

COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Minutes of the April 1, 2019 Meeting

Present Jim Strommer, Dan O'Donnell, John Hilgert, Lissa Rommel, John Schork, Don Senior, Ronan Newbold; Anne Kemp. **Excused:** Alexis (class).

1. The minutes of the March 16 meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Jim and Anne reported on the March 19 meeting of the organizing committees and group chairs. Information was provided about the general flow of the chapter: i.e., an opening day of recollection; with about 2 hours for each working group allotted over the next two days of the chapter.
3. We discussed at length the results of the survey, including the "unofficial summary" provided by Don. Particular interest was found in the 5 concluding items where respondents gave their comments, noting the emphasis on relationships, shared liturgy and prayer, and charism. We agreed to a couple of follow-ups: 1. Dan will provide all the committee members with electronic access to the Survey Monkey site (done); 2. Don will update his summary of the results and ask Loretta to send it out to the list of those who had received the survey in the first place (John Schork will see that it goes to list of alums who received the survey), with a brief introductory paragraph explaining these are the raw results send for their information; 3) Some of us will reflect on the responses to the last five items, put them into paragraph form, and invite further reaction from respondents via the Visioning Newsletter. Dan #7; Don #8 & 12; Jim #9; Lissa #10. These paragraphs will be sent to Marcy for inclusion in the Newsletter.

As our preparation goes forward, we will decide how to incorporate the results of the survey in our chapter presentation.

4. We discussed preparations for the video presentation. Dan had prepared a first draft (he will distribute to the working group). The basic idea is that the video will contain some brief videos with examples of folks trying to create community in different contexts, followed by video testimonials from lay and vowed Passionist family members. The idea will be to inspire thinking and imagination about community as part of our overall presentation at the chapter. Dan is going forward with some interviews and Lissa will do some on the southside. Dan offered to help with technical issues in recording the interviews.
5. We also considered the white paper preparation. The overall focus will be on the continuing expansion of the notion of Passionist community to include lay members. John Schork will excerpt indications of this from our existing official legislation and documents (General and Provincial). Don will flesh out the current outline, incorporating some of the survey results and the document from the General Chapter. Jim has offered to help with composition of some parts.
6. We have been asked to join a one hour Zoom meeting with working groups on Collaboration and Preaching on April 10 (10:00 a.m. EST; 9:00 a.m. Chicago time). There is a need to specify the purpose and agenda of the meeting, particularly in view of size of the group. Members of our

group available: Dan, Don, Jim, Lissa, E. John (Did I miss anyone?). Dan will send our contact information for the Zoom invitation from Faith.

7. Lissa will send out a Doodle survey to help determine our next meeting which we agreed should be sometime in the last two weeks of April.

Respectfully submitted,
Don (scribe)