

**LANSING CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEETING MINUTES**  
**St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish**  
**December 1, 2017**  
**(Minutes Amended & Approved at January 5, 2018 Secretariat)**

**Attendance:** Mary & Phil Berkemeier, Lisa & Mike Dubinski, Diane Eberhart, Andie Glanzman, Maria Jaimez, Howard & Marybeth Kaak, Gary & Laura Langdon, Marie Luckner, Gene Myers, Fr. Tim Nelson, Carol Perez, Sarah Scholl, Tom Thelen

The meeting began at 6:45 PM with opening prayer followed by Group Reunion and spiritual direction given by Fr. Nelson.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes to the October 27, 2017 accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Thelen stated that the report should be amended to show a \$20.00 charge deducted from the current balance of \$2,681.78 by Huntington Bank for fees. This will bring the current balance to \$2,661.78. Report approved with changes.

Discussion held on Tom's recommendation that the Huntington Bank account be closed, and the remaining balance be moved to St. Mary's Star of the Sea. Cursillo funds would be set up under a separate line item to keep them apart from the church funds. Tom will close the account and do a cashier's check for the deposit of remaining funds at St. Mary's until time to move the account to another bank. (Which bank to be discussed and decided on later.) Sarah will follow up on applying for a new EIN number and doing the paperwork for a 501c3 with the state. She will also find out how to file a 990-non-profit tax return for future reporting.

**Palanca Report:** Andie Glanzman was nominated to and agreed to accept the position of Palanca Chairperson. Palanca or requests for palanca can be forwarded to her. Andie's phone number is 517-902-1641.

### ***CENTER REPORTS***

Adrian, Flint, Jackson, Saline, and "the Lakes" submitted written center reports.

**Adrian:** Andie Glanzman led the November Ultreya; Rita Rodrigues gave the witness. Leaders School has 7 participants. Ladies group reunion held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30–7:30 PM; men's group on Saturday mornings at 7:30 AM.

The Toledo Diocese Hispanic weekends were a success! Adrian had one man and three women on the men and women teams respectively. A Hispanic group will be starting up after the first of the year. Searching for books to use for a Hispanic Leaders School.

**Charlotte:** Not represented at meeting

**Flint:** Three groups are meeting in the Flint area: a co-ed group meets every week on Tuesday at 6 PM in Holy Redeemer church and a men's group meets on Thursday evenings for dinner. A

women's group has met a few times in the Flushing area. Leader's School is held after the Tuesday group reunion. They are on schedule with the fall school agenda and books.

**Lansing:** There was no publicity for the November Ultreya so there was a disappointing attendance of three Cursillistas and the priest. Plan to get the announcement out for the next Ultreya, hoping for better attendance. The next Ultreya will be held on December 13th at St. Francis Retreat Center; it will begin with a 6 PM Mass, group reunion at 6:30 PM. There is also a group reunion at St. Gerard's on Tuesday evenings. Books for Leaders School are distributed; need to set a day and time for the school to meet.

**Livingston:** Not represented at the meeting.

**Jackson:** Ultreya was held in November at St Rita's. Witness speaker was Howard Kaak; the echo was given by Phil Berkemeier. The December 16<sup>th</sup> Ultreya will be held at St. Mary's Star Hall at 9:30 AM. Leaders School in full swing on Monday evenings from 7-9 PM at St. Mary's parish office.

Men's group reunion held at 8 PM on Wednesday at Steve's Ranch House. Co-ed group meets at 9:30 AM on Saturday morning in Star Hall.

**Saline:** Twenty men and women Cursillistas and six guests gathered for an everyone's birthday party Ultreya on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Dan's Tavern in Saline. It was an opportunity for all to meet three new Cursillistas from last spring's weekends, ask questions about the new Secretariat officers and Spiritual Advisor, the upcoming spring weekends and to pray for prayer requests from the diocese. The next Ultreya will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2017. It will be an "open mic" witness event.

Ten Cursillistas are signed up for Leaders School. Study of the revised Pilgrim's Guide is completed; will continue the study with the other two books on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Saline submitted a comparison sheet on the differences in the 2017 and 2010 editions of the Pilgrim's Guide along with its center report.

Seven women Cursillistas are attending an annual parish weekend. Palanca has been written for them.

**The Lakes:** Leaders School is being held in conjunction with group reunion on Mondays at 6:30 PM. This is working out well with very good discussions. St. Rita hosted the Jackson area Ultreya on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Karen Mink was the witness speaker. The next Ultreya will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary Star of the Sea.

"The Lakes" has two women and one man signed up for the spring weekends. They were signed up for this past fall and are still committed to attending in the spring.

### ***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

**Pre-Cursillo:** Diane Eberhart reported that all candidates who were signed up for the fall weekends were notified of the weekend cancellations. They were also asked if they would be able to attend the spring weekends. Four of the women confirmed they would attend. The sponsors of the other four will be contacted if those candidates do not respond soon. With the

addition of one new, women candidate, we have a total of five confirmed women candidates for the spring. Jeff Wright, the only man candidate for the fall, also confirmed his attendance in the spring. Fr. Tim suggested the use of social media to get out information about the spring weekends. The Archdiocese of Detroit has a Facebook page. Carol Perez volunteered to put Cursillo information up on Facebook. Maria Jaimez and Fr Tim were asked to contact Fr. Michael Newman (Maria) and Fr. Nate Harburg (Fr. Tim) to follow up on their possible attendance at the spring weekends.

**Cursillo:** Carol Perez was nominated to and accepted the position of Cursillo Chairperson on a temporary basis. Carol will work with anyone who might want to step up to the position. Carol reported a need to change the rector for the men's spring weekend as Mike Dubinski will not be available because of his busy schedule. Mike will reach out to a couple men who might be willing to take on the position. Andie will be reaching out to her women's team. There are 12 women on the team right now. Carol may have to bow out of being on the team because of her commitment to the Region Service Team. Andie still wants to have the picnic for the men and women teams that was planned for the fall.

**Post-Cursillo:** Lisa Dubinski stated that Deb DeVoir, Dee Webb and Carol Perez worked the Cursillo table at the Women's Conference. They handed out 75 black and white Cursillo tri-folds. Lisa had these printed at Staples as St. Francis Retreat Center was not able to supply the tri-folds done in color. Lisa does not think we will be able to rely on the retreat center for colored tri-folds as Bert Schomberger informed Deb DeVoir at the conference that these had to be sent out for colored printing. Bert submitted a clarification via email that stated, "She (Lisa) asked on the morning of the conference. She needed the new ones that day as the ones supplied by Sfrc were older ones. I have no idea, nor do I speak for, the print availability of materials beyond the need of the day."

The next event will be to host a Cursillo table at the upcoming Men's Conference. Lisa suggested that going forward we should have men work the table at the Women's Conference and the women work the table at the Men's Conference. This will allow both men and women who pay to attend the conferences to hear the speakers. We will need volunteers for the Men's Conference.

Mike asked for more Cursillistas to consider being on one of the committees to become more involved in the Lansing Cursillo Movement.

## **OTHER**

Discussion held on where and how to carry out formation of the teams for the weekend. St Francis Retreat Center is available right now the weekend of March 23-25. Other sites for formation were suggested. This could also be done without the formation "weekend" by having the teams meet more often to do their Rollo critiques. Questions were raised on the number of candidates needed for the weekends and the deadline for applications. There definitely should be more candidates than team members. The deadline for applications has traditionally been one week before the formation weekend.

The costs for the weekends were also discussed. Phil would like to work toward being well funded so that the weekends do not burden anyone. Fr. Tim is going to see about the feasibility of getting Cursillo listed as a ministry which might help with obtaining funds.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

Fr. Tim would like to review the by-laws for the Lansing Cursillo. He read the description for the duties of the Spiritual Advisor in the Leaders Manual and feels the by-laws need to be amended to reflect those guidelines. This review will be done at the January meeting.

Marybeth Kaak presented the idea of using a Prayer Calendar to pray for the weekend teams. She passed out an example of the prayer calendar that was used in the Gaylord Diocese and explained the concept. She agreed to work on a calendar for the Lansing Diocese spring weekend teams.

Fr. Tim suggested putting together a cogent, dynamic, five-minute, Prager-University style video about Cursillo to put on Facebook. You can check out the mission of PragerU at [www.prageru.com](http://www.prageru.com).

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:50 PM.

**Next Meeting: January 5, 2018 - 6:30 PM – St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, MI**

Submitted by: Marie Luckner