

APPROVED

LANSING CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEETING MINUTES

St. Mary Star of the Sea; Jackson, MI

August 2, 2019

Attendance: Lisa & Mike Dubinski, Marie Luckner, Andie Glanzman, Anne Raczkowski, Gerry Rice, Mary Delgado, Gary and Laura Langdon, Dan & Sally Wawiernia, Marybeth Kaak, Phil and Mary Berkemier, Gene Myers

Group Reunion began at 6:30 PM. Mike Dubinski read a passage from Mathew 23 4:8

Secretary Report: Minutes from the July 12, 2019 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report: - Treasury report-We currently have \$5989.65 in our account. We only had one donation in the month of July. We had no expenses that needed to be paid.

Palanca Report: Andie Glanzman reported she would like more people to give her their palanca for the Diocesan palanca letter. The letter is updated weekly and sent out on Wednesday. Andie appreciates the increase in participation

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-Maria Jaimez - Adrian met for Ultreya on July 22. Maria Aguiar was the witness. Maria spoke about the change in her life style since living her Cursillo weekend. She does not watch TV like she used to. Whenever she started to read scripture, she would get very sleepy by as soon as she closed her bible, she would be wide-awake again. Now when she reads scripture, she prays to the HS and stays awake!

We are still on summer break from Leaders School.

Grouping continues for men on Saturday mornings and Tuesday evening for women

Charlotte-Bill Siarny- NoReport

Cristo Rey-Mary Delgado- On July 14 th we had a small Ultreya with only 12 in attendance. Some of our cursillistas are on long vacations visiting family in Texas and Mexico. Visiting with us was a 90-year-old long time cursillista from Tepic, Mexico. She gave our witness talk about the work she does in her community with friends and neighbors. She organizes prayer groups, rosaries, and comforts people in sad situations. I was a witness to this on a visit to her home in Mexico a few years ago. A couple had a death in their family and they came to tell her what happened. She talked to them, prayed with them and when they left, they were comforted and consoled. Her words to us were to always be thankful for what we had and to be willing to take time in our busy day to share our time with others and not stay in our comfort shell.

On July 20th we had our Leader School. We worked on the questions and answers in the Rector's Paso a Paso. We did not get thru it all as there were a lot of questions and discussions.

Flint-Marie Luckner- The Flint Center continues with its two group reunions meeting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The Tuesday evening group reunion is listed in the weekly meetings schedule in the church bulletin. The Leaders School also continues with its summer study agenda.

Jackson-Marybeth Kaak- All is fairly quiet on the Jackson front. Three 4th Day Groups continue to meet: Mondays at 1pm., Wednesdays at 7pm., and Saturdays at 9:30am. A new guitarist has debuted at the last Ultreya in Clarklake, John Allen, and added a new dimension to our music ministry for Ultreyas! John is a new Cursillista from this past Spring.

Sacred Heart-Jackson-Maria Rodriguez – No report

The Lakes-Dan Wawiernia – The Lakes has 1 active grouping session. This grouping meets every other Sunday morning or so after mass.

We are currently holding Leaders School after grouping on Sunday mornings. We are still really enjoying Matthew Kelly's book, the Biggest Lie in the history of Christianity and plan to see it through to the end.

We hosted the July Ultreya for the Jackson Area on Saturday, July 20th. Karen Mink was our witness. She gave a very powerful and deeply personal talk about how her faith and prayer helped her through a very difficult time in her life.

Lansing-Gary Langdon-We're still grouping on Saturday at St Mary Cathedral, at 9:30 am. Resurrection group is also meeting.

Livingston: Not represented, no report.

Saline-Alice Rock- Saline Center does not have anything new to report. Our reunion groups continue to meet as usual.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pre-Cursillo- Maria Jaimez- The Spanish dates and English dates are now firm.

Cursillo/3-day Committee-Laura Langdon

- Laura has been elected as the new 3-day Committee chair
- A list of possible Rector/Rectora was compiled for the upcoming weekends
- August 24, 2019 at 10:00 in Jackson has been set for the next 3-day committee meeting
- The committee will continue to read the "Step-by-Step" revised weekend manual
- A General Chair is required for both Spanish and English weekends.

Post-Cursillo-Lisa Dubinski- April 25 or May 2, 2020 are the possible dates for the 4th day reunion. These dates will be after the English and Spanish weekends.

The English Cursillo weekend dates have been set-Men-March 12-15, 2020/Women-March 26-29

National Encounter Summary

This year's National Encounter was held at the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania, a beautiful Jesuit University. From July 18-21.

I was fortunate enough to attend the encounter and to arrive on July 17th with Carol Reyes the English-speaking coordinator for region 5, so that she could meet with the National Secretariat leaders for all languages. It was extremely interesting to be in the background as they were making plans for next years encounter and the business aspects of Cursillo. This was to be the last encounter Hoang Tran will be at the helm as our National Service administrator. Our new National Service administrator is Nadia Lopez. This Encounter was also the 75th anniversary of the 1st Cursillo in Mallorca.

We were extremely blessed to have 900 attendance, with 6 languages being represented. This year's event was extremely organized and ran smoothly, there was a real feeling of love and harmony in the room. No one language felt left out at any time. We had a beautiful adoration chapel that was open 24 hours a day.

With the opening mass we were welcomed by Most Reverend Joseph Bambera the Bishop of Scranton. In his opening remarks and Homily, he left us with two very important thoughts.

1: Our Holy Father is very fond of the Cursillo movement and I share with him this sentiment about how valuable your apostolic zeal and dedication.

2: There is nothing in life that we cannot survive if we have faith in God.

We were extremely blessed to have as two of the main key note speakers, who were personal intimate friendship of Eduardo Bonnin . Both men served as leaders with Eduardo on many Cursillo weekends. Miguel Tierno who is also FEBA President and Ramon Nadal. The message from them both was very clear, we need to have smaller teams was what was originally called for, no more than 6-7 person per team. That when we have multiple people giving only one Rollo, we are breaking the chain, which was not the original intent, we must cut out the fluff as they called it that we over the years have added to the Cursillo. Back to the basic of making a friend, being a friend and bringing the friend to Christ.

One of the last keynotes for the weekend spoke about the Step by Step Rector's guide. He left us with questions to ask our selves as we go through the guide and begin to use it.

Does this help or enhance, the candidates encounter themselves? Does it help them encounter Christ? Does it enhance their opportunity to encounter others? If you answered no, does it really need to be in their or is it our selfishness to put it in or keep it in... We need to return to the original intent.

I had originally hoped to have all the keynotes to hand out in both English and Spanish, but they have not yet been uploaded to the website.

DISCUSSION

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NEW BUSINESS

- The nomination and appointment of the 3-day chair will be appointed by the 3-day committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- **English Men's Weekend Dates:** March 12-15, 2020
- **English Woman's Weekend Dates:** March 26-29
- **Spanish Men's Weekend Dates:** February 6-9, 2020
- **Spanish Woman's Weekend Dates:** February 20-23, 2020

Mike closed the meeting with the Leaders Prayer at 7:30 PM.

Next Meeting: Friday September 6, 2019 – 6:30 PM – St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, MI

ONGOING BUSINESS

- The National Conference will be July 18-21 in Scranton Pennsylvania. Use this link to register
- Regional Encounter-Fall 2019, Oct 25-26, Spring 2020, April 24-25 (Need link for registration)
- **Fund Raising-**Donations should be mailed to -
St Mary's Church / Lansing Cursillo
Attn: Cinnamon
120 E. Wesley Street
Jackson, MI 49201
- **Online Calendar-**All are encouraged to utilize the online calendar at LansingCursillo.org. Alice Rock has agreed to coordinate adding any events the Centers would like posted. You can email your request to alicerock9@gmail.com
- **Website-** Email any edits/changes to alraczko@wowway.com

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