

APPROVED

LANSING CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEETING MINUTES

St. Mary Star of the Sea; Jackson, MI

November 8, 2019

Attendance: Mary Delgado, Lisa and Mike Dubinski, Maria Jaimez, Marybeth Kaak, Gary and Laura Langdon, Marie Luckner, Maria Rodriguez Martiniz, Gene Myers, Gerry Rice, Sarah Scholl, Dan and Sally Wawiernia

The meeting began at 6:30 PM with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Stan's church by Fr. Tim Nelson. Fr. gave a homily followed by Benediction. This time of prayer was offered in remembrance of Bill Siarney and Tim Nolan.

Secretary Report: Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Treasurer Report: - Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.

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. Andie appreciates the increase in participation

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 - The Adrian Center is moving along slowly (like the center leader!). We have started English Leaders school on Mondays; however, meeting has been sporadic for a variety of reasons. When we cannot meet, we do continue to read our lesson at home. We will keep plugging along.

We did not hold an Ultreya in October due to the center leader's absent mindedness. We have decided to return to holding our Ultreya on Saturday morning again. So our next Ultreya will be Saturday, **Nov 2nd** at 9am. Going forward, Ultreyas will be held the **first Saturday** of each month starting at 8:30am.

The Spanish group did hold another fundraiser gala on **Oct 5th**. but did not have as many attendees as the spring fundraiser; although, the margaritas were just as good! We are planning on holding 2 fundraisers annually. One in spring and one in the fall.

The Spanish Leaders School will be starting on **Wednesday**, Nov. 6 from 7:30-9pm

Joseph Gutierrez- The report for the St. Mary Leadership School is as follows: since the death of Our brother Cursillista & St. Mary Leadership School head, Bill Siarny, I picked up the battle flag & have continued on.

Since Bill was a U.S. soldier, & I am, as titled by the U.S. Army: a Soldier For Life (25 years service) I use the imagery of picking up a battle standard & moving forward.

We Cursillistas met in Charlotte the following **Tuesday**, after Bill's funeral Mass. We have one member returning & possibly 2 others. All have been through Cursillo. Currently the Leadership School is meeting at St. Mary Church, conference room, Charlotte. We meet generally every **Tuesday** at 09:30a.

Cristo Rey-Mary Delgado- Our October Ultreya was well attended with 22 cursillistas attending. Fr. Vincent could not attend but Kenia Ismael gave a bible reading and reflection. Her message was on serving and praising the Lord. Our witness speaker was Ernesto Chavez who spoke about his experience during the cursillo and how it has helped him to be more active in his church and how he feels he is more aware and has grown in his faith.

Our Leader school is going strong. Our October meeting had 15 participants and we studied the three days of cursillo from the step by step rector's book.

Our first team meeting for the coming cursillos will be December 7 at Jackson St Stan's at 2pm. Sister Clareth made it available to us so that the people from Adrian wouldn't have as far to drive. Sister Clareth is available to help in the Spanish cursillo with the spiritual meditations if Fr. Tim needs or wants help.

We are talking to people about attending the Spanish and English cursillos. We have quite a few people interested. We need them to fill out the applications now so that we can get a count.

We have bought 32 cots for our cursillo at a cost of \$1,162.56. Cristo Rey's cursillo committee had fund raisers and they are paid for. This will be a onetime expense. We have a cook for the women's cursillo but we still need a commitment for the men's cursillo.

Flint-Marie Luckner- Our two group reunions are still meeting weekly.

Our Leaders School is studying the Bonnin book and the 3-day Step-by Step Guide. The Bonnin book seems to be well researched and written.

We sent an announcement concerning the upcoming 2020 Spanish/English weekends to local parishes with a request that they put the announcement in their bulletins.

Jackson-Gerry Rice- Jackson held their Ultreya on October 19, 2019 at Immaculata Hall in Jackson with 11 people in attendance. John Allen, one of our new Cursillistas, shared his very moving testimony. God was working all throughout John's life, but until he had suffered a stroke, he admitted that he was just too busy to pay that much attention to growing in his walk with Jesus. Cursillo further changed his attitude for spiritual growth and we have all benefitted!

Fourth Day groups on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday continue to meet. Our School of Leaders is underway and is reading the selected books. The Step-by Step binder materials are a challenge, but as we go through it, we hope that our understanding will become more clear.

Sacred Heart-Jackson-Maria Rodriguez – No report

The Lakes-Dan Wawiernia – The Lakes has 1 active grouping session. This grouping meets nearly every Sunday morning after mass.

We are in the midst of leader's school reading the Eduardo Bonnin Biography book as well as the New 3 Day manual.

We will host the November Ultreya for the Jackson Area on Saturday, November 16th at St Rita's in the Pumpkin Patch starting at 9:30am.

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

Livingston: Not represented, no report.

Saline-Alice Rock- The Saline Center report is status quo. All the same as October.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pre-Cursillo- Maria Jaimez- No Report

Cursillo/3-day Committee-Laura Langdon- Mike Dubinski announced that Shawn Gifford had agreed to be the rector for the men's weekend.

Laura Langdon asked that the Center Leaders email her names/phone numbers/email addresses of Center cursillistas who are eligible to be on team.

Post-Cursillo-Lisa Dubinski- Still waiting for dates for 4th day reunion from Fr Tim

DISCUSSION

- There was discussion about the weekend application to be used by the English for the next weekends. It was agreed that by the November meeting the English application would be ready to use. The Spanish will use the application they created for their last weekends.
- Maria announced that Felipe Vazquez had agreed to cook for the English weekends.
- The number of team members needed for weekend teams was questioned. It was considered that six-member teams would be best. Experienced team members would be asked to do two rollos and new members would do one rollo.
- The fee to be charged per person for the weekends was discussed. A fee of \$120.00 was recommended for the English. The Spanish had planned to charge \$60.00 per person. There was an objection that \$60.00 would not be enough to cover costs. It was suggested that Fr. Tim, Mike and Mary Delgado should talk to Fr. Vincent at Cristo Rey to see if he was still willing to let Cursillo use the facility without charge before a final fee would be agreed on.
- The need for General Chairpersons for the English weekends was brought up. Gerry Rice offered to assist whoever volunteered to take the position for the men and women weekends. Names of those to ask to take on this work for the weekends were proposed.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- **English Men's Weekend Dates:** March 12-15, 2020
- **English Woman's Weekend Dates:** March 26-29
- **Spanish Men's Weekend Dates:** February 6-9, 2020
- **Spanish Woman's Weekend Dates:** February 20-23, 2020

The meeting was ended with the Leaders Prayer and Fr. Tim's blessing around 9 PM.

Next Meeting: Friday December 6. We will be meeting at St Mary's Star of the Sea. Grouping at 6:30 with the business meeting begins 7pm.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- Regional Encounter-April 24-25 <https://nationalcursilloregionv.org/>
- **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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