



## NCCL Business Meeting May 19, 2014

Bill Miller, President of NCCL, opened the meeting.

LDC Report: Michelle Tomshack, the LDC Chair, introduced the newly elected board members: Teri Burns, Bryan Reising, and Richard Drabik.

Minutes: The business meeting minutes from May 20, 2013 were read and approved.

### Financial report-Joanie McKeown

- The good news is that NCCL is solvent. We had a bigger profit than expected for last year's conference.
- Publications' revenues were a little lower because we have less product to sell.
- Member services were maintained for a lot less money.
- Donations and grants were a major source of income. Governing expenses were about the same.
- The stock market was good but cannot be relied upon. Largely because of the stock market, we had a profit of \$77,465 for this year.

### Executive Report:

Lee's computer was stolen so the PowerPoint he created for this meeting is not available.

*Echoes 3.0* was a dream of Ed Gordon to help catechist formation.

Michael Carotta is offering an online website for family-centered confirmation formation. It begins with asking families to read the Gospel of Luke.

We have established a Partnership with Sr. Caroline Cerveny for a symposium on digital catechesis.

Two NCCL members will receive National Certification this year through the Alliance, a 100% increase from last year.

The Leadership Institute will offer a workshop next year at both the CACE and NCCL's Annual Conference in support of new and nearly new diocesan educational and catechetical leaders.

Mission Statement: Pete Ries presented the modification of the NCCL mission statement to add the term "evangelization" in the mission statement. A task force of Pete Ries, Sally Russell, and Lee Nagel assisted in creating this revision. The revised mission statement has been reviewed by the Rep Council and the Board. Pete explained the steps of this process. The present mission statement is on page 16 in the program booklet for the conference. The Board sought input from the membership and the membership approved the statement.

Marketing Plan: Bill Miller introduced the three-phase process called Echo the Promise Plus.

1. PCL forum suggested an idea that attendees of the conference would invite another PCL to become a member with a \$10 reduction of membership fee for the attendee and the one invited.

2. Diocesan Directors will be mailed a letter from Mary Jo Waggoner to suggest ways to promote membership.
3. In the July issue of Catechetical Leader Magazine all members will be asked to approach one person to invite them to join NCCL.

Because we are a member-driven organization, we are all encouraged to invite new persons to become members.

Mary Fran Cassidy and Bill Miller are meeting with representatives from NPCD to plan a joint membership drive to encourage all catechetical leaders to join a professional organization.

The question was asked: Some dioceses are not represented in our organization, why is this so? Bill answered that CallAll opened the dialogue with many dioceses. Finances are a big factor and travel has been curtailed for some dioceses and some are associated with NCEA. Lee also agreed that money is a factor.

FCH Report: Maria Covarrubias, FCH President, presented the FCH Report. Today is FCH's first anniversary as a federation. (See Rep Council Report.)

They are meeting monthly. In November they had a conference call with NCCL. José Amaya is the liaison between the two groups. The FCH Board had a two day meeting and the meeting report is on the web site that includes their strategic plan.

A member of FCH is part of the planning committee for Encuentro.

The Sunday pre-conference was on the "family". The speaker was Alejandro Aguilera-Titus.

In Maria's home country, faith permeates their lives. It is different in the United States so new ways need to be explored to affirm the instinct of how to catechize the family.

USCCB Report: Michael Steier and Peter Murphy presented the USCCB Report.

The Evangelization Tool Kit will be available soon. It is a planning guide for the new evangelization. Online resources will also be added as time goes on. MyUSCCB is a members-only service for ordering and customizing materials for use to support Catholic ministry needs.

- A. It will also feature live and recorded webinar sessions presented by USCCB staff from many offices.
- B. Evangelization and Catechesis Committee invites Catechetical leaders to share their top three strategies for forming catechists. Send to: [jbeckman@usccb.org](mailto:jbeckman@usccb.org).
  - a. Please provide your top three strategies for enhancing catechist formation in the United States.
  - b. Include whether you are a parish or a diocesan leader.
  - c. List what you see as your challenges and opportunities in digital formation.
- C. Catechetical Sunday 2014 - "Teaching about God's Gift of Forgiveness"
- D. Catechetical Sunday 2015 - "Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person".
- E. 2014 Leadership Institute 9-part series is titled - "Engaging the Christian Disciple in the New Evangelization". Webinar presenters will include: Dr. Carolyn Woo, Curtis Martin, Fr. Dave Dwyer, C.S.P., Karl Keating, Mark Berchem, Thomas

Quinlan, Sr. Angela Ann Zukowski, M.H.S.H., Jonathan Sullivan, and Matthew Kelly.

- F. The Committee is working with a noted Catholic apologist to develop and post “Ten Questions and Answers on the Catholic Faith or on the Church.”
- G. World Mission Congress set for October 1-4, 2015 in Houston. Theme: “Witnessing Mission: Called to be Missionary Disciples”.

Mary Jo Waggoner recognized the Rep Council members who are leaving:

- Board members: Pete Ries, Mike Westenberg, and Brian Garcia Luense
- Rep Council members: Michael Andrews, James Gontis, Sr. Margaret Kuntz, Bryan Reising, Tish Scargill, Michael Wagner

Join the board tonight for “What’s on Your Mind? Speak to the Board.”

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Stryker