

1 ASSEMBLY ON MISSION

2 Tenth Meeting

3 August 2,2002

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MINUTES

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7 Brother Christopher Bassen, Moderator, called the tenth meeting of the District of
8 San Francisco Assembly on Mission to order at 8:32 a.m.

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10 The Moderator invited Brother David Brennan to lead the opening prayer.

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12 The Moderator announced that Saint Mary's College is responsible for the
13 frames and tee shirts at each delegate's seat. The Moderator also announced
14 that all propositions and reports must be submitted to the Central Committee by
15 10:30 a.m. for processing. The Moderator also announced where departing
16 delegates should leave their room keys.

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18 The roll was taken by the Tellers. Brother George, General Secretary, reported
19 the following delegates absent: Mr. Lou Boston, Brother Christopher Brady,
20 Brother Armando Garcia, Brother Thomas Jones, Brother Harry Morgan, Ms.
21 Marilyn Paquette, and Mr. Bruce Shoup.

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23 The minutes of the sixth, seventh, and eighth meetings of the General Assembly
24 were presented for review. These minutes will be presented for approval at the
25 eleventh meeting.

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27 The following reports for endorsement were distributed to be read by individual
28 delegates on their own:

- 29 a) Report #1 from the Regional and Overseas Apostolates Committee
- 30 b) Report #2 from the Regional and Overseas Apostolates Committee
- 31 c) Report #1 from the Outreach of Saint Mary's College/ District Committee

32 The reports will be brought back for discussion at a subsequent meeting.

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34 The following report for receipt was distributed to be read by individual delegates
35 on their own:

- 36 a) Report #1 from the Distinctive Roles in the Educational Mission: Brothers,
37 Partners, et. al. Committee

38 The report will be brought back for discussion at a subsequent meeting.

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40 The Moderator indicated there were two propositions to be read.

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42 Mr. Greg Kopra read proposition # 3 from the Formation Committee. There were
43 no questions for clarification.

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45 Mr. Thomas Brady read proposition #4 from the Governance, Leadership and the
46 Structure of Educational Works Committee. In response to questions of
47 clarification, the following points were made:

- 48 • On line 48, “impact of Lasallian Schools” is intended to extend throughout
49 the country.
- 50 • On line 47, “District” should read “District Leadership Team”.
- 51 • On lines 51-55, “report the findings” means the District will determine how
52 to get the information out, whether it be a direct presentation or a report to
53 a larger discussion group, or a like forum.
- 54 • This was submitted as a proposition rather than a report because the
55 committee felt it was a very important matter and wanted to use it as the
56 most appropriate vehicle for its submission.
- 57 • The length of the study will be at the discretion of the District Leadership
58 Team.

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60 The Moderator opened the floor for questions of clarification on report #1 from
61 the Religious Studies, Campus Ministry, Vocation Ministry Committee.

- 62 • It was noted this report was previously in the form of a proposition which
63 was withdrawn.

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65 The Moderator opened the floor for questions of clarification on report #2 from
66 the Religious Studies, Campus Ministry, Vocation Ministry Committee.

- 67 • The use of italics on page two of the report are only to outline the goals.

68 • On lines 29 and 34, the hope of the words “by their own choice” is that
69 students, faculty and staff will want to participate in the programs and will
70 have done so by 2012.

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72 The Moderator opened the floor for questions on report #1 from the Formation
73 Committee.

→74 • On lines 11 and 12, “Lasallian educational tradition be at the foundation of
75 their teacher preparation programs” came from the idea that there are
76 core values that can be expressed through support of the Lasallian
77 tradition.

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79 The Moderator opened the floor for questions on report #2 from the Regional and
80 Overseas Apostolates Committee.

- 81 • On line 3, “amond” should be corrected to read “among”.
- 82 • On line 13, “sties” should be corrected to read “sites”.
- 83 • On lines 7, 8, and 9, it is intended only that students in this Region be
84 given the ability to study abroad, and it is not intended that students
85 abroad be given the ability to study in this Region.

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87 The Moderator opened the floor for questions on report #1 from the Governance,
88 Leadership and the Structure of Educational Works Committee.

- 89 • On line 10, the annual evaluation of the boards is an internal process
90 which can be facilitated with outside help at the board’s request.

- 91 • On line 13, CEOs have made requests for this kind of training, though
92 nothing is currently in place.
- 93 • On lines 8 and 9, initial and ongoing formation has not been specifically
94 requested.
- 95 • The committee did not discuss having other Districts in the Region
96 collaborate on this project.

97 The Moderator called for the vote.

98 In favor: 114 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 10 The report is endorsed.

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100 Proposition # 1 from the Formation Committee was read for consideration. The
101 floor was opened for debate. The following issues were brought forward:

- 102 • There are already numerous programs, such as LLI, Buttimer, and the
103 Immersion Program; this appears to be redundant.
- 104 • This program is new in that it encourages formation responsibilities at the
105 local level, rather than the District level. It includes District formation
106 training for “formators” at the local level.
- 107 • Formators would have at their disposal the same resources as the
108 Brothers.
- 109 • This was written as a proposal instead of a report because of the new
110 pieces regarding ongoing formation.
- 111 • Trustees were not specifically discussed as part of the proposition; they
112 are felt to fall into the category of “other District entities” in line 16.

- 113 • Formation currently undertaken at the local institutions is felt to be more of
114 an initial formation; local formators would provide for ongoing formation.

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116 Brother John Montgomery called the question. Mr. Richard Gray seconded.

117 There was no objection. The vote was taken.

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119 **BE IT RESOLVED** that District Leadership, in collaboration with the SSAA and
120 other District entities, continue to facilitate the development of
121 comprehensive, progressive, and sustainable local and District-wide
122 programs for the initial and continuing Lasallian formation of Brothers and
123 Partners in District apostolates, and

124 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

- 125 1) that such programs, in their planning and execution, utilize Brothers
126 and Partners who have either participated in Lasallian formation
127 programs or who are uniquely qualified as resources, including, as far
128 as possible, appropriate departments and/or individuals at Saint Mary's
129 College;
- 130 2) that such programs provide a simple and direct means for regular self-
131 assessment and the celebration of positive results;
- 132 3) that such programs incorporate components of personal, spiritual, and
133 professional formation, along with a deepened appreciation of the
134 vocation of a Lasallian educator, "to insure that educators make a

135 Gospel ministry out of their work” (*The Lasallian Mission of Human*
136 *and Christian Education: A Shared Mission*, 3.43);

137 4) that such programs collaborate with other formation efforts in the
138 Institute, including those specifically geared to the Brothers, and
139 sharing, as appropriate and possible, common resources, personnel,
140 and methodologies; and

141 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that District Leadership provide appropriate and
142 necessary formation for those responsible for local formation activities;
143 and

144 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that District Leadership, in collaboration with local
145 leadership, ensure that financial and other appropriate resources be
146 committed to support these programs.

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148 In favor: 111 Opposed: 2 Abstaining: 11 Proposition passed.

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150 Proposition # 2 from the Formation Committee was read for consideration. The
151 floor was opened for debate. The following issues were brought forward:

- 152 • It is hoped the establishment of the Lasallian Formation Commission will
153 create consistency between apostolates, especially regarding the core
154 values.
- 155 • Concerns was raised that the District does not need another Commission.
156 It was pointed out that this proposition is important for the ongoing

157 formation noted in Proposition # 1 in order to ensure consistency and
158 resources.

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160 Mary McCall called the question. Brother Jack Henderson seconded. There was
161 no objection. The vote was taken.

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163 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that District Leadership establish a Lasallian Formation
164 Commission, comprised of Brothers and Partners with wide-ranging
165 expertise and experience, to provide input and facilitate the coordination
166 and consistency of Lasallian formation efforts at the local, geographic (i.e.
167 apostolates in close proximity to one another), and District levels.

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169 In favor: 65 Opposed: 40 Abstaining: 19 Proposition passed.

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171 Proposition # 1 from the Religious Studies, Campus Ministry, Vocation Ministry
172 Committee was read for consideration. The floor was opened for debate. The
173 following issues were brought forward:

- 174 • The available money currently available ranges from \$10,000 to \$13,000,
175 which will decrease by approximately half if the new educational works are
176 included.
- 177 • This seems like a nice way to support secondary students who have no
178 disposable income.

179 • Historically, money from local high schools including Christian Brothers
180 and Saint Mary's High was contributed to build the retreat house. In 1995
181 a few more schools were included that had not originally contributed.

182 • Campus ministers have voiced interest in sharing the funds with the new
183 schools and other apostolates. They have not been comfortable having
184 access to the money while knowing other works do not. All educational
185 works will need to apply to the District Office of Education who will give
186 money to the works based on their needs.

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188 Mr. Richard Gray called the question. Brother Lawrence Haley seconded. There
189 was no objection. The vote was taken.

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191 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the District provide funding to all educational works from
192 the Retreat House Endowment to support the development of effective retreat
193 ministry; and

194 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that each educational work shall apply annually
195 for these funds and report their use to the District Office of Education.

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197 In favor: 93 Opposed: 17 Abstaining: 14 Proposition passed.

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199 The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.