

MEMO

To: MADP Board Members

From: Marianne Race, CSJ

Date: February 15, 2013

RE: Update

At our board meeting in Cleveland in November Sr. Helen mentioned in her report to the board several new projects she hoped could be initiated with the board's assistance. Two of those projects are

- a. A reissuing of Dead Man Walking on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the original publication and a celebration/promotion of the book.
- b. Conversation with DePaul University (Chicago) about taking over the sponsorship of the Dead Man Walking School Theater Project

The board at that time was focused on assisting Greg Callaghan with the Play Project. Though supportive of the ideas motivating these two potential projects we did not form any committee or task force to move them forward.

Helen moved on both of these projects almost immediately, with assistance from Rose Vines.

- a. 20th anniversary book edition: Helen contacted Gloria Loomis at Random House about an anniversary edition of Dead Man Walking. Her suggestion was met with approval and passed on to Vintage, Random House's division for paperback books. Helen has acquired a forward/preface from Desmond Tutu, Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon and has, herself written an afterward. The edition is set to be published in the Spring. Helen also contacted Susanne Dumbleton at DePaul University. A committee was formed there and a decision was made to support and promote the 20th anniversary book project. A position description was developed for a Project Manager who will work out of the Office of Mission and Values at DePaul. Helen also procured a donation that will come to MADP and be forwarded to DePaul to fund the salary of this person for one year. DePaul hopes to have someone in place before Helen visits DePaul the week of April 15, 2013.
- b. DePaul U. and the Play Project: Though not yet as thoroughly developed as the 20th anniversary project, significant movement has taken place regarding moving the Play

Project to DePaul. DePaul is well aware that MADP has a Play Project Director currently in place until the end of June. They are also aware that transition of this project needs to be coordinated with MADP. Tim Robbins is on board with the placement of the Play Project at DePaul. This project, too, will require a Project Manager at DePaul. DePaul is looking to MADP to fund the salary of this manager for at least a year.

Given that

- a. these two projects were moving rapidly,
- b. our next board meeting is not until May,
- c. aspects of these projects require board discussion and approval

I took the liberty of inviting three board members to form an Executive Committee with me and Sr. Helen. Ken Alford, Pat Kozak, Jo Stott and I reviewed all the information Helen had gathered on these two projects. We had a lengthy discussion among the four of us on February 6 and met with Helen on February 7. Three attachments will summarize the content and outcome of our meeting with Helen. These attachments are:

- a. Ed Udovic plan Feb 4 (*Fr. Ed is a vice-president of DePaul U and Director of the Office of Mission and Values*)
- b. MADP and DePaul U conversation (*This attachment summarizes the Exec Com preparation for our meeting with Helen on Feb 7*)
- c. Minutes of our February 6 – 7 meeting
- d. Play Project transition outline

Since our meeting with Helen, Pat, Ken and Rosie developed a transition plan for the Play Project. (the fourth attachment) Helen took it with her to California where she met with Greg. It is my understanding from Helen that Greg is committed to completing his time with the Play Project until June 30 and hopefully completing the Fetzer project within that time frame. I have communicated with Susanne Dumbleton at DePaul. I offered to be the contact person for MADP and asked that she, or someone at DePaul, be the contact person for DePaul as we move forward with these projects. We have requested a written mutual agreement that covers the expectations of both DePaul and MADP regarding these two projects.

There will be many discussion items for our May meeting! Among them will be two proposed amendments to the bylaws. One amendment would be to add the creation and definition of an Executive Committee, the other to expand the number of board members from the current number in the bylaws (5-8) to a larger number (8-12) which we actually have right now.

I am grateful to Helen for forging ahead with projects she believes in and to Rose for assisting her. I am also grateful to Ken, Pat and Jo for their immense help in discussing, thinking through and clarifying all that was happening so rapidly.

You may have questions after reading all of this. Do not hesitate to contact me if I can help with clarification.

Blessings on each of you. Have a great weekend.