Report from Br Jim McDonald for April 14, 2015 Meeting

Board Recommendations:

1. As far as the addition of a webpage is concerned, it has the complete approval and blessing of the board.
2. In relation to the proposed changes in the goals for the CM/YA committee, the board is working on a visioning process for the CAVA handbook which will include an assessment of the goals of all the committees. As a consequence the request is currently on hold until this visioning process takes place.

BPRs

1 SXU’s BPR began the evening of Sunday, February 8 and ended with a closing ritual and pizza party that began at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 13th.  We ended up with 24 retreatants, all students, and six companions – three Sisters of Mercy and three CAVA members. Kathleen McClelland has not summarized the evaluations and met with the campus minister yet so there is still some work to be done at SXU in this regard.

2 DePaul’s BPR consisted of three weeks during which companions met with retreatants four times.

Rob Gilmore from DePaul sent the following comments:

* 1. Thank you once again to all those who have served as Spiritual Companions for this retreat from CAVA and DePaul University.  We have benefited greatly from your generous sharing of time and wisdom.

b On Friday, March 13, there were special Masses offered at noon at the Miraculous Medal Chapel in the Loop and the St. Louise de Marillac chapel in Lincoln Park followed by a free lunch reception on both campuses. On the Lincoln Park campus the lunch reception was incorporated with the Food For Thought program where we heard about St. Louise’s continued legacy from Chuck Levesque, President of DePaul USA

c On Sunday, March 15, the BPR concluded with a Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner at St. Vincent De Paul Parish following the 5:00PM Mass.  During this dinner there was time to get together for fellowship with each other and also be briefly recognized by the larger community for your efforts during this Lenten time.