

APPROVED

LANSING CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEETING MINUTES

St. Mary Star of the Sea; Jackson, MI

March 1, 2019

Attendance: Phil and Mary Berkemeier, Mary Delgado, Lisa & Mike Dubinski, Andie Glanzman, Maria Jaimez, Marie Luckner, Gene Myers, Fr. Tim Nelson, Anne Raczkowski, Gerry Rice, Alice Rock, Deacon Curtis & Sarah Scholl, Flipe Vazquez, Deb Spicer, Karen Mink, Norma Frauhammer, Jose Flores, Gary and Laura Langdon, Marybeth Kaak

Group Reunion began at 6:30 PM. Deacon Scholl gave the opening prayer before the business meeting at 7:03 PM.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the February 1, 2019 meeting were edited and launched on . A section was added to the meeting notes regarding "Ongoing Business." This section will include any contact information, mailing addresses or other information that will be available from month to month for a quick reference.

Treasurer Report: Sarah Scholl-We currently have a balance of \$5,320.15. We have had several deposits in the month of February, and lacking documentation on the deposits I am uncertain if they are related to the two men's weekends or not. IF you are sending money into the bookkeeper for weekends please be specific that this is what the funds are for, I will get with Cinnamon to see what we can do to help clarify the donations.

An issue accrued during the weekend at Cristo Rey, many of the team members helping out from Kalamazoo, didn't have the correct Pilgrim's Guide. This resulted in all of the Spanish Pilgrim's Guide we had on hand being distributed to the team. I have reordered a number of them based on information I was given during their weekend. We need to know if there are going to be issues such as this. There is no way to order overnight during a weekend. Please, let us know ahead of time if there are items you are in need of that are not in the inventory, or if you will need a much larger quantity than we have inventory for.

All inventory is to be kept at St. Mary's. This allows me to physically count and verify what we have. This makes it much easier for me to order supplies.

Palanca Report: Andie Glanzman-reported she would like more people to give her their palanca for the Diocesan palanca letter. The letter is updated weekly and sent out on Wednesday. She mailed the letters to 21 Cursillos around the world last week.

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

Note: If you need to have your **English Palanca translated for the Spanish weekends**, please send it to Andie at the contact information above at least 24-48 hours prior to the Cursillo weekend. Andie does not translate and will need to find someone to do so.

CENTER REPORTS

Adrian: **Maria Jaimez-**Adrian is alive and kicking! We did have to cancel leader school one night because of the weather, then again due to holding our Ultreya on a Monday. We are reading double chapters to get caught up.

We did hold our Ultreya on Monday, Feb 18. The group was small but the spirit was high. Linda Linaham was our witness. This was a little different since she has not made her weekend; and due to health issues might not ever live it. Linda was sent to me by the spirit. A friend and I were having breakfast at Big Boy when Linda stopped at our table to chat as she was leaving. As I was listening to her, I was prompted to ask if she would mind sharing some of her stories with the group. She was delighted!

She has a deep faith and complete trust in Jesus. She is 77. She expresses her faith with so much enthusiasm and authenticity, that one is living in her stories. I had to translate for her but it all was very good.

Our Spanish group was busy collecting donations in either food or money for their weekend.

Charlotte: Charlotte center leader school has been plagued since Christmas with doctors appointments health issues of one sort or another. We have maintained our schedule but attendance was spotty. Weather conditions were also an issue. The latter affected attendance at St. Ann's and the Friday group at St. Mary. Those who can't attend are asked to keep up with the readings.

Cristo Rey-: Mary Delgado-See attachment 1

Flint-: Marie Luckner-Tuesday evening and Thursday dinner reunion groups continue to meet.

Tuesday Leader School is going along well. We had the "Whom Shall I Send" book so we started it along with the "Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity."

Whom shall I send is a great refresher about the motive a Cursillo leader should bring into his/her service to Cursillo

Jackson-: Marybeth Kaak-During this past month, we have started reading our new books, Whom Shall I Send and The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity at our School of Leaders. Both books are very helpful and timely in challenging us to discern the will of God for our Cursillo movement as a Group.

Also, our February Ultreya was held in Jackson, St. Mary's old Convent, where 14 people had attended and were blessed to hear the witness by Jim Fountain. He poured out his heart and soul to all of us about the awesome way God has worked in his life!

There continues to be three, Fourth Day Groups functioning.

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

We have been reading the books individuals and plan on picking Leaders School after the Men's Weekend.

We will be hosting the March Ulterya 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. In addition, Sally Wawiernia will be giving the witness.

Lansing--: Gary Langdon-We're still grouping on Saturday at St Mary Cathedral, at 9:30 am.

Livingston: Not represented; no report.

Saline--: Alice Rock-Aleluya! Aleluya! Alabado sea Diospor un exitoso fin de semana de Cursillo Espanol! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God for a successful Spanish Cursillo Weekend!

The Saline Center congratulates all on the Spanish Cursillo Weekend with 18 candidates. We passed the candidate names on to our Center email list, praying all would be including the team & candidates in their palanca action over this past weekend.

We have also forwarded the posted Cursillo English Men's Team listing on to the Saline Center. We look forward to emailing out the candidate names as soon as possible. We are also interested in any food/snack donations that may be needed for the weekend(s).

Groups continue to meet. We look forward to participating in the St. Andrew Parish Lenten Mission and Parish book study, *Rediscovering Jesus* by Matthew Kelly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pre-Cursillo-

Kenny See-The men had a good formation weekend at Camp DeSales. Welch Lodge was perfect for formation. All of the team participated. All rollos were presented. As always, we all have some homework to do. Men are ready and eager to go. As rector, I am very pleased with the team.

Cursillo-

Gerry Rice- There are seven candidates for the men's weekend. Last minute applications will be accepted. The Welch cottage at Camp DeSales will be utilized for the weekend. An in-house chapel will be set up. There may be parking problems for the closing. The closing will be at 3:30 on Sunday March 10 and those going should meet at the Sacred Heart of Jesus chapel.

Flipe Vazquez- There were challenges at the start of the weekend so some changes were made. Members from Kalamazoo and Cristo Rey were of great help. There was great excitement by the end of the weekend. **Quote from Fr Tim "Short of ordination, it was the most powerful experience. What happened was every priest dream."**

Post-Cursillo-

Mike Dubinski- 4th day-the gathering will be for both the men's Spanish and English weekends. Lisa Dubinski and Mary Delgado will get together to establish a date/time. The event will be held at Cristo Rey.

DISCUSSION

NEW BUSINESS

- An example of the Kalamazoo promotion material was presented. The material is a two-sided sheet with the application for the Cursillo weekend on the back.
- Sacred Heart in Jackson, MI took up a second collection for Cursillo.
- A suggestion was made to have Cursillo help offset expenses for Cursillo weekends, formation, Regional weekends, and any other activities that require attendance with out-of-pocket expenses.
- Faith Fest was discussed and the following was decided
 - No Grand Ultreya at Faith Fest 2019
 - The St Francis room has been cancelled
 - We will have a table
 - We already have a canopy
 - We need volunteers to be present at the table
- Grand Ultreya-Mike Dubinski and Fr. Tim will discuss details after the men's weekend
- All were reminded again about having some fund raising at each center (see Ongoing Business for information on where to send donations).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: April 5, 2019 – 6:30 PM – St Stanislaus Kostka, 608 S Elm Ave, Jackson, MI 49203

ONGOING BUSINESS

- **Fund Raising-**Donations should be mailed to -
St Mary's Church / Lansing Cursillo
Attn: Cinnamon
120 E. Wesley Street
Jackson, MI 49201
- **Online Calendar-**All are encouraged to utilize the online calendar at LansingCursillo.org. Alice Rock has agreed to coordinate adding any events the Centers would like posted. You can email your request to alicerock9@gmail.com
- **Website-** Email any edits/changes to alraczko@wowway.com

Submitted by: Anne Raczkowski 4/17/2019

Attachment 1

Report from Cristo Rey Cursillo Center February 28, 2019

Our February Ultreya was very lively with 32 Cursillistas in attendance. The Coming men's Spanish Cursillo team joined us as it was their last team meeting and their team Mass before the Cursillo. Fr. Fred gave the meditation and Linda Davalos gave the witness talk. She was very inspiring and talked about how her Faith was so much stronger since her Cursillo. I also introduced a short summary on a chapter from the book Maria Jaimez gave us at the last Ultreya on the possibility of all of us attaining sainthood.

We had people from Lansing, Kalamazoo, Adrian, and Jackson event how the weather turned pretty risky.

The men's Cursillo was a big success with 17 participants living their Cursillo. They were all high on the Holy Spirit by Sunday. We heard wonderful very emotional and tearful witness words from the men at the closing. We had a pretty good crowd at the closing with lots of music.

We want to thank the Team from the Kalamazoo Cursillo Center for providing most of the team. They brought their big trailer with room dividers for the Rollo room, cots, foam mattresses, and even supplies for the adoration room and their well wishes for us. Also the cook Francisco Jimenez from Adrian and his assistant German Marin from Sturgis and the three volunteers from Cristo Rey and of course the great job as Rector, Felipe Vasquez from Adrian.

A word from the Showers: The men working on the showers did a good job on finishing the tile floors and ceilings, painting, and getting everything ready for the Cursillo. Now we have to work on paying for all that work because it's not coming from the church budget. We have gotten a few donations, but the total is close to \$20,000, so we will be working on fund raisers and donations to pay for it all.

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Mary Delgado