

LANSING CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEETING MINUTES

St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish

February 16, 2018

Attendance: Phil Berkemeier, Mary Delgado, Lisa & Mike Dubinski, Diane Eberhart, Deacon Tom & Joy Franklin, Andie Glanzman, Maria Jaimez, Marybeth Kaak, Gary & Laura Langdon, Marie Luckner, Victoria Moore, Gene Myers, Fr. Tim Nelson, Bridget Peretick, Carol Perez, Anne Raczkowski, Gerry Rice, Mary Alice Rock, Sarah Scholl, Deb Spicer, Dan Wawiernia, Sally Wawiernia

Grouping began at 6:45 PM followed by opening prayer and spiritual direction given by Deacon Tom Franklin at 7:10 PM. Deacon Tom's reflection was based on the gospel reading for Sunday, February 18th where Jesus is driven into the desert to be tempted.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the January 5, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Correction made to the spelling of Fr. Michael Schmitz's name. The minutes were approved as corrected. (The corrected/approved minutes were emailed to St Francis Retreat Center for posting on www@lansingcursillo.org under Secretariat.)

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Scholl submitted an account audit for the Lansing Cursillo funds held in the St. Mary Star of the Sea bank account. Cinnamon Soule, St. Mary's bookkeeper, provided the audit. Our current assets stand at \$4,442.28 after expense checks were written to Andrea Glanzman/printer ink, Lisa Dubinski/vendor table at the Men's Conference and Lily Pad Graphics/brochures and prayer cards. The check process is in place for reimbursement of funds spent.

Sarah confirmed with Fr. Rosenberg that the DeWitt Retreat Center can only print marketing materials, such as posters and tri-folds, in quantities of 25 or less per quarter at no charge. Larger orders need to be done elsewhere. Lily Pad Graphics printed 1,500 brochures, 1,000 3x5 prayer cards and reset type, art and text for \$230.00. Sarah thought this was extremely reasonable and would like to continue to use their services.

Sarah has obtained an EIN number; however, the Secretariat needs to pass our bylaws before we can apply for Corporate Licensing in Michigan. She is doing research to see if we can use the 501(c)3 short form or if we need to use the longer application to complete the next step in applying for our own 501(c)3.

Sarah verified with Fr. Rosenberg that there will not be a cancellation fee if a Cursillo weekend needs to be cancelled. He would like us to let the Retreat Center know as early as possible if there needs to be a cancellation. Fr. also verified that there will be no change in the price for a weekend in the near future. The weekend charge is presently \$175.00.

Palanca Report: Andie completed updating the Lansing Diocese palanca letter that is used to send palanca to other dioceses that request it. She passed the letter around to the Secretariat members to review. The message in the letter is done in both Spanish and English. Center Leaders can ask their Centers to do palanca to be added to the totals in the letter then forward that information to Andie.

The letter is updated every month. Andie's phone number is 517-902-1641; her email is latinandie@yahoo.com.

CENTER REPORTS

Saline and "the Lakes" submitted written Center reports.

Adrian-Maria Jaimez: February's Ultreya was cancelled because of the snow storm. Our Monday Leaders School finished up the books for the Fall session.

The women's group reunion meets on Tuesdays. The Spanish group meets on Wednesdays. Men's group on Saturday mornings

Maria handed out the schedule for the next Leaders School which starts the week of February 26th. This will be a 13-week session, so it can end before Memorial Day and summer vacation time. We will continue with study of the Leaders Manual and the book, *My Other Self*, by Clarence J. Enzler (ISBN-13: 978-0-87061-248-0)

Charlotte: Not represented; no report

Flint-Gene Myers: Tuesday and Thursday group reunions are meeting. Gene and Marie attended the Lansing Ultreya on Ash Wednesday. We finished the Leaders School schedule and are attending a Church History session led by Mike Wilson at Holy Redeemer.

Jackson-Lisa Dubinski: The Jackson area Ultreya was held at St. Rita's on January 20th. The February Ultreya for the area will be held tomorrow at St. Mary Star of the Sea.

The Lakes-Diane Eberhart: St. Rita hosted the January, Jackson-area Ultreya with 14 in attendance. We continue to meet to group and have Leaders School on Monday evenings, starting at 6:30 PM. We meet in 'the Bistro' room where Dan and Sally live. We are having wonderful discussions regarding the charisms; we like how both books complement one another. Two of our Leaders School members have attended the 'Called & Gifted' workshop and are able to share more insight into the discerning of the charisms. Two more of us are now signed up to attend the workshop in Dexter at St. Joe.

Lansing-Laura Langdon: The Lansing area Ultreya was held on February 14th. There were nine/ten in attendance, including two women from Westphalia who wanted advice on how to keep people focused while grouping. We are working on the format for our Ultreya.

Livingston: Not represented; no report.

Saline-Alice Rock: The January Ultreya was held on Thursday, January 18th. Thirteen attendees heard Bert Schomberger, Called & Gifted Interview Coordinator, talk about the March 16-17th event to be held at St. Joseph Parish in Dexter. Bert shared her history with Called & Gifted and how it has helped to lead her to where she is in her faith and working in the church today. She enjoys leading others through the program and in the follow-up sessions. Karen Sanford, St. Andrew parishioner and recent graduate with Bert from the Institute for Spiritual Direction Program at St. Francis Retreat Center, provided the echo. There were three St. Andrew parishioners at the Ultreya who have not lived their Cursillo weekend. We welcomed them and provided them with Cursillo pamphlets.

The next Ultreya will be moved to February 22, the 4th Thursday, because of Ash Wednesday being on the third Wednesday, February 14th. The witness talk will be about spiritual direction. We hear about spiritual direction on the Cursillo Weekend but are not sure where to reach out for it when we return home.

Leaders School continues on-schedule with four or so attending. The School was cancelled last Saturday, February 10th. First Saturdays are sparse due to members' commitments. Discussions have been lively. Reunion groups also continue meeting on Tuesday afternoon, two groups on Wednesday afternoons and one Saturday morning group.

Pre-Cursillo-Diane Eberhart: St. Francis Retreat Center has a guest retreat survey that guests are asked to fill out before leaving after a day or weekend retreat. The survey includes two questions pertaining to Cursillo: 1) Have you ever attended a Cursillo Weekend? 2) Are you interested in more information about Cursillo? We were given five of these surveys with a "yes" to question two. Deb Devoir contacted these five women and received a call back from Leslie Anne Brittain, who is interested in the spring weekend. Deb also contacted Marie Luckner to see if she would be interested in being a sponsor for Leslie. (Marie said she did contact Leslie who told her that she wanted to see if she could find someone in her home parish to sponsor her. Attempts were being made to find her a sponsor in St. John's parish in Fenton, MI.) The committee did contact the other four women, but have not heard back from them as of meeting time.

The committee would like Secretariat's decision as to whether receiving information from the SFRC survey is acceptable for contacting the men and women. After discussion, the Secretariat agreed it was acceptable if time was given for a sponsor to meet with and inform the candidate about the weekend.

We have received confirmation of attending (or not) the spring weekend from all but one woman from the Fall 2017 candidate listing. At this time, we have seven women confirmed for the weekend, including Leslie (although we do not have her official application). She has been mailed the information letter and "Cursillo, What Is It?" pamphlet.

We have three candidates for the men's weekend. We have had limited communication with one of them who is from Oscoda, MI (Gaylord Diocese). We will continue to try to contact him about a potential sponsor.

Cursillo-Carol Perez: Carol again asked for a volunteer to take over the chairperson position for Cursillo as she is serving on the Region Service Team and cannot serve in both positions. She is willing to help anyone who can take this on.

Women's Rectora, Andie Glanzman, had three women drop off the team. There is a possibility that team members will need to double up on talks. She would like this weekend to go with only the seven candidates if necessary. Rolla critiques can be done at Leaders School in place of a Formation Weekend.

Men's Rector, Mike Dubinski, wants a decision made at the next Secretariat to cancel the men's weekend if the candidate count does not increase for the men. He will not be able to be the Rector on a men's weekend in the fall.

Post-Cursillo-Lisa Dubinski/Anne Raczkowsk: Lisa reported that she had a table reserved at the Men's Conference to be held on February 24th. Cursillo brochures were printed and available for handing out. She, Diane Eberhart and Deb Spicer are working the table.

Anne asked about the 4th Day Gathering. If we have one depends on holding the spring weekends. Will need to discuss later.

The Spanish are still working on their Leaders School. They are not planning a spring weekend.

DISCUSSION

Mike again stated the need for more Cursillistas to become involved in all the committees. He asked those present to take this need back to their Centers and invite others to be on one of the committees.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike led a discussion on the Grand Ultreya being held at Faith Fest. Should this Ultreya be considered the Grand Ultreya for the year? It was noted that attendance was down last year and that perhaps we should hold the Grand Ultreya at a different site in a different month. We would still have an Ultreya at Faith Fest, host our Cursillo table and help out during Faith Fest as we have been doing. We will consider this further next month. Fr. Tim was asked to approach the Bishop to see if he could be present for Mass at a Grand Ultreya held elsewhere.

The Secretariat reviewed the Lansing Diocese Secretariat's Bylaws. Fr. Tim suggested we work from the 2016 bylaws as they were the last ones to be created solely by the Secretariat. Each article was reviewed and discussed. With consensus of the group, each article was either approved or rewritten to reflect the thinking of those present. All Centers are asked to have a representative present at the next meeting for the vote to approve the bylaws. (The bylaws were updated by the secretary and emailed to voting members to preview before the next meeting.)

Meeting closed with prayer at 9:38 PM.

NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2018 - 6:30 PM – St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, MI - (PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED BECAUSE OF CLOSENESS TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING DATE. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL BECAUSE OF THE LENTEN FISH FRY IN STAR HALL.)

Submitted by: Marie Luckner