

Minutes of Easter/Playboy Bunnies on June 7, 2007 at the Contreras Home

Present: Padilla (Gerry/Frank), Padilla (Xavy/Des), Contreras, Borja, Agana, Pangan, Andrews, David, Tesoro, Jack Burgoyne, Gary Faustino. Maribel Descallar

- I. Borjas shared about their meeting with the Tales at their residence in June 6.
- II. Descallar shared the sequence of events prior to Bishop Gabby serving the bishops letter to Ernie Maipid at the CFC Office in the afternoon.
- III. Some Important Points Raised during the Sharing:
 - : possible scenarios as reaction of the CFC Council were brought up:
 - ✓ Existing Council may say that the letter was released without authorization from them
 - : Cover: a. Cover letter from Bishop _____ instructing Maribel to release the letter
 - b. Letter was addressed to the EA and not the Council
 - ✓ Existing Council may invoke ignoring the bishops letter on the basis of CFC being a private and public organization of the faithful, so bishops "legally" have no authority to stop election of Council
 - : Cover: a. The Church may withdraw our status/recognition as a lay organization if we disobey their directive
 - b. The bishops who signed the letter have pastoral authority over CFC, as a community submitted to the Church
 - Archbishop Angel Lagdameo – CBCP President
 - Bishop Gabby Reyes - Head of the Episcopal Commission for the Lay Apostolate
 - Bishop Soc Villegas - representative of Cardinal Rosales
 - c. This a very serious matter with our community's relationship with the Church, so it must be addressed and heeded.
 - d. The Bishops love the community very much. CFC is a major organization in the Church so much so that they are concerned about effects on our mission and vision
 - e. Our global evangelization work will be affected with withdrawal of our status by the Church

IV. Strategic Action Plans

A. Before June 22, 2007

1. Plan on the basis of scenario 2 (ignore letter and hold elections as scheduled)
 - Circulate bishops' letter and a statement to the whole community through Family Min/Social Min, collectively or singly
 - Call a special BOE meeting to discuss letter and BOE response (c/o Pancho LT, Oca O., Jun Uriarte through Nonong C)
 - Each member of the Easter group to have assignments to discuss the letter of the Bishops

with the members of the EA and how not heeding it will have a grave effect on the community.

- Not to pursue discussions on a legalistic angle but on the basis of how the Spirit is leading us.
- Request nominees to withdraw
- Request nominees of BOE to withdraw – appeal to conscience
- Have one-on-ones with members of the EA.

Assignments given out.

Tracking date: **June 12, Monday**, c/o Nila A.

- FAP and Lachie can initiate a meeting with the 4 remaining Council members
2. Agree on Certain Principles:
 - Should not take part in any election as this is total disrespect for the Church
 - Non-compliance to directive of the Church might lead to withdrawal of recognition of CFC by the Church
 - Evangelization work will be affected – national and global (Vatican Approval)

B. If Election is Suspended

1. Bishops assign the Interim Council
2. The original 7 are reinstated, with the 3-FAP, Lachie, and TM, resuming their position in the Council
3. Request letter from the Bishops to have FAP, TM, Lachie resume their position in the Council
: due date – **June 11, Monday**, c/o Maribel
4. All 7 Council members will follow letter of Bishops to go on retreat and listen to God' direction and repair relationships for love of the community

C. If Election is Not Suspended

1. Attend election day on June 22, but, do not vote
2. Stand up during election day and move for postponement of election based on letter of the Bishops – and open floor for discussion
3. Convene the EA for a special meeting before elections to discuss letter of the bishops and its effects on the community if not heeded.
- CorSec convenes ES (Lachie A.)
4. Maribel remembered that MCG on June 19 will have Archbishop Lagdameo as Speaker. This would be a good opportunity for the Bishop to discuss the issue with the MCG.
4. Redistribute letter of the Bishops to EA on the day of the elections on June 22.
5. No resignation from the 3 as far as the Church is concerned (the 3 resigned on their own accord and

were not asked by the body; no body ratified their resignation, thus resignation is not valid and can be reinstated at any time)

V. Action Plan Timeline (6 months)

Postpone Elections → 7 to resume position in the Council → 7 go on

Retreat → Summit (Lamentations Commission) → Elections in Jan. 2008

VI. EA Individual Assignments

Regional Heads – c/o Lachie, Roland N., Manny G, Noli A. (to be notified by Lachie)

Family Ministries – c/o Xavy, Jay P, Ruby for Didi Galsim and Bernie

Social Ministries - SocCom – c/o Tonette and Maricar

Isaiah - c/o Gie A

STMA - c/o Edwin A

SOG - c/o Edwin A

Sector Heads - c/o Pancho LT, Oca Oble. (to be notified by Lachie)

Next Meeting: June 12, 2007, 5:30 PM at ALPADI

GIFTS FOR XAVY WELCOME!!!! Happy Birthday, Xavier!!!

By: Mimi David