

APPROVED

LANSING CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEETING MINUTES

St. Mary Star of the Sea; Jackson, MI

May 3, 2019

Attendance: Phil and Mary Berkemeier, Lisa & Mike Dubinski, Marie Luckner, Andie Glanzman, Maria Jaimez, Gene Myers, Anne Raczkowski, Sarah Scholl, Marybeth Kaak, Maria Rodriguez Martinez, Gerry Rice, Mary Delgado, Gary and Laura Langdon

Group Reunion began at 6:30 PM. Mike Dubinski read the May 3 Gospel, regarding the lost sheep at 7:00 PM. Also it was announced by Gerry Rice, that the 3 day committee would be meeting for 10 minutes after the Secretariat meeting had concluded.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the April 3, 2019 meeting were approved as written

Treasurer Report: We currently have \$5,205.15 in our account. We have paid the Region 5 dues for both 2018 and 2019. No dues will need to be paid for Region 5 until 2020.

At this time we are in pretty good shape and I am hoping with a few more fundraisers we can get a solid amount in our account. Then we can look more at the cost of the Regional and National conventions and what we can pay for people to go to them.

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 letter to 19 Cursillos around the world last week.

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-Maria Jaimez- Adrian had a busy month. In the English Leaders school, we doubled up on our reading assignments to catch up from missed sessions due to illness and holy week events. Actually, we were able to finish our books this past Monday, April 29th so the English class is on summer break.

The Spanish school is still ongoing and meeting each Wednesday.

Our fundraiser Spring Gala is getting good responses for Saturday, May 4th at the St. Marys campus activities center. The May report will include details.

Grouping continues. Our Ultreya was held April 15th. Francisco Jimenez was the witness. Our next Ultreya will be held May 20th.

Charlotte-Bill Siarny- Leaders school is in a hiatus since I have contracted pneumonia. We will resume as soon as possible.

Cristo Rey-Mary Delgado- Our April 7th Ultreya was smaller with only 18 in attendance. It was Confirmation Day for Lansing so Fr. Fred Thelen and some of our regulars either had a son or daughter being confirmed or were sponsors.

Our meditation reading was on forgiveness and moving on with our lives. This inspired three testimonies from the participants, which were Georgina Alcantar, Juanita Trevino, and Inez Velasquez. They spoke on how they struggled to forgive themselves and were able to come to terms, knowing that God loved and forgave them and how they were able to move on. All the testimonies on that day inspired everyone present. I could see the Holy Spirit really present at that Ultreya. In our prayer to the holy spirit I had asked for help because I knew of the people that would be absent, so I had not asked anyone beforehand if they cared to do a testimony so it was all spontaneous and with the help of the Holy Spirit it was the best Ultreya we ever had.

Our Leader School on April 27 was a marathon session from 3pm to 5:30 with nine participants. We went thru the 3 days of the Cursillo section of the Leaders manual and I shared some of the recommendations from the Regional meeting.

Flint-Marie Luckner-The two active group reunions in the Flint area continue to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Leaders School meets on Tuesday evenings. We are staying on schedule with the book studies.

Jackson-Marybeth Kaak- The Jackson Center continues to meet weekly at the Catholic Charities Office here for School of Leaders. We will be finishing our readings and discussions next week---they have been very enlightening and a benefit to all.

We hosted the April Ultreya on the 20th and 16 people attended. Anne Raczkowski gave a marvelous Witness on how the Lord turned her life toward Center and Him! Marybeth Kaak echoed how Anne is truly tuned-in to God's presence and looks for His face in every situation in which she finds herself.

Our three 4th Day groups continue to meet at various times to share their faith and grow from each other's reflections and commitment to Cursillo. 😊

We are busy inviting our new and old Cursillistas to the 4th Day Reunion in Jackson at St. Stan's Church/school.

The Lakes-Deb Spicer- The Lakes has 1 active grouping session. This grouping meets on Sunday morning after mass/religious education.

We are currently holding Leaders School after grouping on Sunday mornings. We really enjoying Matthew Kelly's book, the Biggest Lie in the history of Christianity.

Due to the Fourth Day Reunion being held in the afternoon on Saturday, May 18th at St. Stanislaus in Jackson, we have decided to cancel the May Ultery that would have been held that morning.

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-Nothing new to report. Groups continue to meet; no other specifically Cursillo activities at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pre-Cursillo-No report

Cursillo-Gerry Rice-Gerry went out and looked at Camp Dainava, they have gutted the building and are building a 25 foot restroom in the back of the building. All 4 Cursillo weekends may be at Camp Dainava (see Gary Langdon note in the discussion section).

The new study material for the changes to the Cursillo weekends has been provided by the District. The readings will be distributed to the 3 day committee. The plan is to have Leader School read the material in the Fall Leader School.

Post-Cursillo-Lisa Dubinski-Lisa announced the information for the 4th day reunion.

DISCUSSION

- Regarding the location of the Cursillo weekends, Gary Langdon would like it on the record that there is a preference for all 4 weekends to be located at Cristo Rey.
- The number of candidates per weekend was discussed. The reason the number of candidates was set a certain number was because of the candidate to team member ratio. Gerry Rice mentioned that National recommended a 5 person team for the weekend.
- The question was asked if we will be selling Faith Fest tickets again this year as a fund raiser. The answer was no.

NEW BUSINESS

- Centers were asked to pass the word about the May 18, 4th day reunion.
- The Region 5 Spring Encounter information was discussed. The movement is going back to the original weekends and it is a Global movement, not just a National movement. It was noted that many of the English versions are different. The quicker the information is in everyone's hands the better. Mike would like the new format implanted before his term is up.
- The weekend format and Rollo's are changing. This means new binders will need to be assembled and help will be needed to do so.
- Help will also be needed from the Spanish Cursillistas to put the Spanish books together to make sure the binder material is placed in the correct order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The National Conference will be July 18-21 in Scranton Pennsylvania. Use this link to register [http://www.wowway.com/2019/07/18-21-2019-national-conference/](#)
- Regional Encounter-Fall 2019, Oct 25-26, Spring 2020, April 24-25 (Need link for registration)
- **English Woman's Weekend Dates:** Fall 2019-dates to be set
- **Spanish Woman's Weekend Dates:** Fall 2019-dates to be set
- **English Men's Weekend Dates:** Spring 2020-dates to be set
- **Spanish Men's Weekend Dates:** Spring 2020 dates to be set

Mike closed the meeting with the Leaders Prayer at 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2019 – 6:30 PM – St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, MI

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

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