

APPROVED

LANSING CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEETING MINUTES

St. Stanislaus Social Center

March 9, 2018

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

The Secretariat members enjoyed a spaghetti dinner while sharing their close moments before the meeting began at 7:13 PM. Opening prayer and spiritual direction were given by Deacon Tom Franklin. Deacon Tom's reflection was based on John 13, the washing of the apostles' feet by Jesus. Deacon Tom recommended that between now and Holy Thursday we take time to meditate on John 13-17.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the February 16, 2018 meeting were approved as written. (The approved minutes were emailed to St Francis Retreat Center for posting on www@lansingcursillo.org under Secretariat.)

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Scholl reported that only one check payment was made this month for the purchase of "Cursillo, What Is It?" and "Sponsor's" booklets from National. The booklets were requested by the Saline Center with the request that they be available at the Secretariat meeting. Because of the immediacy of the request, extra postage had to be paid. Sarah stated that because of the way we are processing payments, we need two weeks lead time for an order. Centers need to be aware of what they need and let the Treasurer know in enough time that the order can be processed and received without incurring extra charges for the shipping. She suggested that the supplies at SFRC be brought to Secretariat and distributed to the Centers. After we have an accurate count of all items on hand, we can decide on the number of items we use and work to keep that inventory in place and within the budget. Copies of a book price list from the National Cursillo website were available for all. Copies of the latest Account Audit from Cinnamon Soule were also available. After a reimbursement check of \$101.00 for books was written to Lisa Dubinski, we have a balance of \$3,838.41 in our account.

Palanca Report: Andie Glanzman updated the Lansing Diocese palanca letter with palanca done in February. The letter is sent to dioceses who contact her for palanca and to those requesting palanca on the National website. Please send any palanca done by your Center for Cursillo to Andie. Her phone number is 517-902-1641; her email is latinandie@yahoo.com.

CENTER REPORTS

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

Adrian-Maria Jaimez: Adrian's Saturday morning Ultreya was cancelled in February because of the snow storm. They have started the winter session of Leaders School on Monday evenings, seven Cursillistas are attending. The Spanish Leaders School is held on Wednesday evenings; nine are attending.

The Toledo Diocese Spanish Cursillo Movement has asked Adrian if they would hold their Ultreya at a more convenient time that would accommodate the distance they have to travel to attend. The 8:30 AM time does not work for them. Adrian has decided to host two Ultreyas in March. The second Saturday, 8:30 AM Ultreya will be held as usual and a special, bilingual Ultreya will be held on Saturday, March 24th from 1-3 PM. All Cursillistas of the diocese are invited to attend this Ultreya.

Charlotte: Not represented; no report

Christo Rey-Mary Delgado: The February Ultreya was cancelled. The March Ultreya is this Sunday at 4 PM. Leaders School will be held at 6:30 PM.

Flint-Gene Myers: Tuesday and Thursday group reunions are meeting. We have begun the winter session of Leaders School, reading the "Leaders Manual" and "My Other Self".

Jackson-Lisa Dubinski: The Jackson area Ultreya was held at St. Rita's on February 10th at St. Mary Star of the Sea. Eleven people attended the Ultreya. Phil Berkemeier gave the witness and Mike Dubinski gave the echo. We have begun the winter session of Leaders School, reading "My Other Self".

The Lakes-Diane Eberhart: We have changed our grouping time to Tuesdays at 6:30 PM. Leaders School follows the grouping. We plan to start the winter-session books for Leaders School in April. We will finish the session even if we go to the end of May or into June. The next Jackson Area Ultreya will be held on March 17th at 9:30 AM at St. Rita parish in Clark Lake. We may have a witness speaker talking about Spiritual Direction. This is yet to be confirmed.

Lansing-Laura Langdon: The Lansing area Ultreya was held on February 14th. We have two group reunions in our area; one meets on Tuesdays and the other on Thursdays. We are thinking about the possibility of a daytime Ultreya which might be attended by senior citizens who don't like to travel at night. The next Ultreya is planned for March 14th at DeWitt, beginning with a 6 PM Mass.

Livingston: Not represented; no report.

Saline-Jackie Rowe: The February Ultreya was held on Thursday, February 22nd. Lynda Shea gave the witness on how her faith journey led her into formation for Spiritual Direction. Her journey included attending Cursillo, a Called and Gifted Workshop and noticing a shortage of Spiritual Directors in the Lansing Diocese. She shared information on different programs and said she is really enjoying the classes. Marie Immekus who has had a Spiritual Director for a few years gave the echo. We have found that asking Cursillistas for suggestions on witness speakers has been very helpful.

The March Ultreya will involve the St. Andrew Parish Forty-Hour Adoration. Representatives from Cursillo will be in attendance on March 16 for a two-hour time slot. Leaders School will finish on Saturday, March 10. We will begin the next session after Easter and follow a schedule that will finish up before Memorial Day. Four small reunion groups also continue meeting on Tuesday afternoon, two groups on Wednesday evenings and one Saturday morning group.

Pre-Cursillo-Diane Eberhart: Five men, who filled out the SFRC survey, were contacted. All of them responded and requested information for the fall weekend. Each man was sent an information packet. All the men will be contacted with the confirmed date for the fall. Three men are confirmed for the

spring weekend; one application has been turned in from SFRC. The fourth man from Oscoda has not responded to attempts to reach him. Nine women are confirmed for the spring weekend; all have sponsors. Two other women are deciding whether they will attend the spring weekend, both are set with sponsors.

Diane asked for directions on contacting the confirmed men for the spring weekend and discussion followed on whether to wait to see if more men sign up for the weekend or to cancel it now. It was decided to cancel the spring weekend for the men. The men signed up will be contacted with the date for the fall weekend, September 6-9 at Bethany House. It was also decided to go with the women's spring weekend with the nine candidates already confirmed. Applications for women will be taken until April 5th. Carol Perez will put a list of women's team members and candidates on the SFRC website, so we can begin doing palanca for them.

The Pre-Cursillo is also in need of "Cursillo, What Is It?" and "Sponsor's" booklets. It was decided that we can put stickers over the old dates and write in the new dates on the Cursillo pamphlets we already have. It was agreed that the other dates for weekends already scheduled at SFRC be kept.

Cursillo-Carol Perez: Carol announced that Joy Franklin has agreed to take over as chairperson for the Cursillo committee. She will contact Joy to bring her up to date and let her know that as the new committee chair, Joy will head the search for a men's Rector for the fall weekend. Carol has asked Kate Ross to be the General Chair for the women's weekend and is waiting to hear back from her.

Women's Rectora, Andie Glanzman, has eight women on her team. Some team will do more than one talk. Andie plans to do Rollo critiques at a one-day get together at a central location for the team members. Formation will not be held at DeWitt. She is very happy we are going ahead with the women's weekend!

Mike Dubinski announced that he would not be able to be the men's Rector in the fall because of his busy schedule. He urged Secretariat members to work on candidates for the men's fall weekend. Fr. Tim said that a presentation was made at the Vicariate meeting that presented information on how to reach out to the 18-35 age group. This group wants video-based information for parish activities. He suggested we find some tech people to put together a video on Cursillo for us

Post-Cursillo-Anne Raczkowski: Anne reported that things went very well hosting a Cursillo table at the Men's Conference on February 24th. Mike thanked Anne, Deb Spicer, Sally Wawiernia and Lisa Dubinski for taking care of the table so the men could attend the conference. Lisa challenged the men to step up and host the table at the November 3rd, Women's Conference.

Anne asked for volunteers to help plan the 4th Day Gathering after the women's spring weekend. Lisa and Carol said they would help. Anne invited others to consider working on a 4th Day committee also. A location, date and time need to be set.

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

Lisa has priced the purchase of a table cloth with a Cursillo banner on it. She noticed that many of the tables at the Men's conference had this type of covering. We could use it on any conference tables hosted by us in the future. We can purchase one for the price of \$80.00; it is cleanable. The purchase was approved.

The Bylaws that were reviewed at the February meeting were brought before the voting members for approval. Discussion was held on Article VI. It was proposed that a "quorum" of voting members needed to be defined and added to the article. After discussion the wording was agreed on and added to Article VI. The motion to approve the Bylaws was then approved by the quorum of voting members present. The voting was "yes" as follows: Adrian (2), Flint (1), Jackson (2), the Lakes (2) Lansing (2), Saline (2), Secretary (1), Treasurer (1), Fr. Tim (1). Fr. Tim will take these Bylaws to Bishop Boyea to request his approval.

Mike read Fr. Rosenberg's agenda items list for Faith Fest to the group as requested. Lisa suggested that as Post-Cursillo chairperson, Anne Raczkowski should be the coordinator for the various Cursillo events throughout the day. This should be confirmed with Sheila Rogers. The coordinator will also need to discuss a Sign-up Genius form for Cursillista volunteers to help with the 10 AM Ultreya and manning the Cursillo booth with Rachel Boak.

As with the last two years, the St. Francis Room is reserved at no charge, as well as a table in the vendor area for Cursillo use. Parking will be available at no charge for volunteers that arrive before 10 AM, as in previous years.

The Faith Fest planning team is inviting Cursillistas on stage at some point of the day, in affirmation of their co-sponsorship of the event. Fr. Tim and Deacon Tom have both responded to Fr. Rosenberg's invitation to be a principal concelebrant and one of the two principal deacons in the celebration of the Vigil Mass. The Mass with Bishop Boyea will begin around 4:30 PM.

The Secretariat agreed to hold the Grand Ultreya at Faith Fest and to accept Fr. Rosenberg's offer of a "Stuff the Bus" pass for Cursillistas for \$750.00. Fifty tickets will be issued which Cursillo can then sell at full price as in previous years as a fund raiser. Cursillo T-shirts will again be ordered and sold to Cursillistas attending Faith Fest. The color will be decided on after checking with St. Francis as to what color their T-shirts will be.

Deacon Franklin said he has been charged to look at other movements to see what is working for them. He would like a committee to work on this process. We can discuss this at the next meeting as new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Region V Cursillo Spring English Encounter will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Center at Notre Dame on April 20-21, 2018. Ask your Center Leader for a copy of the registration form which was available for them at the Secretariat meeting or call Bernie Rumschlag at 419-595-2793; email at meyerstif@bright.net.

The 28th National Encounter will be held at Seattle University, Seattle, Washington on August 16-19, 2018. You can register online at www.natl-cursillo.org or call the National Cursillo Center at 512-746-2020. Flyers for the Encounter were also available at the Secretariat meeting.

Meeting closed with the Leaders Prayer and blessing by Fr. Tim at 9:11 PM.

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 6, 2018 - 6:30 PM – St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, MI

Submitted by: Marie Luckner