

1 ASSEMBLY ON MISSION

2 Thirteenth Meeting

3 August 2, 2002

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5 MINUTES

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7 Brother Christopher Bassen, FSC, Moderator, called the thirteenth meeting of the
8 District of San Francisco Assembly on Mission to order at 3:45 p.m.

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

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12 The roll was taken by the Tellers. Brother George Van Grieken, General
13 Secretary, reported the following delegates absent: Mr. Lou Boston, Ms. Sherie
14 Dodsworth, Brother Philip Thez, FSC, Mr. Gregory Schmitz, Marilyn Paquette,
15 and Brother Philip Keavney, FSC.

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17 The Moderator opened the floor for discussion and endorsement of Report #1
18 from the Service of the Poor Committee. Discussion of the report raised the
19 following issues:

20 ▪ Lasallian Volunteers is a very worthwhile program, however an evaluation of
21 the program needs to be completed in order to better support the program.

22 • There was general agreement that the program speaks to the mission,
23 provided good role models, and helps young people understand the Brothers
24 mission and vocation.

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26 A vote for endorsement of the report was taken.

27 In favor: 115 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 3 The report was endorsed.

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29 The Moderator opened the floor for clarification and receipt of Report #1 from the
30 Education of Students from Diverse Economic and Social Backgrounds
31 Committee.

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33 No questions of clarification were raised and the report was entered into receipt
34 by the Assembly.

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36 The Moderator opened the floor for clarification and receipt of Report #2 from the
37 Governance, Leadership and the Structure of Educational Works Committee. A
38 request for additional minutes for the Assembly delegates to read the report was
39 granted by the Moderator.

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41 Discussion followed which clarified the composition of the LEC and the
42 canonical requirements noted in line 10 of the report.

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44 The report was entered into receipt by the Assembly.

45 The Moderator opened the floor for clarification and receipt of Report #3 from the
46 Governance, Leadership and the Structure of Educational Works Committee. It
47 was noted that lines 42-48 reflect comments that were circulated to the
48 Committee from the cards filled out by delegates at the beginning of the General
49 Assembly on Monday, July 29, 2002.

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51 The report was entered into receipt by the Assembly.

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53 The Moderator opened the floor for clarification and receipt of Report #1 from the
54 Curricular and Co-Curricular Committee. A request for additional time to read the
55 report was granted.

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57 "Systems education" in line 26 was clarified and the report was entered into
58 receipt by the Assembly.

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60 The Moderator opened the floor for clarification and receipt of Report #1 from the
61 Distinctive Role in the Educational Mission: Brothers, Partners, et al Committee.
62 Several phrases were clarified and the Committee was commended on having
63 constructed a carefully worded and thoughtful report. The report was entered
64 into receipt by the Assembly.

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66 Brother Stanislaus Campbell, FSC, was recognized by the Moderator and read a
67 “Congratulatory Proposition” thanking the numerous people and groups who
68 supported and participated in the District Assembly.

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70 The Moderator recognized Ms. Christine Buell, who read a Proposition from the
71 Partners to the Brothers expressing appreciation for the opportunity to be
72 involved in this historic Assembly, as well as the mission of the Brothers.

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74 The Moderator reminded the Assembly of the written evaluation form that had
75 been distributed, asking that it be completed and returned to Susan Dickson,
76 DLSI, and then, recognized several delegates during an evaluation period. The
77 following suggestions/issues were brought forward for consideration:

- 78 • The moderators were commended for their humor and for their success in
79 making the Assembly process as painless as possible.
- 80 • The support staff were commended for their organization and turn around
81 time for Assembly business.
- 82 • It was recognized that the drafting of Propositions and Reports for
83 endorsement or receipt requires a learning curve and therefore, a request
84 was made that orientation for this procedure be provided before a next
85 Assembly.
- 86 • It was suggested that Propositions and Reports be limited to only issues that
87 are important or new.

- 88 • There was a request made that after the first session in the next Assembly
89 there be a sharing of ideas that are being formed in each Committee for
90 propositions or reports.
- 91 • The Central Committee's willingness to be flexible with the Assembly
92 schedule was noted and appreciated. The schedule was challenging and
93 more time to celebrate would also be appreciated.
- 94 • Because there were Committees who were not able to complete their work, it
95 was suggested that another Assembly be held sometime in the near future.
- 96 • A suggestion was made that Propositions and Reports be numbered
97 differently, so that it is easier to identify them (use colored paper).
- 98 • The Assembly planners were commended for their timing of the Assembly –
99 close to the opening of school – the Assembly provided wonderful inspiration.
- 100 • Vince Peterson was recognized for his wonderful work on the liturgies
101 throughout the week.
- 102 • The level and depth of conversations during the Assembly were impressive.
103 There was a wonderful grasp and internalization of the mission. Appreciation
104 was expressed for the mandate of direction provided by the Propositions.
- 105 • It was suggested that a group be gathered to review the evaluations and
106 debrief (sooner than later).

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108 The Moderator asked Brother William Mann, FSC, Vicar General, if he would like
109 to speak. Br. William spoke at some length and listed several of the strong
110 points he identified in the delegates at the Assembly:

- 111 • Positive energy
 - 112 • Respect
 - 113 • Involvement
 - 114 • Inclusion
 - 115 • Depth of sharing
 - 116 • Ownership of commitment to the mission
 - 117 • Openness in sharing information, especially the District Leadership Team
- 118 When asked where he thought our District would be in four years, his response
- 119 was:
- 120 • That with our concern for the whole, not just the parts, we would all be
 - 121 together.
 - 122 • Strong, growing inter-District programs and ideas show a real commitment.
 - 123 • Recognition of a spirit of inclusion and outreach to the poor, with a realistic
 - 124 approach through vouchers, dollars available to access education,
 - 125 fundraising, and staying the course with the 5% program. We will be closer to
 - 126 the poor.
 - 127 • Desire for Regional and International relationships expressed, but not
 - 128 emphasized.
 - 129 • More collaboration on forums for formation.
- 130 Our District is at a point of “take-off”.
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- 132 The Moderator thanked Brother William for his remarks.
- 133 The Assembly was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.