

CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MINUTES

Tuesday, February 3, 2015
St. Louis Church, 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT – Elizabeth Orians, Fr. Rick Mickey, Donna Essary, Tom O,Bryan, David Carney, Ashley Baker, Oscar Montoya, Dennis Plafcan, and Diana Lyons

LEADERS PRAYER – Read by Diana

GROUP REUNION - There was discussion regarding the book Elizabeth gave the Secretariat at the Retreat January 10, 2015. “Whom Shall I Send” meant different things to all of the readers – being servants to all and being good examples in all we do and say; realizing that we must empty ourselves and call attention always to God as we serve Him; we all should aim to do our best and be that best for God for He is always doing so much in our lives. Close moments were shared.

SECRETARY - Diana will be stepping down from the secretarial position, and Vicki Stirek will be taking her place. Diana will work with Elizabeth in archiving Cursillo “treasures” in their many forms.

BUSINESS -

HISPANIC CURSILLO COMMITTEE UPDATE (Oscar) - Oscar reported that Fr. Ben and Fr. Favazza will be helping during the Men’s Cursillo June 11-14 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center. Fr. Bruce Nieli will be at the Hispanic Women’s Cursillo July 9-12, also to be held at the Retreat Center. Fr. Yoelvis Gonzales will be making his Cursillo the weekend of February 5-8 at the English Men’s Cursillo, and after doing so, he will be helping at the Hispanic Men’s Cursillo in the future. Fr. Mario from Miami will be in Memphis next week, but he must be cleared by the Bishop before helping at any Hispanic Cursillo weekends, since he is from another diocese.

There will be three men from the Hispanic community at the English men’s Cursillo retreat weekend February 5-8, and there will be three Hispanic women at the English women’s Cursillo retreat weekend, March 5-8 , for

the Hispanic Cursillo weekends in June and in July will be the first time their Cursillo weekends will be held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center. The Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas would like to be at their Closures.

UPCOMING WEEKENDS (Donna) - Donna felt it would be better for all of the candidates to have their own rooms on their Cursillo weekend, and would like to limit the number of candidates to 22-23.

Dates were given for Men's weekends: #122 – Feb. 5-8, 2015; #123 - Sept. 10-13, 2015; #124 – Jan. 25-31, 2016; #125 – Sept. 8-11, 2016.

Dates were given for Women's weekends: #101 – March 5-8, 2015, #102 – Oct. 1-4, 2015; #103 – March 3-6, 2016; #104 – Sept. 29 – Oct. 2, 2016.

For the upcoming Men's weekend, there are 17 candidates; for the upcoming Women's weekend, there are 21 confirmed candidates with a waiting list of three. The next rector for men's #123 Cursillo will be Jasen Feyerherm, and Jenny McBride will be rectora for the women's #102 Cursillo.

Fr. Mickey stated Jasen and Jenny have discerned being placed in these positions, and no one is to know, until it is announced at a later date. There should always be 3 to 4 new Cursillistas on each Cursillo team, with the remainder of the team made up of more experienced Cursillistas. This method works out really well.

PALANCA UPDATE – (THERESE AND DENNIS) - Dennis reported they have received Palanca from all around the world, but only a few from the Diocese of Memphis, but he knows this will increase. All Cursillistas from the diocese need to send in their Palanca, for we all know how important this is for the Cursillo candidates.

SCHOOL OF LEADERS (SOL) – (DAVID CARNEY) - Tera Simmons will be a lay speaker on Palanca for the first SOL of 2015, and Fr. Rust will be the last clergy speaker this month. Fr. Mickey will present Lenten Sacrifices on February 24th and 26 at SOL. Fr. Martell and Fr. Clark will also represent the clergy during the year. There are many lay speakers to be presented during this year: Bill Drennan, Jonathan Lyons, Matt Kamler, D. Auer, Steve Fracchia, Tracy Price, and Kim Pesce.

POST CURSILLO – (ASHLEY AND DAVID BAKER) – John Durfee will be the witness speaker for the February Ultreya, after the men's Cursillo weekend. Tracy Price will follow up as witness speaker for the March

Ultreya on St. Patrick's Day, after the women's Cursillo weekend, and Vicki Stirek will be witness speaker for April's Ultreya.

Ashley reported that it would be better to start the Ultreya at 6:45 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. to give people time to socialize. It would be nice to have more time at the Tabernacle before so many have to leave earlier due to socializing taking up too much time from the visit. The witness speakers should speak no longer than 10 minutes, so all attending will have more time to respond to witness talks.

TREASURER'S REPORT – (TOM O'BRYAN) - Tom reported \$1500.00 in Hispanic account. There is a balance in English account of \$6900.00 with all bill having been paid. There is still money to be deposited from a generous monthly donor. He noted there is plenty of food for the upcoming Men's weekend.

WEBSITE UPDATE – (DENNIS) – Dennis is keeping up with all the updates and making our website easier for all to retrieve information.

RECAP PLANNING RETREAT DAY – (ELIZABETH) – All given information regarding the duties of the Secretariat members and to add if any other information needs to be entered. The constitution and by-laws of the Cursillo movement were ready for all to see, and Oscar asked for these copies in Spanish, when possible. Elizabeth asked us to consider other Cursillistas who would be good additions to the different Cursillo committees, and to pass these names on to her.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR – (FR. RICK MICKEY) – He suggested that sometime in the future, it would be good to have fellow Cursillistas, not team members, be present at QOP Retreat Center. They would be present at certain times as during Friday exposition, praying for the entire Cursillo weekend in the chapel and before the Blessed Sacraments. It would also be so useful if Cursillistas could set up for mass, serving as sacristans, which would really help Fr. Mickey and keep the team from having to do this.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Lyons, Secretary