

APPROVED

LANSING CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEETING MINUTES

St. Mary Star of the Sea; Jackson, MI

February 1, 2019

Attendance: Marie Luckner, Gene Myers, Gerry Rice, Dan & Sally Wawiernia, Lisa & Mike Dubinsk, Mary Delgado, Maria Rodriguiz Martuuz(?), Felipe Vazquez, Rocio(?) Vazquez, Mary Alice Rock, Jackie Rowe, Marybeth Kaak, Dee Webb, Gary & Laura Langden, Ann Marie Hoffman, Deacon Curtis & Sarah Scholl, Phil Berkemeir, Jose Flores, Ken See, Andi Glanzman, Maria Jaimez

Secretariat began with group reunion at 6:36 PM

The business meeting began at 7:05 PM. Deacon Scholl gave the opening prayer

Secretary Report: Minutes from the January 4, 2019 meeting had one correction. The correction has been made.

Treasurer Report: We currently have \$5,970.15 in our account. This includes donations we received from a company connected to Steve Larson, which I sent out the Thank you notes for.

In looking at the report from the Three day committee, my recommendation as treasurer is that we purchase the insurance, as long as we don't have insurance from the Diocese. I further believe it is in our best interest to hold the weekends even if we have less than 10 candidates. I feel we need to have the weekends no matter what. We also need to have someone look at the contacts and discern if we are paying for food for the breakfasts and lunches, they are not cooking and if we not paying for the food will the fees for breakfast and lunch will be waived.

Palanca Report: 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 Center had to cancel our January Ultreya due to a snow/ice storm.

We also had to cancel this week's leader's school due to another snowstorm on Monday. The Spanish class on Wednesday was also cancelled due to frigid temperatures.

Grouping continued when possible during the month.

Charlotte: The leaders school continues to function well. We have had to miss a few weeks in a row recently for various reasons but we will be taking up again this week. While I have been able to continue with the leaders school it would be beneficial to find a way to be represented at secretariat. I have too many conflicting obligations interfering with this. I will be working on it. The Friday group at St. Mary and the group at St. Ann's continue to function as individual schedules permit.

Cristo Rey-: Our Ultreya on January 13th was rather small with only 12 participants .some of our people were not back from their holiday vacation. THE ULTREYA was very inspiring with Nellie Flores doing the meditation and 2 witness talks by Kenia Ismael and Juanita Trevino. They are both very involved in Parish ministries. Also three of our ladies from the last cursillo are doing outreach work, teaching catechism to children and adults in the st Johns area. They are going there weekly after receiving additional training from Susanna Chapa the Hispanic Cordinator for the Lansing Diocese. We are getting ready for the men's Spanish Cursillo on February 21. The showers are almost finished. We are getting dry goods donations for the Cursillo. The team has been meeting weekly, and Jose Flores is doing a good job coordinating what's needed. He has a cook lined up with helpers. They have a menu to work from with a few changes. We are working on gather all our applications and making sure we have all the information. De Colores: Mary Delgado, Cristo Rey Church

Flint-: The two reunion groups in the Flint area continue to meet.

We have finished the readings for our School of Leaders. Appreciated following the Leader's Manual to the end of the book; good information found by reading to the conclusion. My Other Self is a wonderful meditation book for continued use in growing in our spiritual life!

Jackson-: We continue to meet in our various 3 Group Reunions every week. We have now a total of 2 Mens applications for the Cursillo weekend at this time. We are planning to print more envelopes for use as a Fundraising tool for the Weekends and encourage each Ultreya to promote the use of them every month.

The Lakes-: The Lakes now has 1 active grouping session. This grouping meets on Sunday morning after mass/religious education. We are currently looking to see how we can include as many members as possible.

We plan to resume Leaders School soon on a day and time to be determined.

We canceled our January Ultery a due to weather concerns. We will be hosting the March Ultery a for the Jackson Area a week later than normal on Saturday, March 23rd due to St Rita's parish hosting a Dynamic Catholic event on the normal date of March 16th.

Lansing-: No report

Livingston: no report.

Saline-: At Secretariat last month, Deacon Curtis asked us to reflect on Jesus' Question: "What are you looking for?" We thought it was time to ask the same question of our Cursillistas and listen to their prayerful answers. On January 9th we held Ultreya at the Saline/A2 Center. We had invited all in our Center to offer input into their experience with Cursillo. We had 20 respondents, either in person or in writing.

After prayer and consideration of all responses, our Center will not have any Ultreyas or Leaders School this winter. Small groups that are functioning well will continue.

Our Cursillistas have prospered from what they have learned and experienced, the support they still receive from the local Cursillo community, and they are living their Apostolic Mission, and *this is a good thing!* Our Cursillistas are committed to many programs and ministries supported by our parish and diocese that provide personal support, spiritual growth, and evangelization opportunities.

Looking to the future, we see an "empty nest" here. Without candidates, and then new Cursillistas, we do not have a 'next generation' to step up with renewed energy, ideas and leadership. We have a core of aging-out, burning-out Cursillistas involved in many areas of service/ministry. Until people's reservations about Cursillo are addressed, and/or there is a mighty act of the Spirit to draw new people into Cursillo through the Weekends, Cursillo activity at the Saline/Ann Arbor Center will likely diminish.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pre-Cursillo-

Cursillo- English men- The team was submitted to weekend committee with an approval response from the committee chair.

Team met on Saturday, January 9th. Good meeting with a lot of discussion, assignments reviewed with no issues and finished with a rosary in the chapel.

Formation weekend is scheduled for the 23rd and 24th. Schedule/agenda will be issued to team members soon.

The liability insurance issue as stated in the contract with De Sales Center has been resolved. Fr. Tim Nelson spoke with Fr. McHugh and it was agreed that Cursillo could purchase a "special events" rider on the De Sales Center insurance. The rider would cost Cursillo \$25-\$50.

The **issue of cooking** for the March weekends remains a problem. Gerry suggested we try to find 3 people for each day who would agree to cook for the day. Helping with the cooking should lower the price of the weekends.

Still needed are set-up and tear-down volunteers. There are no events between the weekends so the set-up can remain in place between the men and women's weekends.

Post-Cursillo- Still need a committee lead

DISCUSSION

NEW BUSINESS

- **Cursillo database-** I have taken over the Cursillo database and it will be updated once a month. What this means is, anytime changes are made, (ie. new Cursillistas, street addresses, new e-mails, phone numbers, etc.) a complete update goes into effect on the 1st of the following month.

This database is much more than just excel spreadsheet. It operates through Constant Contact. When prayer requests go out through our website, the actual request is driven by "Constant Contact". A prayer request goes to the entire Cursillo Community. When certain announcements are made, such as a monthly Ultreya, the announcement may only go to certain Centers, depending on what the person writing the announcements selects.

This database has several layers and was engineered extremely well. I have learned a lot about our Cursillo, Constant Contact database and its capabilities. Scott Brown needs to be commended for the hours of time that he put into this.

All applications for the Spring weekends need to come to me eventually. I can create the Candidate Listings and the listing for the Rector(a).

The applications can be snail mailed to me, e-mailed to me (via a scanned copy) or even faxed to my office during my work hours. I will ask that you call me first if you are going to FAX. I want to be by the machine when the application comes through.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Spanish Men's Weekend Dates: February 21-24, 2019

Next Meeting: March 1, 2019 – 6:30 PM – St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, MI

Ongoing:

- **Fund Raising-**Queens church has donated two \$500 payments, one in the Spring and one in the Fall for the Cursillo Weekends. I have 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.
- **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

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