

APPROVED

LANSING CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEETING MINUTES

St. Mary Star of the Sea; Jackson, MI

January 4, 2019

Attendance: Lisa & Mike Dubinski, Andie Glanzman, Maria Jaimez, Fr. Tim Nelson, Anne Raczkowski, Gerry Rice, Sarah Scholl, Debbie Spicer, Marie Luckner, Gene Myers, Jackie Rowe, Bernie and Dee Webb, Ann Hoffman, Gary and Laura Langdan, Alice Rock, Tom Thelen

Group Reunion began at 6:30 PM. Deacon Scholl talked about the emphasize on “What is it you seek” from the January 4th Gospel reading, our lives keep changing but we should always be asking ourselves that question, followed by the opening prayer before the business meeting at 7:00 PM.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the December 7, 2018 meeting notes were approved after clarification on the formation weekend dates.

Treasurer Report: Account Balance is \$4,665.15 currently. We have had one deposit during the month of December for \$50.00.

If we don't have to have the Bishop sign off on the By-Law changes that were made, we can move ahead to becoming a 501(c)3. That entails me to get the By-Laws registered with the state and then I can fill out the paperwork for the IRS. This will have a cost to it in both cases. Looking on the site today it shows me that the paperwork for the state is being updated. I can start filling out the paperwork for the IRS.

We have to decide if that is what we want to do. Since we are putting both the Spanish and the English weekends and supplies all in one bucket it makes sense to have one account to handle both. There needs to be itemized requests for all materials, support and any other costs given to the treasurer, who will give it to the Lay Director and our Spiritual Advisor for approval. That is the current procedure and will remain the procedure even with a separate bank account. We can keep the money as it currently is, at St. Mary's while we obtain our 501(c)3 status, which I think is the best way to handle it for now, or we can have me open an account where I am the owner of the account. This is not the best method for handling finances for this type of organization as there are fewer checks and balances.

I will do whatever the Secretariat wishes on the account idea. On hold per information below provided by Fr Tim

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Palanca Report: I continue to update our outgoing letter weekly, as I get it in. I email our palanca to Cursillos around the globe weekly.

Please remind Cursillistas to email me, send a text msg or pm me on our FB page to let me know what you are doing for palanca.

Center Leaders may update her on their Center's monthly palanca by emailing her at Latinandie@yahoo.com or calling/texting: (517) 902-1641

CENTER REPORTS

Adrian: Adrian did not have a December Ultreya due to it being such a busy month. Our next Ultreya will be held on Monday, Jan 21st. at 7pm.

We did continue with Leaders School and grouping until Dec. 17th, then started our Christmas break. Quiet month.

Charlotte: Charlotte has two groups meeting one at St Mary and one at St Anne . On Friday nights , they are ahead in leaders school. As they meet through out the summer months. Both groups are going well.

Cristo Rey-: Our next Ultreya is January 13th at 4pm . We will confirm all candidates for the men's Spanish Cursillo coming up February 21st. We wish everyone on the committee a happy new year and a wonderful DeColores year.

Flint-: The two Flint area reunion groups continue to meet. The co-ed group meets on Tuesday evening at 6 PM at Holy Redeemer church. The men's group on Thursday evening at 5:30 PM at Mel's Coney Island on Fenton Rd.

Leaders School meets on Tuesdays after the group reunion.

Jackson-: Jackson group continues to meet for Ultreya with the Lakes Center. We alternate months as to which group will be in charge and provide the location and organization of it. In December, Jackson hosted in Immaculate Hall of St. Mary's Church, Jackson. Lisa Dubinski gave her very inspiring witness how she is trusting the Lord more and more for every aspect of her life. Likewise, Ann Rice Echoed her thoughts and feelings about Lisa's faith journey.

Our 3 Group Reunions in Jackson continue to meet, even though we took a few weeks off due to the busyness of the Christmas season, as well as having a holiday break from Leaders School. All activities have resumed now beginning the 2nd week of January.

Queens church will be making 2 donations of \$500 each for the Cursillo weekends. One in the Spring and one in the Fall. Gerry Rice also requested that all centers approach their parish priest to see if they would be willing to also donate to the Cursillo weekends.

The Lakes-: Currently the Lakes are still on hold from the holiday's but praying they will start back up soon. Dan's group are talking about continuing to meet on Sunday's after the 11:00 am mass and the Tuesday group is struggling. 2 of the members are not interested in continuing and waiting on hearing from the 3rd. Deb Spicer and her sister Karen are still very interested in continuing and will find a group that fits our schedule. Unfortunately, going to 9:00 am mass makes it hard for us to attend the one after 11:00 am mass.

We have 1 man, Jeff Wright, for the Men's weekend in March who has tried to go for the past 2 years and the good possibility of another, Gary G. They are both in the choir and Dan is talking to them. We need to find out what happened to his previous application and fee.

Lansing-: We're still grouping on Saturday at St Mary Cathedral, at 9:30 am. January 12th will be the next Ultreya

Livingston: Placeholder for Livingston. The Center is not active at this time. Prayers that they will be up and running again soon.

Saline-: THE SALINE/ANN ARBOR CENTER CONTINUES TO HAVE SMALL GROUP MEETINGS, SAT. MORNING, TUES. AFTERNOONS AND ONE ON WEDS. EVENING THAT MAY BEGIN AGAIN.

WE WILL HAVE AN ULTRYEA/MEETING PLANNED FOR WEDS., 1.9. LEADER'S SCHOOL IS STILL ON HIATUS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pre-Cursillo- Maria has contacted all candidates from the list she received from St Francis Retreat Center. Tom Thelen has agreed to join the Pre-Cusillo committee. Any applications can be mailed to Mike Dubinski or Maria. (need mailing address for applications)

Cursillo- Gerry Rice (English)- the cost for the formation weekend has been donated. The dates are February 16-17 for the Woman and February 23-24 for the Men

There will be a walk through with Lisa, Gerry and Dee. A Cursillo Committee meeting will be scheduled in the next 2 weeks to discuss logistics. The committee needs to work around Fr McQue's schedule. A full report will be given at the next Secretariat meeting.

Ken See-(English) The men are having a meeting on January 12th at St Mary's Parish office at 12 noon.

Felipe-(Spanish) The men's Spanish weekend is a go at Cristo Rey

Dee Webb-No meeting has been set up with the woman's team. All is moving along.

Post-Cursillo- Still need a committee lead. Setting an April date for the 4th day reunion was discussed. Noted was that Regionals was in April and Palm Sunday was also in April.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Cursillo database-**Still looking for someone to take over the Cursillo member database.
- **Is Cursillo an official part of Diocese of Lansing?**-Fr Tim informed the group that he talked with the Lansing Diocese lawyer who informed him the Cursillo was not an official part of the Diocese of Lansing. We do not need approval from the Bishop to change by-laws. We are self-governed. This brought up liability issues for the group if the Diocese of Lansing does not cover liability. Fr Tim was going to look further into what was done in the past vs how we move forward.

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- **Fund Raising-**Queens church has donated two \$500 payments, one in the Spring and one in the Fall for the Cursillo Weekends. I has been suggested that all Centers approach their parish priests to see if funds can be donated to the Lansing Cursillo for weekends. Ann Hoffman suggested writing a grant to the Witness of Hope Campaign.
- **Post Cursillo-**still need a committee lead.
- **Online Calendar-**All are encouraged to utilize the online calendar at LansingCursillo.org. Alice Rock has agreed to be point person to add any events the Centers would like posted. You can email your request to alicerock9@gmail.com
- **Website-**Asked that all go out to the LansingCursillo.org website and review it for any edits, old information and contact information for accuracy. Email any edits/changes to alraczko@wowway.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

English Weekend Dates: Men-Camp De Sales (March 7-10, 2019), Women-Camp De Sales (March 14-19, 2019)

Spanish Men Weekend Dates: February 21-24, 2019

Fr Tim closed the meeting with prayer followed by the Leaders Prayer at 8:35 PM.

Next Meeting: Friday February 1, 2018 – 6:30 PM – St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, MI

Submitted by: Anne Raczkowski – revised 1/9/2019