

APPROVED

LANSING CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEETING MINUTES

St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, MI

May 4, 2018

Attendance: Phil Berkemeier, Manuel & Mary Delgado, Mike Dubinski, Jose Flores, Deacon Tom & Joy Franklin, Andie Glanzman, Maria Jaimez, Marybeth Kaak, Gary & Laura Langdon, Marie Luckner, Gene Myers, Carol Perez, Anne Raczkowski, Ann & Gerry Rice, Mary Alice Rock, Deacon Curtis & Sarah Scholl, Dan & Sally Wawiernia

The Secretariat meeting began at 6:45 PM with grouping. Deacon Tom offered an opening prayer at 7:06 PM followed by a meditation based on John 21.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the April 6, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Scholl submitted an Account Audit that shows a current balance of \$2,145.83 in the St. Mary's/Lansing Cursillo account. The balance includes donations made at the last Secretariat meeting but does not include the donations collected at the Women's Weekend.

As of the meeting time, two tickets had been sold for the SFRC Faith Fest. Several tickets have been spoken for, but not yet bought. Sarah has a sign-out sheet for the tickets and asks that everyone sign out the number they take tonight to sell in their Centers. When the money for the tickets is turned in, they will be checked off the list. SFRC will have rooms available for \$90.00 for Friday and Saturday nights with a continental breakfast available on Saturday and Sunday.

Sarah requested that the letter, asking cursillistas of the Diocese to consider donating to the Lansing Cursillo Movement, be shared and discussed at all the Leaders Schools. Mike thanked Phil Berkemeier and Marybeth Kaak for writing the letter.

Sarah reported that our inventory is improving. She has gotten another set of Bibles on sale, so we have a good supply of those. She will begin purchasing the items we need for the Spanish weekends. She can get Spanish Bibles for \$2.99 each.

Palanca Report: Andie Glanzman reported she updated the Lansing Diocese palanca letter with palanca done in April. It was sent out Wednesday for upcoming weekends. She asked that more Centers do monthly palanca to be added to our letter. Presently she is receiving palanca updates from Tom Thelen, Gene Myers and Mary Alice Rock.

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, Charlotte, Lansing and Saline submitted written Center reports.

Adrian-Maria Jaimez: The witness speaker for their April Ultreya was Francisco Jimenez. He spoke about the struggles of an immigrant and the obstacles he encountered moving his family all over the country until finally settling in Adrian. He encountered welcoming arms at St. Mary's! Since living his Cursillo last fall, he feels the Lord guiding him toward another direction.

Adrian's two Leaders Schools (Mondays in English and Wednesdays in Spanish) are on schedule and continue to meet. Grouping continues with a men's group on Saturday and a women's group on Tuesday.

Donation envelopes were passed out at the April 14th Ultreya; will also be passed out at both class nights. There were lots of questions at Ultreya regarding our finances. Many were under the assumption that the Lansing Diocese funded the movement. Tom Thelen, our past Secretariat treasurer was present and able to answer their questions. He did a good job!

Our Center lost long-time cursillista, Rosa Torres, who passed away during the month. Rosa was a past Rectora and a women's team member many times.

Charlotte-Bill Siarny email: Charlotte has a group at St. Ann's-St. Mary's and Leaders School at Bill's house. The Friday night meeting, at the church, has about 10 people floating in and out as does the Leaders School at Bill's house at 9 AM on Tuesdays. Theresa Zens who lived the recent weekend is grouping with the Leaders School.

Christo Rey-Mary Delgado: Mary introduced Jose Flores to the Secretariat. Mary and Jose will both be representing their Center on the Secretariat from now on so that if one of them cannot attend the meeting, the other hopefully will.

The April Ultreya was cancelled because of the ice storm. The scheduled witness speaker will be at the May Ultreya. Ultreya in May will be on the third Sunday. Leaders School will be held right after the Ultreya.

Mary stated that they have an issue with the Spanish weekend dates for September on the Labor Day weekend. In this area the Spanish have much seasonal work in September which would make it hard for them to miss work. Late fall or early winter would be better for them. Jose thought their ideal time for weekends would be February. Mary offered that if the weekends had to be on the pre-set dates, they would try to work with those dates. They are also concerned about the expense for people attending a weekend at SFRC. They continue to work on getting estimates for shower installations at Christo Rey. Mike said that when Fr. Tim returns from Rome he will get a meeting date for them to discuss this matter.

Flint-Gene Myers: Tuesday and Thursday group reunions are meeting. Gene and Marie continue with the winter session of Leaders School, reading the "Leaders Manual" and "My Other Self". The donation letter and envelopes are being handed out to Center cursillistas. Gene and Marie are attending the Lansing-Area Ultreya on the second Wednesdays of the month.

Jackson-Marybeth Kaak: At the April Jackson-Area Ultreya, Gerry Rice gave the witness and Ann Rice responded with the echo. Gerry shared on the benefits of being faithful to the Fourth Day.

Jackson's three Fourth-Day groups continue to meet. The Monday Leaders School is doing well with six attending.

The Lakes-Email Diane Eberhart: The Lakes now has two grouping sessions because of the three new cursillistas who attended the women's weekend last month. One of the sessions still meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM. The other meets during the day on Tuesdays at 2:00 PM at St. Rita. We also have our Leaders School on Tuesdays after our 6:30 PM grouping. We love the book, "My Other Self". It is such a different type of writing with Christ, in the first person, speaking to us as we read. We feel it is a book to read slowly and meditatively. We are focusing on reflections that each of us have encountered while reading the chapters!

Our Jackson-Area Ultreya will be held on May 19th at 9:30 AM at St. Rita in the Pumpkin Patch room. We have two potential witness speakers. We have not heard back yet from our first choice. As soon as we hear back we will announce the witness speaker.

Some of our cursillistas would like to purchase VIP Faith Fest tickets. I think it would be safe to take 10 tickets for our Center; right now, I know of five that want tickets for sure. I'm sure we could sell five more.

Announcement from Diane Eberhart: As of the end of this month, I will be stepping away from the role of Center Leader. I have been the Center Leader for four years and it has been very rewarding. I am happy to say that Dan Wawiernia has offered to take my place. I will still be attending grouping and Ultreyas when I am able to, along with Leaders School. Dan and Deb Spicer will be a dynamic duo!!

Lansing-Laura Langdon: We have two groups meeting at Resurrection parish. A co-ed group meets on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of each month; a women's group meets on Thursdays. They meet in the St. John Paul II room and the Mercy Hall respectively. At the April 11th Ultreya, Laura Langdon gave the witness and Gene Myers gave the echo. The next Ultreya will be held at the SFRC on May 9th following a 6 PM Mass.

Livingston: Not represented; no report.

Saline-Email Alice Rock/Jackie Rowe: Ultreya this month is on May 17th: Several pilgrims to the Holy Land will share their stories as we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Last month Deb DeVoir and Jackie Rowe witnessed how they accompanied friends or family through near death crises or the dying process. Leaders School is discussing *My Other Self*, and we are working to put into practice the lessons learned. We expect to complete the study by the end of May.

There is some interest in purchasing Faith Fest tickets. We are continuing to promote Faith Fest / Grand Ultreya as well as the ticket sales as a Cursillo fundraiser.

NOTE: Concerning Cursillo fundraisers, we think the donation request letter from Mike Dubinski would be best received if sent directly from its source to all cursillistas, rather than through the Center Leaders. (Whereas our Center Leaders do use email, we use it for Center concerns only.) Since this is a Lansing Cursillo promotion, we think the request for support should come from the Secretariat or at least through the Lansing Cursillo email service at St. Francis Retreat Center.

Seven cursillistas from the Saline/Ann Arbor Center will be attending the Matthew Kelly event, *Passion and Purpose*, in Grand Rapids on May 19th. Our 4 reunion groups (2 men's, 2 women's) meet on Tuesday afternoons, Saturday mornings, and 2 on Wednesday evenings.

Pre-Cursillo-Email Diane Eberhart: The women's spring weekend was completed with candidate and sponsor forms for all candidates. Sponsors were reminded of their responsibilities to the candidates.

Scott Brown provided an Excel listing for the spring candidates with contact information. The candidate, sponsor, special needs, candidate listing – palanca, candidate listing – packet, were all available.

Three men remain on the fall weekend candidate listing. With the announcement of the fall weekends being Spanish, these men need to be notified of the English weekend cancellation. The three men recently thought about attending the Detroit spring weekend and decided to wait for the Lansing fall time.

On 5-3-18 we received 7 survey forms from SFRC with "interested in Cursillo" marked. There were two women (from Howell and Ypsilanti) and five men (from Howell, Washington, Farmington Hills, Grand Blanc and **Tim Fedewa** from Westphalia). We will contact these people and the men in the preceding paragraph as soon as we know the correct dates to tell them. We wanted confirmation on the spring, 2019 weekend dates.

The Pre-Cursillo team looks forward to working on the fall Spanish weekends. We will be ready to take applications and sponsor forms. We will need direction on what forms will need translation, and help with talking with candidates. Perhaps a Spanish/English person being on the Pre-Cursillo team is a good idea. Is there a time frame for paperwork to begin coming in? We are excited for this to happen!

Maria Jaimez added that it has been suggested that she give a short presentation at a parish retreat at SFRC. Also, that the Cursillo application is being put into Spanish on the SFRC website.

Cursillo-Joy Franklin: There will be a Cursillo Committee meeting tomorrow before the 4th-Day Reunion at Our Lady of Fatima parish. The meeting will begin at noon.

Andie Glanzman gave a summary of the women's weekend held on April 6-9. She thought it was an excellent, faith-filled weekend. She has personally called all the new cursillistas from the weekend to invite them to the 4th-Day Reunion. Five of the women said they would be there. We are hoping for a good attendance at the Reunion, since there was a light turnout for the Closures on the weekend because of the bad weather.

Post-Cursillo-Anne Raczkowski: The 4th Day Reunion is set for May 5 at Our Lady of Fatima parish in Michigan Center. The reunion will begin at 1:30 PM. The witness speaker will be our new cursillista, Janet Hutsell; the echo will be Andie Glanzman. Deacon Curtis Scholl will give the spiritual message. The parish has a 4:30 PM Mass for those who want to attend.

DISCUSSION

Gerry Rice encouraged Secretariat members to consider attending the next Region V meeting. It will be held in the fall at the Sacred Heart Parish Center on the Notre Dame campus in South Bend, IN. He attended the April meeting and thought the speakers were good. Out of the 16 dioceses in Region V, only 6 dioceses were represented with a total of 15 people in attendance for the English. Carol Perez will be taking over as Region Coordinator.

The website has information on it that needs to be updated or changed. Ann Rice volunteered to make updates/changes. You can send any changes that need to be made to her at annelizabethrice@aol.com.

The Secretariat reviewed the 2018 Pastoral Plan draft and agreed on suggested changes and updates. The 2018 Bylaws and Pastoral Plan will be submitted to Bishop Boyea by Fr. Nelson.

Because of the need to review the Pastoral Plan the conversation on Deacon Tom's suggestion to consider looking at other Cursillo movements to see what makes them successful will be on next month's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A witness speaker and an echo are needed for our Grand Ultreya at Faith Fest on June 23rd. Please contact Mike Dubinski if you have suggestions for who might be willing to do this.

Andie emailed a Faith Fest t-shirt order form to all Center Leaders. Please have your orders and money to her before May 25th. She will have the t-shirts at the June 15th Secretariat meeting.

Rooms are available at the SFRC for \$90.00, Friday and Saturday nights. A continental breakfast is provided. We will have to be out of the rooms by 11 AM Sunday morning. There are camp sites for tents and RVs at \$50.00.

We will need volunteers for the Cursillo booth at Faith Fest. The booth will be closed at 3 PM so volunteers can attend the concert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carol Perez announced that the Diocese of Saginaw will be holding a National Cursillo Workshop on Saturday, May 19 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 5376 State St; Saginaw, MI 48603. Carol, Region V Service Team Member, Bernie Rumschlag, Region V Coordinator and Ceferino Aguillion, National English Coordinator will present the workshop. Please call Sandra Burch at 989-781-4333 between 9 AM and 8 PM if you have questions about the workshop.

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.

The meeting closed with the Leaders Prayer and a blessing by Deacon Tom at 8:40 PM.

**NEXT MEETING: JUNE 15, 2018 - 6:30 PM – St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, MI
(NOTE: THIS WILL BE THE THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.)**

Submitted by: Marie Luckner