

## **CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MINUTES**

March 3, 2015  
Church of the Holy Spirit  
Room 106 – 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT** – Fr. Rick Mickey, Elizabeth Orions. Tera Simmons, Donna Essary, David Carney, Oscar Montoya, David Baker, Tom O’Bryan, Vicki Stirek, Rosario Bustillos, Adrianna Salcedo, Norma, Diana Lyons: Not present – Dennis Plafcan

**LEADERS PRAYER** – Read by Tom O’Bryan

**GROUP REUNION** – After much discussion, regarding our book “Whom Shall I Send”, we summarized that we are all in leadership roles in the Cursillo community, and we need to ask God daily to always guide us, not just regarding Cursillo but in our everyday lives: with our families, in the work place, in church, in all we do. We all represent Jesus here on earth and always need to be good role models in all we say, do, and in all our actions. We do not have to please others – Love God and do what you want! God has called us – and that’s enough!!! - and what a blessing it is to be called to do His will.

**SECRETARY** - The February minutes were approved.

**BUSINESS** -

**HISPANIC CURSILLO COMMITTEE UPDATE (Oscar)** - - Oscar reported that the Hispanic Cursillo community will be selling food at St. Paul Church, Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 a.m. mass. There will be a delicious variety including tacos, tamales, etc,...held outside, hopefully weather permitting.

There are no priests for the men’s Cursillo weekend to be held June 11-14. Therefore, the weekend will be held the next weekend June 18-21 with Fr. Gonzales and Fr. Mickey present. Fr. Bruce Nieli will be present for the women’s Cursillo weekend.

Fr. Mickey may not be present at the clausura for the men’s weekend as he has a prior commitment at St. Bridgett’s church.

Oscar will call the retreat center to make sure the change of weekends is acceptable.

Norma, Adrianna, and Rosario were at this meeting representing the Hispanic community for they will be present at the English women's Cursillo weekend so they can be familiar with the retreat center for their upcoming weekends. Rosario would like to bring the tee-shirts and other items that she embroiders for the Cursillo weekend to sale in order to help raise money for the Hispanic Cursillo movement. She will be taking orders at that time. She also has volunteered to play the guitar for the weekend and would like to sing a special song for the clausura.

**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S UPCOMING WEEKENDS:** Donna reported that the food for the women's Cursillo weekend has been taken care of. There are 33 rooms available – which includes 11 rooms for team members and a room for Fr. Mickey. Rooms #17 and #19 are large enough to accomodate another bed if necessary. Everything is all ready for the upcoming women's weekend.

Donna stated teams will be chosen for upcoming men's and women's weekends for the fall. Jason Feyerherm will be the rector and Jenny McBride will be the rectora for those weekends.

Elizabeth suggested that the cutoff date for each weekend should be the Monday before the weekend begins that Thursday.

Tera (pre-cursillo) – Reported she has received all of the applications but in just two days the list has changed due to cancellations, but the available spots have been filled already. There are also six to seven applications from women for the fall weekend.

Vickie, rectora for this next women's weekend, reported the process for candidates for weekends is so much smoother. She has contacted all of these candidates to introduce herself and make them feel more comfortable and to answer any questions they may have.

As soon as Tera receives applications, she contacts the new candidates and sends a copy of their application to their sponsor. David and Ashley also receive a copy of the candidates and applications so they can help them get into a group reunion after their weekend.

Tera wants to make sure that the sponsors are aware of their responsibility to their candidate. The sponsors need to know their candidates well. They need to help the new cursillistas in any way they can, always being available

to talk and answer any questions regarding the Cursillo movement. There will be a basket in the Adoration Chapel at St. Louis Church in which cursillistas can place their palanca for the candidates. This basket will be picked up by noon the Sunday of clausura and brought to the retreat center.

**SCHOOL OF LEADERS** – David Carney – All spots for speakers have been filled up until September 8, 2015. He still needs Fr. Adam Rust's topic for his talk for 24<sup>th</sup> of March. Bill Drennan will be the lay speaker the first SOL in March. Jonathan Lyons will be speaking in April. There is still needed one clergyman for October 27<sup>th</sup>. There was consideration of needing more area for SOL, but David thought a smaller area was nice so all the attendees could be seated together in closer proximity and not so spread out and so far apart. All agreed that a smaller area was nicer.

**POST CURSILLO** – David and Ashley Baker – There was a question regarding sending e-mails to sponsors of candidates reminding them of the roles they are to play for their candidates in explaining cursillo or answering any questions – would be a good idea.

David mentioned that Mike Gross and Anita and Doc Vera are not going to be able to serve as the Ultreya musicians any longer. Having so many songs to sing makes for a much longer Ultreya, since there are so many young parents who need to get home to their children. Therefore, there is a need to end the Ultreya earlier. Change is difficult in any organization, but change is sometimes necessary. John Durfee sings as does Connie Clingnan, and Flo Piano will be contacted to play the guitar.

John Durfee will be the witness speaker at Ultreya, 17<sup>th</sup> of March.

David reported the plan for a Grand Ultreya to be held at St. Louis Church in the third week of November. We will all be together, Hispanic and English cursillistas, which will be wonderful. The planning for this event is just in the beginning stages. Tera mentioned need to know numbers attending from both communities when the time comes so will know how many people need to be fed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Tom O'Bryan reported all bills have been paid. There is a balance of \$5, 206.00 with \$2900.00 funds for Hispanic weekends. There is a need to send out a note regarding scholarship resources. Consistently there are a few people who give on a regular basis. A letter should be sent to these people, who are very able to help, perhaps asking for monthly donations instead of one larger, generous donation given before the end of the year. In this way, the donations can be ongoing each

month and really helping to keep the movement going throughout the year and not be worried from one Cursillo weekend to the next.

It would be nice to let these generous donors, regardless of the amount, know that their donations have given prospective candidates for cursillo weekends a way to be at the weekend. Without these scholarships, many men and women could not afford to make the weekends.

Oscar asked if the cost of each cursillista was \$200.00, which is correct.

**UPDATE ON WEBSITE, CURSILLO DATABASE, ETC.** – Dennis was unable to attend the meeting.

**DATES OF SPRING, NATIONAL AND FALL ENCOUNTERS –**

Elizabeth reported the Spring Regional Encounter (Region IV) will be geared to Secretariat. Cursillistas from states close to us in region iv such as Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee are invited to attend. It will be held on April 24-26 at St. Louis University at their retreat center at a cost of \$170.00. Elizabeth will be going, and there is a possibility Fr. Mickey will be attending.

In the Summer, the National Encounter, will be held at Villanova, in Philadelphia.

In the Fall, any cursillistas from Region IV can attend. This will be held in Louisville, Ky., October 9-11.

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR REMARKS** - Fr. Mickey reported he had attended the encounter for Secretariat before, and this is a great opportunity to see what is happening in different cursillista communities. He was happy to report the Diocese of Memphis Secretariat is doing very well in all areas. This is a great time of sharing with other Secretariat members not only in solving problems but just in helping each other out.

Fr. Mickey stated the “Called and Gifted” workshop usually led by members of Incarnation Church is having difficulties having the workshop this May. This is because several members of the workshop team are no longer doing this for one reason or another. Right now there is a lot of confusion regarding putting the workshop on again, as there is a lack in leadership. In the past, 30 people from Fishers of Men and Cursillo were able to attend.

Names of men and women cursillistas were given out of those who may be accessible in formation of different committees for the Secretariat.

Fr. Mickey and Elizabeth met to discuss whether or not it is necessary for

other priests to spend the nights over a weekend. Some priests may not be able to do so and may want to leave when their role for that day has ended. Fr. Mickey said there is no way priests are able to go back and forth from the retreat center. There will not be a precedent set by staying all of the time over the weekend, but would be good for priests to be there for confessions and to get to know the team and the candidates for the weekend, if that is possible.

Father Mickey would like to see a committee formed consisting of three women and three men for the men and women's weekends. These Cursillistas would be there only to be sacristans and to sit up for mass and during Benediction and Friday a.m. teaching mass. The priests would not have to be anxious if the sacristans have already set up for mass. It would be good also for the team over the weekend not to have to worry about doing things the proper way in preparing for mass and helping Fr. Mickey, as they already have so much to be concerned about over the weekend.

Fr. Mickey also wanted to be sure that the Cursillo weekends for the men and women are not placed too close together.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Lyons, Secretary d

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PALANCA UPDATE (Therese)

ULTREYA UPDATE (Elizabeth)

TREASURERS REPORT (Tom)

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Respectfully Submitted,

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