

**MINUTES OF CTA-MI BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2009**

The January 2009 board meeting, held within a board retreat weekend in Kalamazoo, was called to order by president, Jeannine Daly at 8:04 p.m., Friday, January 9. The retreat director was Matthew Hayes, who showed a film entitled "Celebrate What's Right with the World" by Dewitt Jones/National Geographic. (We enjoyed the film 3 times.)

- Present: Mike and Jeannine Daly, Karen Schrauben, Janet Glisson, Beth Rindler, Julia Archer, Kim Franke, Jim Rose, Eileen Burns and Mary Ann Botorowicz. (Arnie Messing arrived Saturday morning due to weather.)
- Julia Archer called for a revision of Article III, sec. 2 of the by-laws. By consensus, it was decided that there shall be no more than 4 at-large members on the board at any one time.
- At the March board meeting, if it is deemed necessary, the first item on the agenda after reading of the minutes shall be a discussion of the by-laws and this discussion shall last no longer than one hour.
- A gift certificate for a florist in Saginaw and a certificate on a plaque were decided for the Moons in appreciation for their service, to be presented in March.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Items discussed outside of the meeting:

- Board meeting schedule: Mar. 8 @10 a.m. in Lansing, May 3 in Kalamazoo, Aug. 9 in Dearborn, Nov. 15 in Rochester.
- New mission statement: see enclosed attachments.
- The Board created a position of Past President as an officer position. Sr. Beth will serve in this capacity.
- Installation of new officers: Jeannine Daly, president, Mary Ann Botorowicz, secretary
- Newsletter deadlines: Jan. 22-23, Apr. 15, Aug. 15, Nov. 15
- ACTION: Title for the State Conference needs to be decided upon.
- ACTION: Arnie suggested a \$100 check and a note for Frieda in appreciation for her services. He will take care of that.
- ACTION: Kim will provide all who need it with a tax-exempt card for Staples.
- ACTION: Set aside money in the budget to partially fund an annual retreat.
- All committee reports should be sent one week prior to due dates for perusal and corrections. Return receipt requested on e-mails.
- Suggestion was made that we might try phone conferencing.
- Consensus was that the retreat was highly beneficial.
- **CHASE THE LIGHT!**
- **"EVERY BELIEVER IN THIS WORLD SHOULD BECOME A SPARK OF LIGHT."** John XXIII

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Botorowicz

# CTA-MI Goals

## 2009 Actions

### Board Governance (Julia)

- 1.) Revision of the By-laws will be completed at March Board Meeting
- 2.) Treasurer will present annual budget for discussion and approval at the November Meeting
- 3.) Treasurer will present expense/income reports at Quarterly Board meetings and State Conference
- 4.) Develop Board packets will be developed by May Board meeting (Janet), to include
  - i. By-laws
  - ii. Membership list
  - iii. Budget
  - iv. Description of duties
  - v. Annual Calendar
  - vi. Establish and supervise committees
- 5.) President will contact lead agents prior to all Board meetings to carry out supervision of all committees

### Intentional Communities (Eileen)

- 1.) Research ways to form intentional communities
  - a. By March board contact Spiritus Christi and make appointment to visit
  - b. Identify resources dealing with intentional communities, i.e. internet, articles, contact people by march meeting
  - c. Define various models of intentional communities by March board
  - d. By May share resources with the board on various intentional community models
    - i. Possible speaker
- 2.) Help with startup of home liturgies/rituals
  - a. By March board meeting each member bring sample of home liturgy/ritual

- b. By May develop and present an outline for the board on fundamental elements of home liturgies / rituals
  - i. Eucharist – Kim
  - ii. Commissioning \_ Jim
  - iii. Reconciliation – Eileen
  - iv. Wake/healing /grief - Karen

### Education

Participate in anti racism workshop

If American Catholic council, we get involved

Educate about and share spiritually nourishing practices

Find specific events to co-sponsor or support

State conference: Edwina Gately to be informed of new mission statement

Educate towards Canon Law Rights of the Catholic

Encourage better attendance at ordination demonstration

Encourage and support priests who share our vision

Workshop revisiting pastoral on the economy

Participate in projects that touch the heart

Share information and encourage events of the branches

Share resources among branches

### Public Relations Outreach/PR (Mary Ann)

1.) Theme for newsletter: Celebrate What's Right

2.) New Brochure (by March 7) to include:

- Accurate Board Contacts
- Mission Statement
- Change to positive
  - i. What does CTA stand for?
  - ii. We celebrate all that is right in our Catholic heritage.
  - iii. We pray for a spirit of renewal necessary for the Gospel to be heard by all God's people.
- Change the order of the outline #5 to #1, #1 to #2, #2 to #3, #4 as is, #5 as is.
- Re write the summary
- New color paper

- Ask Board members for positive comments

3.) Newsletter committee was formed:

- ✓ Jeannine
- ✓ Arnie
- ✓ Beth
- ✓ Mary Ann
- ✓ Julia

4.) Deadlines for Newsletter

- ✓ Winter: Jan 22-23
- ✓ Spring: April 15
- ✓ Summer: August 15
- ✓ Fall November 15

Other brainstormed items

- ✓ Invite excluded groups into the organization
- ✓ Look to bring more Catholics into the choir
- ✓ Connect with other Catholic organizations
- ✓ Increased membership by education about CTA
- ✓ Outreach to local parishioners with new statement
- ✓ Support women and married priests to be ordained

# CTA-MI Goal Areas

(Number indicates number of votes during a nominal group process)

## Board Housework

- A. Propose budget and monitor 1
- B. Develop board packet for new officers 3
- C. Clarify by-laws 3
- D. Establish and supervise committees 0

## Intentional Communities

- A. Research ways to form intentional communities 6
- B. Help with startup of home liturgies/rituals 4

## Education

- A. Participate in anti racism workshop 1
- B. If American Catholic council, we get involved 1
- C. Educate about and share spiritually nourishing practices 1
- D. Find specific events to co-sponsor or support 0
- E. State conference: Edwina Gately to be informed of new mission statement 4
- F. Educate towards Canon Law Rights of the Catholic 3
- G. Encourage better attendance at ordination demonstration 0
- H. Encourage and support priests who share our vision 0
- I. Workshop revisiting pastoral on the economy 0
- J. Participate in projects that touch the heart 0
- K. Share information and encourage events of the branches 0
- L. Share resources among branches 3

## Outreach

- A. Invite excluded groups into the organization 1
- B. Look to bring more Catholics into the choir 0
- C. Connect with other Catholic organizations 0
- D. Increased membership by education about CTA 0
- E. Outreach to local parishioners with new statement 1
- F. Support women and married priests to be ordained 2

## Public Relations

- A. Creative PR materials 5
- B. Suggest theme for newsletter 0
- C. Formation of a newsletter committee 3

## CTA-MI Mission

CTA-Mi is a prophetic voice committed to the formation of inclusive Catholic communities of faith in accordance with Vatican II theology. This mission, rooted in Scripture, Eucharist, and ritual, compels us to reach out with compassion, empowerment and justice.

Accepted by Board Consensus, January 10, 2009

## Vision

Individual Board Member Statements, January 2009

An inclusive Catholic community empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim and celebrate the good news of Jesus

Living the theology of Vatican II by way of Scripture, Eucharist – emphasis on community

The mission of CTA...is to be an inclusive Catholic Community true to Scriptural roots and Gospel values, identified with prayer & advocacy with the disenfranchised.

A prophetic voice committed to the formation of inclusive Catholic communities of faith rooted in the mission of Vat II, Catholic social justice teaching, Scripture, significant life events, the Eucharist, and outreach to all God's people.

The mission of CTA is to declare what is right and life-giving in the Catholic Church, and to develop programs that celebrate these fundamentals.

...a diverse community of Catholics dedicated to use Scripture, Eucharist, ritual, outreach to spread the message of Jesus Christ and Vat II theology.

An inclusive community coming together to celebrate life thru shared rituals including Scripture and Eucharist and reaching out to meet the needs of the world around us

We are an inclusive community proclaiming and celebrating ritual and social outreach based on Jesus' message to "Love one another as I have loved you."

An inclusive Catholic Community that espouses compassion, empowerment and justice through celebration of Eucharist, ritual and Scripture in accordance with Vat II theology.