

CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MINUTES

April 7, 2015

St. Louis Catholic Church

The Donut Room-6:30pm

PRESENT – Elizabeth Orians, Tom O’Bryan, David Carney, Donna Essary, Dennis Plafcan and Vickie Stirek

ABSENT – Fr. Rick Mickey, Tera Simmons, David and Ashley Baker, Oscar Montoya

LEADERS PRAYER – Read by David Carney

GROUP REUNION – We all shared our close moments with God and reflections on Holy Week and Elizabeth gave brief summary on Chapters 6-8 in the book.

SECRETARY – The March minutes were approved

BUSINESS-

HISPANIC CURSILLO COMMUNITY: (Elizabeth reported for Oscar)

- The food sale went very well at St. Paul’s and after giving 10% of the profits to St. Pauls, they profited \$3250.00. Very appreciative for those that supported the Hispanic Community.
- Action Step Completed-Oscar spoke with Sister and confirmed moving the Men’s Weekend to June 18-21. Fr. Gonzales will be the Spiritual Advisor for the weekend.
- The last day for Tamale sales will be this Friday, April 10, 2015. They can be picked up at Ultreya on April 21st. Checks should be made out to Memphis Cursillo.
- Rosario may also be at Ultreya taking orders for shirts.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S UPCOMING WEEKENDS :(Donna & Elizabeth reported for Tera)

- Spring weekend was canceled due to winter weather. Team 101 will roll over to the fall weekend.
- Tera has contacted all the women from the spring weekend. All but six candidates have confirmed to roll over to the fall weekend. Action step to be taken: Wait for remaining six to respond and then begin working off of new list.
- Elizabeth, Tera and Donna agreed that they would stick to a cutoff date for applications and stick to a set number of candidates for the weekend. The cutoff date will be the Monday before the weekend at Noon, with 23 being the maximum number of candidates allowed on a weekend. This would leave one team member possibly using a blow up mattress.
- Action step completed-Tera has compiled a list with approximately 15 men and women that have agreed to be sponsors if an application comes in without a sponsor.
- Nellie Diaz gave Tera a spreadsheet with the names of 119 women from WMOS that are interested in Cursillo. Further discussion about possible Cursillo tables at WMOS/MMOS and ordering books to hand out at these events, as they tend to generate a lot of interest for Cursillo. Action Step to be taken: We will look at a possible date in June to hold an informative meeting for those women on Nellie's list and any other men or women that are interested in making a Cursillo.
- Donna talked about using Food Genie for people to sign-up for food for the weekends. Action step to be taken: Elizabeth will speak with Oscar about the Hispanic Community using it.
- The food from the canceled Women's Weekend will be given to the Hispanic Community for their weekends because some items will expire before the fall. Action step to be taken: Donna will deliver food at appropriate time.
- Action step to be taken: Donna is planning to speak with Jason, the Men's Rector, this week.

- Vickie reported that Paula Witek will not be able to be on the weekend in the fall and Kathy O'Bryan will be taking her place as the assistant. Paula will remain on team for formation as a prayer warrior.

PALANCA UPDATE: (Dennis)

- Dennis did not have much to report. He continues to send out palanca on a weekly basis in English and Spanish and now in Portuguese

SCHOOL OF LEADERS: (David)

- Action step completed: David reported that all the dates are now filled for the year with Art Orgeron and Vickie Stirek doing September 8th and November 10th respectively. They will give topics at a later date. to be taken: He will firm up October 27th with Fr. Martell.
- Elizabeth wishes the numbers were stronger at the lunch time SOL with the average being about 12 people in attendance. The evening, since moving to St. Louis has averaged between 20-25 people. Elizabeth would like to see these numbers increase and encourages people to invite their group members and to extend other personal invites.
- Action Step taken: David has reached out in email to Scotty Sneed and Kristie Lyons to be a part of the SOL Committee. Waiting to hear back from them.

POST CURSILLO: (Elizabeth for David and Ashley)

- Next Ultreya Paula Witek will be the witness speaker. They will continue to alternate female and male speakers.
- Music for Ultreya- Action step taken: They are talking to John Durfee and Connie Clingan about possible doing the music for the Ultreyas
- The Grand Ultreya will be Nov. 16th – Action step taken:-Called Jan at St. Louis waiting to hear back if we can hold it at St. Louis.
- Food and liturgy for Grand Ultreya- Action step taken: They have asked Tera if she would help with the food and looking for someone to help

with the liturgy. Bertha Gilmore's name was a possible person that could help with the liturgy.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Tom)

- Tom reported that there was \$7941.00 in the bank and of that total about \$3000.00 is for the Hispanics. This does not include the money from the Tamales sale.
- Tom will look into getting more people to provide a monthly donation.
- Thank you notes-Elizabeth suggested we send out thank you notes to those that contribute on a regular basis so they know that we appreciate it. Action step to be taken:- Tom will provide the names and Vickie will do the notes.

UPDATE ON WEBSITE, CURSILLO DATABASE, ETC...(Dennis)

- Action step to be taken: needs to update the registry from the Men's Weekend.
- Dennis also asked about putting the minutes on the website. There is an area for minutes and they have not been added to the site in the last few years. Action step to be taken: Dennis will add minutes to website.
- Action Step: Dennis will update the 2015 Cursillo Secretariat and School of leaders calendar to the website (see attached sheets for this information)
- Dennis continues to work on finding the facebook password. He has sent an email to FB support with no correspondence given in return. We may have to start another page and try to get the old page taken down. Dennis, Elizabeth and Vickie will be administrators on this page. Action Step: Dennis will continue to work on this and Vickie will see if she can help.

LAY DIRECTOR: (Elizabeth)

- Elizabeth will be going to the Spring Regional Encounter alone. Fr. Mickey has prior commitments

- Elizabeth would like the sub-committees to set a date and time to meet with in the next 2-3 months. If she can she would like to attend the meeting, but does not want them scheduled around her. The purpose of these committees beyond lending help to the chair is to have people in place when the chair ends their term. Action Step to be taken: Committee Chairs will schedule meetings with their members
- Called and Gifted Workshop scheduled for May 1st and 2nd is postponed. Bryan Crowe is working to get it rescheduled
- Action step to be taken: Elizabeth is working on a Sacristan Committee for the weekends. If you have names of people that would be good for this list please share with Elizabeth so she can provide it to Fr. Mickey for approval. Looking for about 8 people.
- Diana Lyons would like to form a committee of people that would send cards to people who may be sick, had a baby or lost a loved one from the Cursillo Community.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR REMARKS: Fr. Mickey was not in attendance

Respectfully Submitted,
Vickie Stirek, Secretary