

Annual Meeting of the General Council of the Miraculous Medal Association

April 10, 2018

Paris, France

Participants:

Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, CM, Director General

Fr. Carl Pieber, CM, Subdirector General

Sister Iliana Suárez, DC, General Councilor

Sister Carolina Flores Moreno, SC, Secretary

Štefan Strieška, member of the General Council

Nicholas Gibboni, member of the General Council

Julio Adolfo Castellanos, member of the General Council

The participants were received and lodged at the Mother House of the Daughters of Charity.

At the beginning of the day there was a celebration of the Eucharist that was presided by Father Bernard Schoepfer, CM and concelebrated by Father Tomaž Mavrič, CM and Father Carl Pieber, CM.

The meeting began with a prayer that was offered by Father Tomaž Mavrič, CM.

[1] Approval of the minutes

The text of the minutes was included in the packet of work documents and sent to the members prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved as redacted.

[2] Data with regard to visits (hits) and registrations on our webpage beginning with the time of the publication of the Lenten Letter of Father Tomaž Mavrič, CM

Father Carl Pieber reported on the number of visits (hits) on the webpage during which people manifested an interest to organize an association in their area and/or have requested information about the association.

Nicholas Gibboni supported this report, providing data about visits to the website during the months of March and April: 755 new users and 3,003 visits (a high percentage of these being visits to the Spanish page).

The members of the Council were requested to collaborate in this matter. Julio Adolfo Castellanos, Štefan Strieška and Nicholas Gibboni were requested to follow up on this matter with the established National Councils as well as the newly established councils and to do this through the webpage. The members of the Council were also asked to request a quarterly report from the National Councils as well as news and photographs which can continue to enliven our webpage and our presence on facebook.

IT WAS AGREED: *Father Carl Pieber, CM will write a letter to the three members of the Council outlining this new activity.*

The referenced reports are included as an appendix.

[3] Offer to donate Miraculous Medal

Father Carl Pieber, CM reported on his visit to Switzerland where he spoke with an individual who wants to donate Miraculous Medals. It was requested that the prayer on the Medal not be solely in English.

The National Councils can address their requests for medals to Father Carl Pieber.

Father Tomaž Mavrič, CM spoke about the importance of continuing to offer the medal that can be worn around one's neck (this medal should be accompanied with a written explanation about the meaning of the medal).

[4] Maintaining the webpage

The agenda presented some tasks that are necessary for the maintenance of the webpage. These tasks will be entrusted to the person who collaborates with Father Carl Pieber and serves as a part-time secretary.

[5] General Assembly 2020

It was decided that the II General Assembly will be held in Mexico, November 16-19, 2020.

The theme of the Assembly: Evangelization, especially of young men and women, through the message of the Medal. It was highlighted that in organizing and participating in the Assembly, we avoid falling into a routine. We want the Association to recover the strength that is needed to engage in a process of evangelization, thus giving new life to our missionary characteristic.

During the Assembly we should be mindful of providing time for an exchange of experiences.

IT WAS AGREED: *Sister Carolina Flores will send Fr. Carl Pieber, CM the contact information so that a request can be made to use the Mexican Episcopal Center located in Lago de Guadalupe, Cuautitlán Izcalli, Mexico. This center is equipped for simultaneous translation.*

Other members of the Vincentian Family and interested parties will be invited to the Assembly. Special attention will be given to individuals from countries where the Association has not yet been established.

[6] Financial Report

Sister Carolina Flores Moreno presented the financial report ... a report based on information that she has received from the Econome General of the Congregation, who manages the funds. The fund balance at the end of December 2017 was \$39,862.36 (USD). She also reported on monies that she had received directly.

Sister's report included information about monies received from the National Associations from 2014 up to the present time.

It was pointed out that the National Council of Cameroon has not fulfilled their agreement to pay, each year, a fourth of the amount that was loaned to them.

IT WAS AGREED: *To write to the National Council of Cameroon and remind them of their commitment.*

The referenced documents are included as an appendix.

[7] Various Matters

Distribution of the Directory: Sister Carolina Flores Moreno distributed the Directory. The members' present offered data to correct certain information.

Request for Funds: The members received a request for funds from a Vincentian seminarian in Mozambique (Remigio Clemente Mba). The request was denied. It was also mentioned that requests for medals should be directed to Father Carl Pieber.

Annual Reports about the state of the Association: Reports were received from the following countries: Austria, Cameroon, Colombia, Northern India, and Panama.

Quarterly Bulletin: Sister Carolina Flores Moreno was requested to submit an annual outline with regard to the content of the quarterly bulletin whose purpose is to nourish the spirituality of the members of the Association and to offer the members some of the Church's teaching on specific matters.

The meeting was concluded with a prayer that was offered by Father Tomaž Mavrič, CM.

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