

APPROVED

LANSING CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEETING MINUTES

St. Mary Star of the Sea; Jackson, MI

October 5, 2018

Attendance: Phil Berkemeier, Mary Delgado, Lisa & Mike Dubinski, Andie Glanzman, Joseph Gutierrez, Maria Jaimez, Marie Luckner, Gene Myers, Fr. Tim Nelson, Tim Nolan, Marcia & Russell Pate, Anne Raczkowski, Gerry Rice, Alice Rock, Jackie Rowe, Deacon Curtis & Sarah Scholl, Kenny See, Bill Siarny, Tom Thelen, Flipe Vazquez

Group Reunion began at 6:35 PM. Deacon Scholl gave the opening prayer before the business meeting at 7:03 PM.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the August 24, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Report: We received \$3,018.85 from the St. Francis Retreat Center. This amount was collected from the candidates for the women's Spanish weekend. We have since sent the SFRC a check for \$6,475 which was the entire cost of the weekend for the 17 candidates, 14 team members and the 3 religious members for the weekend. I am so thankful to the Saline Center which helped make this possible with their fundraiser. Our donation envelopes have also helped. We have a remaining balance of \$4,655.15.

Without the donation envelopes and other donations, we would be in financial trouble. We need to continue to raise money. I would encourage other Centers to also host fundraisers to increase our budget. I would also ask that we continue with the envelopes. I have noticed deposits on the account, with no names, but deposits I know to be from the envelopes. I want to personally thank anyone who has contributed!

I also want to touch on something not in the Treasurer's immediate realm but important. While we are discussing where different weekends will be held, we understand that it is imperative that we are following the Serve-Safe Guidelines. We are a religious organization, so we need to be licensed as a Temporary Food Service Establishment on our weekends if we are doing the cooking. We can only use home-prepared foods for a meeting or for a fundraiser, not for the weekend. We need a licensed person on site for cooking at a facility, or we need to cater in the food. We may also have the weekends where the location provides the meals. I have the booklet from the State of Michigan that outlines these regulations if anyone wants to look at it. This is not negotiable and is for all weekends. Allergies have been growing at an increasing rate, so we cannot afford to accidentally cause a problem. **NOTE:** Mary Delgado gave Sarah a copy of the Cristo Rey kitchen license.

Fr. David gave us information on how to access and use the website and I have printed off the directions. We need to set up a Pay Pal account platform if we are going to accept online payments for the weekends.

Treasurer's Report approved.

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 17 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

Because of the need to vote on issues this evening, Mike had Center representatives identify themselves with a show of hands. Each Center has 2 votes if 2 Center members are present, if only 1 representative is present the Center has only 1 vote. Thirteen eligible voters were present.

Adrian, Cristo Rey, Jackson, The Lakes, and Saline submitted written Center reports.

Adrian-Maria Jaimez: Adrian apostolic action has been on high gear! We have started ministering to a second migrant camp. Since the combination of both St. Mary and St Joseph parishes, we have also inherited the camp that St. Joe's used to visit. It has been a couple of years since they have had a Mass at that camp, so the people at Iott Ranch were very happy to finally have Mass at their location.

Our Ultreya in September was small, and it was all in English. Even more reason to change our date to an evening Ultreya. The October Ultreya will be held on Tuesday, October 23rd at 7 PM.

We have not started Leaders School, but are anxious to meet again next week.

The groups continue to meet on Saturday mornings for men; Tuesday evenings in English and Wednesday evenings in Spanish for the ladies.

Charlotte-Bill Siarny: Same report as last time. (Leaders school has 10 members. Our Friday night group has about the same. A smaller group meets at St. Ann's. Attendance varies depending on what is going on in the lives of the people, but the groups meet weekly.)

Cristo Rey-Mary Delgado: We had ten women from Cristo Rey attend the September 13-16, 2018 Cursillo weekend. We are working to get all of them into a group; we almost have them all included in a group.

We are also planning the **Fourth Day Reunion or Ultreya at Cristo Rey Church on October 28, 2018 at 4 PM. It will be held in the Guadalupe Hall which is downstairs under the main church.** People may enter thru the back door and go downstairs to the hall. If you need an elevator, enter thru the front (past the main doors to the church), go to the next door, enter and go right to the elevator.

We will be starting the Leader's School after the October Ultreya and will be using the Manuel de Dirigentes in Spanish. Some of the new Cursillistas are eager to help in future Cursillos, so we will be starting with that. Even though some of us have already gone thru that book, we decided a review was a good thing.

Flint-Gene Myers: Tuesday and Thursday group reunions are meeting. Gene and Marie continue with Divine Mercy study. Mike Wilson included his Thursday evening, dinner-group reunion in a list of parish groups that are open to parishioners.

Jackson-Lisa Dubinski: We have many groups meeting. An all men's group meets on Wednesday night at Steve's ranch house at 7:30 pm. There is a women's group meeting at Mary Beth Kaak's house and our mixed group that meets on Saturday morning at St Mary Star of the Sea.

The Jackson area Ultreya was held last month at St Rita. The Ultreya for October will be at St Mary on October 20th. We will begin at 9:30 AM. Scott Watson will be the witness and Leah will be the echo.

Leaders school has not yet started.

The Lakes-Anne Raczkowski: We hosted the Jackson Area Ultreya for the month of September. We had 8 in attendance. Michelle, a new cursillistas from the Spring weekend was our witness speaker. Diane Eberhart was her echo.

We continue to have two grouping sessions. One is on Tuesday afternoons at St. Rita Church at 3:00 PM; the other is on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Bistro Room at Countryside on Robinson Road in Jackson.

We will hold our Leaders School on Monday evenings, following our grouping session. All from our Center are invited to attend! We usually start at 7 PM.

Lansing-Marcia Pate: Lansing is holding its Ultreya after the 8 AM Saturday Mass at the Cathedral. It is held on the second Saturday of the month and usually has 5-7 in attendance.

Livingston: Not represented; no report.

Saline-Alice Rock/Jackie Rowe: We had a 'Palanca Party Ultreya' in August to prepare palanca notes for the Fall weekends. Several people had never written palanca notes before joining the party. Our cookie event brought in \$1,500 for the Spanish Bibles and candidate scholarships to the weekends in September.

Leaders School has begun with a 5-week program to continue discernment of charisms. We chose to do this since we completed the book selections from last year, and all our Leaders School and a few other cursillistas have now completed the Called and Gifted Workshop offered through the diocese. We have one more week in this series. Twelve cursillistas are attending.

Three reunion groups meet weekly. The Tuesday women's group has changed its start time to 3:45 PM. Due to schedule conflicts, the Wednesday women's group is not meeting this season.

Ultreyas in our Center are still in planning. The Leaders have concerns about scheduling and attracting a wider representation of cursillistas from our area. Our next Ultreya will be in November.

St. Andrew parish has requested Cursillo's help with Welcome Sunday in October, greeting at the doors, and with our area Migrant Ministry to Applewood Farm. Specifically, 52 sweatshirts for the men were donated by cursillistas and delivered on 9/30/18, along with other donations from the parish.

Pre-Cursillo-Jackie Rowe: Jackie and Diane Eberhart are no longer on this committee. Deb Devoir and Maria Jaimez continue on the committee.

Cursillo-Marie Luckner/Gerry Rice: The committee meet on 9/26/18. We discussed:

- 1) The need for the Rector and Rectora of upcoming weekends to attend Cursillo Committee meetings and the Secretariat meeting, also to return after their weekend and give a report.
- 2) The need to charge enough per person to cover the costs of a weekend.
- 3) The date of the Spanish 4th Day Reunion. (October 28th)
- 4) The need to hold a weekend at a site that has a licensed kitchen and food handler.
- 5) Sleeping arrangements for the Cristo Rey men's weekend. (Sleeping cots to be borrowed from the Kalamazoo Diocese. They will be picked up and returned to Kalamazoo by the Spanish.)
- 6) The walk-thru date for the Cristo Rey site for the February Spanish Men's weekend.
- 7) Translation of rollo critiques into Spanish. (Maria Jaimez to do this.)
- 8) The use of either the Cursillo National Manuals or an update of the existing weekend guide. (The Spanish will use their National Manual; the English will use the weekend guide.)
- 9) The use of the new Pilgrim's Guide for the Stations of the Cross and the Apostolic Commitment Service.
- 10) The use of either the Stations of the Cross in the relevant church/chapel or the traditional Cursillo stations.
- 11) Eliminating the Bible Enthronement service in its present form.
- 12) Doing another walk thru at DeSales with the Rector and Rectora present.
- 13) How the teams for the English weekends will be formed. How the Rector/Rectora were doing on forming their teams.
- 14) The need to elect a new Cursillo committee person to replace Joy Franklin.

The Cursillo Committee proposed Gerry Rice for the position of Cursillo Committee Chairperson. Vote held to confirm Gerry as the new Cursillo Chairperson passed with a vote of 13-0.

Gerry read a proposal to vote having Rector/Rectora attend Secretariat and Cursillo Committee meetings until their weekends were completed, then returning to give a report on the weekend. This proposal passed with a vote of 13-0.

A proposal to charge enough for weekend attendance to cover the costs of the weekend was discussed and tabled until a future meeting. ***Mike Dubinski is to provide copies of the contract signed with the DeSales Center regarding the costs to Cursillo for use of the facility for the English March weekends.***

Gerry announced there would be an inventory of all Cursillo supplies for both the English and the Spanish weekends.

Discussion on the weekend Bible Enthronement. The Spanish do not find this event in their National Manual; they will not use the service in the English Weekend Guide. Candidates will be encouraged to

bring their bibles to the weekend and there will also be bibles for sale on the book table. The Cursillo Committee will decide what to do about the Bible Enthronement service in the English Weekend Guide.

Discussion on the use of a Palanca Chapel on site. It was agreed that this is acceptable as long as the people coming on site to pray never have contact with the team or candidates.

Post-Cursillo-Anne Raczkowski: Nothing to report at this time.

DISCUSSION

Mike Dubinski read the report on the Women's Spanish Weekend from the Rectora, Maria Jaimez:

Through the Grace of God, I feel the weekend was a success to the candidates. There was a great energy that flowed, and friendships were definitely created! And they loved to sing! I have never been on a weekend with so much singing!

However, the schedule, particularly on Sunday, was challenging. And I take full responsibility in this. The talks were timed according to the manual. I forgot that the talks were shortened to move the closing time earlier. So, we were scrambling on Sunday.

Fr. Tim was incredible! Since much of the Rectora's handbook was still in English, thank God, we could scan it quickly and say what we needed to in Spanish. Sr. Maria Rea did a wonderful job when giving the Actual Grace, Obstacles to Grace and Life in Grace talks.

Sheila did notify me that the pop machine would not be working. There was coffee, iced water, tea and lemonade provided in the dining room. Team brought bottled water and soft drinks to keep in the rollo room. Cate filled the cooler with ice.

The team members from Cristo Rey brought lights and a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which was decorated on Friday night so that before breakfast on Saturday morning homage was done to our Lady. It did not take much time, just a couple of songs and a prayer. I recommend we keep this in our new format. After all, it is already included in the 3-Day Manual.

We did have a little confusion regarding who was developing the pictures. Sheila did take the group picture, then the file was dropped off at my table. Cate called Meijers and she was able to take the file with her for download and development.

Sunday was hectic, as usual on Sundays. We were able to move talks around to accommodate Fr's. schedule including doing the Apostolic Service first. The kitchen did not leave enough food for candidates and team on Sunday's 4pm meal.

Another suggestion, we should review the facility (where we will be holding future weekends) to be clear on procedure after the serenade. I thought we would be moving to the St. Francis room to say final goodbyes, while the community set up the chapel. Imagine my surprise, when everybody was already in the chapel.

We should also translate the Rector/Rectoras guide into Spanish.

We should translate the critique sheets into Spanish.

We should translate the Enthronement of the Bible into Spanish.

We should have the Apostolic Service in Spanish.

We will also need song sheets in Spanish.

Maybe even find some of those earpieces that translate Spanish to English for closing so everybody can understand the witnessing.

As Fr. Tim said, this was our first Spanish weekend and we will have a learning curve, however, we do not want to do things because of how it has always been done. This is our opportunity to combine the best from the English and the Spanish to make it our own, but still follow the authentic guidelines

Thank you, the Secretariat, for the honor and privilege of allowing me to serve as the Rectora for this historic event for our dioceses. God is very good!

De Colores.

Maria Jaimez

PS: If I forgot to cover a topic, please let me know and I will answer your questions. 19 candidates 17 team members (Yes, I did have a couple angels to help cover tables)

Continued discussion on the need to have someone replace Scott Lee Brown to work with maintaining the Cursillo database/running reports from the database. The current software used is based on Access and maybe has another year of life before it goes down.

NEW BUSINESS

Anne Raczkowski was nominated to take the Secretary position being vacated by Marie Luckner. Anne was elected by a vote of 13-0. Anne will begin her term at the November meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Women Conference is being held on November 3rd from 9 AM-5 PM at the Lansing Center. We are still in need of men to volunteer to work the Cursillo table at the conference.

The walk thru of the planned Cristo Rey site for the February Spanish men's weekend will be held on November 10th at 2 PM.

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

Mike closed the meeting with the Leaders Prayer at 8:35 PM.

Next Meeting: November 2, 2018 – 6:30 PM – St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, MI

Submitted by: Marie Luckner