



St Monica Chapter ☉ Dominican Laity
Benicia, California
Chapter Meeting Minutes: March 12, 2017

Laity Attendees:	Steve, Fran, Roger, Jim, Mark L, Lena, Terry, John L, Julie, Tony, Diane, Rose, Patricia, Dirk, Arleen Q, Mark P, Theresa, Consuelo, Jennifer, Rori, Gracelee, Patrick, Brian, Eddie, Nonie
Candidate Attendees:	Margaret, Joji
Absent:	Tommy, Rita, Ilona, Casey, Shannon, Arleen L, David, Shawn, Estela
Visitors:	Br. Chrysostom Mijinke, O.P., Theresa Lazzaro, Emily Hensley
Business Meeting:	Start / Adjourn – 11:33am /12:22 pm
Meeting Preside / Record:	Mark L. / Patricia L.

Morning Prayer

Prayer Leader: Dirk F

Prayer Reading /Reflection: Roger B

Chapter Formation

Br. Chrysostom Mijinke, O.P. gave a presentation on, “Charisms & Steps to Discipleship.”

Prior To Meeting

-A quorum was established with the presence of 25 professed members. (33 divided by 2 = 16.5 (17+ 1) = 18 is required for a quorum.)

-Members not attending were noted as absent.

-Prayed one decade of the rosary and the prayer for Dominican vocations.

-Birthday celebrants for March were acknowledged: Theresa L-3/2, Jim W-3/19, & Casey-3/19.

-Patron Saint Feast days were also acknowledged: No patron saints this month.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer’s Report

Ending Balance as of 2/12/17: \$3,058.24

Expenses: \$25.00*

Income: \$191.00

Forward Balance as of 3/12/17: \$3,224.24

*\$25.00 Stipend for Fr. Corwin Low, O.P.

Laity Hospitality

-Mark L acknowledged Rori Basilio and Nonie Cruel for hosting the February Chapter meeting.

Council Chapter Minutes

This Chapter month’s meeting minutes (March 2017) will be posted on our St. Monica Chapter website by John McAfee.



OLD BUSINESS (CONT.)

Stations/Soup Supper

The Laity Stations/Soup Supper will be March 31st. Please sign up for set-up, kitchen duty or clean-up. Those leading the Stations will receive your reading/reflection via email for practice from Mark L. The new Dominican Stations of the Cross booklets were passed around at the meeting for the Laity to review. The Council has decided to display our Ministry faire board and Laity information cards at the Soup Supper as an opportunity for information exposure for St. Monica Laity Chapter.

Alemanya Dinner

The DSPT will be hosting the Alemany Fundraising Dinner on April 29, 2017 in San Francisco. Lena reported that the St. Monica Chapter will have the largest representation for this event in our Chapter history.

24 Hours of Prayer

Mark L gave a brief report on the "24 Hours of Prayer" event held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Fairfield on March 10-11. Representing St. Dominic Parish, each St. Monica Chapter member gave a fifteen minute presentation. John L spoke about Prayer, Terry S presented her talk on Fasting and Mark L spoke on Almsgiving during Lent. This was a great opportunity for the Laity and it was well attended.

NEW BUSINESS

August Retreat Update

Mark P was able to secure a Retreat Master, Fr. Bart de la Torre, O.P. for our upcoming annual August Retreat (August 11-13).

Feast Day of St. Catherine

On Saturday, April 29, 2017 we will host a coffee/donut reception after the 8:15AM mass to celebrate the feast of St. Catherine of Siena. The reception will take place in the courtyard behind the church. Mark L will make the arrangements for the set up.

Good Friday Presentation

Mark L reported that the Laity is invited to participate in the "Seven Last Words" presentation on Good Friday, April 14th. The quote, "I Thirst" is the selected theme. The Laity needs a volunteer to step forward for this event.

Membership Absence

The Council has decided to change the policy for recording membership absences. As of March 2017, we will record membership absences with an "A" for absent members. We will no longer use the "E" for excused on the roster. We will continue to use "P" for present. Mark L reminded members of the minimum requirement to attend six meetings per year.

Good Friday Procession

Fran S is requesting some Laity men to help carry the statue of the Lord during the procession for the evening service at St. Dominic's Church on Good Friday. Volunteers need to contact Fran.



NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)

EWTN Lenten Series

Mark L announced that EWTN is broadcasting a new series from the Irish Dominicans every Sunday from 12:30PM-1PM. The reflections are based on the Sunday Lenten Gospels readings.

Saint Report

Nicola Boccasini-Pope Benedict XI (1240-1304)-Tony H.

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Social Justice Report

Mark P gave a report on the “Compassion & Choice Law.” Aide in dying legislation. Autonomy+ Suffering=Self Dying. Mark mentioned the case of Brittany Mayner who wanted doctors to prescribe lethal medications to hasten death.

Deaconate Report

None given.

Next chapter meeting: Sunday, April 9, 2017

- Morning Prayer Leader: RoseU
- Morning Prayer Reading and Reflection: Fran S
- Saint Report: Julie H
- Social Justice: Shannon
- Hospitality: David O & Terry S