place the order.

George called Fr. Carney, leaving a sincere wish from our members that he be able to join us at the Sept. rally and that we'd be praying for his full recovery. All joined hands in prayer for Father.

The recessed June 6 meeting & re-convened June 10 meeting was adjourned at 10:55.

Submitted by: Jeanette Block

Approved for circulation to RCNA membership by George Prusynski, Secretary.