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## **LANSING CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEETING MINUTES**

**St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, MI**

**June 15, 2018**

**Attendance:** Phil Berkemeier, Manuel & Maria Delgado, Lisa & Mike Dubinski, Andie Glanzman, Maria Jaimez, Marybeth Kaak, Gary & Laura Langdon, Marie Luckner, Gene Myers, Gerry Rice, Sarah Scholl, Tom Thelen, Dan & Sally Wawiernia

The Secretariat meeting began at 6:35 PM with grouping. As Fr. Tim was not able to attend the meeting, Mike Dubinski read the June 10 meditation from the Magnificat for spiritual direction. The meditation focused on Jesus' teaching that "Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is brother and sister and mother to me."

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from the May 4, 2018 meeting were approved as amended, "Mike thanked Phil Berkemeier and *Marybeth Kaak* for writing the letter."

**Treasurer's Report:** Sarah Scholl reported we have sold most, if not all, of our 50 tickets for Faith Fest. This will net an additional \$750.00 in our checking account. The balance in our account currently stands at \$4,176.91. We still need to cut a check for the purchase of the tee shirts and will be ordering materials and Spanish bibles for the fall Spanish weekends soon. Cursillo did receive a grant for \$2,500.00 that will be disbursed to us after July 3<sup>rd</sup>. While we are looking to be in better shape financially our funds will deplete quickly if we don't work to keep them built up. We are still asking that diocesan cusillistas consider a donation or monthly tithe to Cursillo.

SFRC is giving us the St. Francis room and complimentary coffee and water service for our Grand Ultreya and during Faith Fest on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have not ordered any cheese and meat trays for that day so if anyone wants those we will need to purchase the meat and cheese. Please remember to bring a dish to pass for the Grand Ultreya potluck.

**Palanca Report:** Andie Glanzman said she is receiving emails for palanca from different countries. She is also getting more palanca from our cursillistas for our diocesan palanca letter. She adds this palanca to our letter whenever she receives it.

Anyone may update her on their palanca for our letter by emailing her at [Latinandie@yahoo.com](mailto:Latinandie@yahoo.com) or calling/texting: (517) 902-1641

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### **CENTER REPORTS**

Adrian, Cristo Rey, Jackson, The Lakes, Lansing and Saline submitted written Center reports.

**Adrian-Maria Jaimez:** We have had two Ultreyas since the last Secretariat meeting. Carol Perez gave the witness at the May Ultreya. Carol witnessed on the importance of practicing patience when you are praying for something. Isabel Mandojado was the witness at the June Ultreya. She spoke about the changes experienced in coming from Mexico to live in the United States. Both were inspiring witnesses.

We have finished our Leaders school in both English and Spanish. We continue to hand out the donation envelopes. We have also reinstated our palanca sheets.

The women's team for the Spanish weekend has been selected. Maria Jaimez will be the Rectora for the women's weekend; Assistant Rectora is Maria Delgado. Felipe Vasquez will be the Rector for the men's weekend. We are still working to complete the men's team. We will be asking for men team members from the Kalamazoo and Toledo Dioceses. We met with Fr. Tim to make sure all areas are covered. Team meetings will begin on July 8<sup>th</sup> in Jackson and meet through August. The meeting time is 4-6 PM; we plan to cover two talks at each session. However, we need suggestions on where to hold these meetings. Both men and women will meet so the location should be large enough to accommodate separate meeting rooms.

**Charlotte:** No report.

**Cristo Rey-Maria Delgado:** Twenty-five people attended the May 20<sup>th</sup> Ultreya. The witness talk was given by Irma Morales; the scripture meditation was given by Fr. Fred. Two cursillistas couples who lived their Cursillo in the 1960s attended. One couple brought a picture of his Cursillo; some in the picture have passed away, but it was nice to relive those times.

The June 10<sup>th</sup> Ultreya was a small Ultreya with only eight people. We shared what we had learned from the '5<sup>th</sup> Reginal Incuentro' in Detroit which included Michigan and Ohio. It was all in Spanish. We had a non-cursillista attend because she wanted to know more about what the Cursillo was. We had a short explanation and shared our closest moment. She took part in the sharing and wants to sign up for the Cursillo. We held our Leaders School after the Ultreya.

**Flint-Gene Myers:** Tuesday and Thursday group reunions are meeting. Gene and Marie finished the Leaders' School books for the session. The donation letter and envelopes are being handed out to Center cursillistas. Gene and Marie attended the Lansing-Area Ultreya on June 13 at SFRC.

**Jackson-Marybeth Kaak:** Jackson hosted the site for the 4th Day Reunion on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Michigan Center. Approximately 55 people attended the diocesan event. We celebrated with food, music and awesome new cursillistas from the spring women's weekend. Janet Hutsell gave an insightful witness talk and Andi Glanzman followed as her inspiring echo.

We have three, active 4<sup>th</sup> day groups meeting. One long-standing group meets on Wednesday nights, another on Saturday mornings and the newest one (begun the end of April) meets on Monday mornings. That newest group has decided to use one of the Monday mornings each month to pray together as an Apostolic Endeavor in front of Planned Parenthood.

Monday Leaders School has ended the session and celebrated by discussing new ideas for the future over dinner at a very nice restaurant.

**The Lakes-Dan Wawiernia:** The Lakes has two grouping sessions. One of the sessions now meets every other Monday or so in Jackson at 6:30 PM. The other meets during the day every other Tuesday at 2:00 PM at St. Rita. Both groups are going very well. We also have our Leaders School on Mondays after our 6:30 PM grouping. We are enjoying the book, "My Other Self". It really feels like we are doing piety along with our study as we read the book. We continue to 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 was held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at St. Rita in the Pumpkin Patch room. Diane Eberhart was our witness speaker. She spoke about her recent trip to the Holy Land and shared pictures with us.

There will be no June Ultreya in the Jackson Area since most of us will be attending the Grand Ultreya and the Faith Fest on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Lansing-Laura Langdon:** Grouping is now at Gary and Laura's home on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM. (Every Tuesday except the week that Ultreya is held.) Ultreya is the second Wednesday of each month at SFRC. The June Ultreya was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> following a 6 PM Mass. The witness was given by Gene Myers. He shared on a miraculous happening that he experienced on retreat at Gethsemane in Kentucky. Gary Langdon gave the echo on being available to speak to a stranger about the Lord.

**Livingston:** No report.

**Saline-Email Alice Rock/Jackie Rowe:** We had an exercise in flexibility for our Ultreya on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Due to a water main break in Saline, the restaurant where we had planned to gather was closed! We switched plans to have the Ultreya at St. Andrew Church, and instead of a meal, we offered ice cream sundaes. We had our pilgrims to the Holy Land—Marie Immekus, Lynda and Bill Shea and Nancy Carter—share at small table groups.

We will not have Ultreya in June, July or August. Leaders School completed "My Other Self" and is on summer hiatus. Our four reunion groups continue to meet.

Tickets to Faith Fest have been sold. We have heard from some that they are interested in staying overnight at SFRC. **Note:** A couple of weeks ago, an email went out to the entire St. Andrew Parish offering \$15 general admission tickets for sale if the parish could sell 50 tickets. (The parish did not get enough interest—perhaps because we got our sales out there first?) If this discount is going to be offered every year and folks hear they can get reduced price tickets, that may cut into our sales for Cursillo fundraising.)

**Pre-Cursillo Committee-Email Diane Eberhart:** 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. We need confirmation of the spring, 2019 dates to contact these men.

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 would like 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 to decide 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!

**Note: Maria Jaimez announced that the Spanish Cursillo application is on the SFRC website.**

**Cursillo Committee-Joy Franklin:** Gerry Rice said that we are waiting for Fr. Tim's input on a couple things that must be decided. The committee needs to select a date for the spring men's weekend; we need to know which date fits into Fr. Tim's schedule. The committee should be able to make recommendations to the Secretariat for the English Rector/Rectora at the August meeting.

**Post-Cursillo Committee-Anne Raczkowski:** Mike Dubinski announced that Phil Berkemeier will facilitate the Grand Ultreya at Faith Fest as Mike will not be able to attend. Dan Wawiernia has agreed to be the witness speaker and Phil Berkemeier will give the echo. Deacon Curtis Scholl will give the spiritual response. Lisa Dubinski said an email will go out to remind cursillistas to bring a dish to pass and about the free parking in a grassy area for those who arrive before 10 AM for the Ultreya.

The logistics for the Cursillo table at Faith Fest were discussed. Lisa is assigning Ultreya Centers to cover the table for an hour during the day. That list of times will be sent out in an email.

## **DISCUSSION**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Day reunion was considered successful. Most thought it was well attended considering that only the women's weekend was held this spring. Thank you to Marybeth Kaak and Anne Raczkowski for their work on this event!

Discussion held on the need to continue the fund-raising effort with the donation letter and envelopes.

There will be a palanca chapel on site for the Spanish weekends. A list will be available to sign-up for adoration.

Andie distributed tee shirts purchased for the Faith Fest. She still has some for sale, so she can be contacted if someone wants to buy one. She will also have them at Faith Fest for purchase there also.

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.

Fr. Rosenberg sent an email to Secretariat members concerning the schedule for Faith Fest. He is working with a production team as the schedule for the day will be tight. He proposed ways that Cursillo leaders could be a presence during the day and asked for any other ideas that we might have. Our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Tim Nelson will con-celebrate Mass with Bishop Boyea. Deacon Curtis will be one of the deacons assisting on the altar.

There have been suggestions for workshops on Ultreya, Sponsorship and "What is Team?" The topic for a workshop and possible dates will be discussed at the August Secretariat. It will be held sometime after the Spanish weekends in the fall.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lisa announced that when Carol Perez becomes the new Region V Service Team Coordinator in October she will be looking for more volunteers to work as Service Team members.

The 28<sup>th</sup> National Encounter will be held at Seattle University, Seattle, Washington on August 16-19, 2018. You can register online at [www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org) or call the National Cursillo Center at 512-746-2020.

### **Weekend Dates:**

Spanish 2018 Fall at SFRC: Men (Sept. 6-9), Women: (Sept. 13-16)

English 2019 Spring – tentative dates: Men-Camp de Sales (March 7-10), Women-SFRC (April 4-7)

**Mike closed the meeting with the Leaders Prayer at 8:10 PM.**

**NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 3, 2018 - 6:30 PM – St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, MI  
(NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A SECRETARIAT MEETING IN JULY.)**

*Submitted by: Marie Luckner*