

Secretariat Minutes – December 3, 2016, St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Gathering

Those in attendance: Judy Holt, Father Joe Brando, Lance Lyons, Debra Ferreri, Amelia Saucedo, Maneul Quintino, Ovidio Cano, Lois Schering, Nancy Sewell, Dick Shriver, and David Campbell.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Judy Holt. We opened with the Lord's Prayer. Palanca was offered by Lois Schering and Judy Holt.

Reports

Secretary's Report – Nancy Sewell read the report. Father Brando moved to approve the minutes. Lance Lyons seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Lance gave his reports after thanking Debbie Ferreri for her help. Dick Shriver commented that we are in better financial condition than we've been in in a long time. Lance Lyons believes it's due to the Annual Fund. Judy Holt asked how much was collected. Lance Lyons said it is hard to know exactly since checks are still coming in. The comment was made wondering if they should be "annual." Lois Schering believes it should be. Debbie Ferreri said she thinks the timing was good. It came out before the Bishop's Appeal and the holidays. Dick Shriver pointed out that we have new Cursillistas so an "annual" fund should be good.

Then we had a report on the Weekends. The Spanish Women's Weekend was held in June. Lupe, the Rectora, did an outstanding job! Lance pointed out there was no collection taken at the Clausura. The Spanish Men's Weekend was held in August. There was a gain of \$170.42. Great job! In the past this has been negative. The English women's Weekend in October had 16 candidates. The English Men's Weekend in November had 14 candidates. Lance pointed out that no one went negative. All weekends had a gain!

There was discussion on how much per/person it really cost. Candidates were told \$125, the team was told \$150. Why the difference? No one is quite sure. We need to clarify this amount soon so we can get the correct information out to everyone.

Lois Schering said we usually write a thank you letter to Fr. Owens after the Diocesan Encounter and include a check as a donation to the parish. There was discussion about giving St. Thomas a check to help with supplies, electricity, etc. We would like to show our appreciation. We discussed the amount to give. Judy Holt moved we give \$200. Dave Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pre Cursillo English – not present

Pre Cursillo – vacant. We really need for someone to step in and do this.

Both Pre Cursillo positions (English and Spanish) need computer skills!!

Three Day English – Maria and Yurisan cleaned up and set up the Men’s and Women’s weekends. Their family all came to help. They even cleaned the kitchen for the Men’s due to a communication mix up.

Three Day Spanish – Plenty of people have come to help. If that continues, they will be good.

Dave Campbell mentioned the men clean for the women and the women clean for the men. This really helped and it would be good if this continued.

4th Day Workshop English– Dave Campbell will write up a report.

4th Day Workshop Spanish – not present

Post Cursillo Spanish – Authorization was received from Father to do an Ultreya in Madisonville and Morristown. They are working on finding a room in Morristown. Father Alex said Manuel could represent the Spanish Cursillo for the Diocese. Ovidio would like to take the Spanish Post Cursillo. Judy Holt clarified that a letter needs to be mailed or emailed to the Lay Director 7 days before the Secretariat meeting stating his intention to run for the Spanish Post Cursillo position in order to be voted on at the meeting. Lois Schering suggested Manuel should mentor Ovidio so they can really continue the strength of the Spanish Cursillo.

Music – vacant Judy Holt will write up a sheet explaining Music responsibilities. She gave Dick a CD that has information on it that he can go through.

Spiritual Director – Father Brando reported both English weekends with 2 spiritual directors, Father Brando and Deacon Bill Jacobs, has been really great. We need to branch out and ask more priests. It was suggested that the new Cursillistas might ask their priests to come. Father Brando also mentioned Deacon Bill is great as he really helps the team members to be prepared – especially with their Rollos.

Lay Director – Judy Holt thanked the Secretariat for letting her serve the last 3 years. Lois Schering presented her with a “Thank you” gift.

New Business

Weekend Reports – Dick Shriver said the Men had a great weekend! What happened with Lance’s wife, Ruth, passing, was unpredictable, but the team really came together and took on more responsibilities. John Martin, who was a candidate, passed away before the weekend. His picture was placed at a table. Lance and

Ruth's pictures were placed at the Rector's table. Beautiful touch! The first evening they came as strangers, the 1st day they became friends, the 2nd day they became spirit filled friends, by the 3rd day they became Cursillistas! They learned, they absorbed, they were on fire! It is now our responsibility to keep them involved.

Lois asked about potential team/leaders and rectors. Dick's opinion was that for the Men, Lance should be given the opportunity to be Rector again and/or Larry should also be considered. New recommendations will be made for the next year.

Lois said that at the March 2017 meeting, we need to discuss who the Rectors will be for the next Cursillos. It was also brought up that we need to get going on the Spanish right away as the Spanish weekends occur earlier than the English. It was also mentioned that the Assistant Rector from the previous year typically becomes the Rector the following year. Then they pick their assistant. Ovidio is the Rector for the Men's 2017.

Father Joe Brando mentioned that having the English Women's *before* the Men's really works. They encourage their husbands to go to the Men's Cursillo. The women really build up the excitement.

Elections – Only 2 people have put in their names for positions. Dick Shriver for Lay Director and Lois Schering for 4th Day Workshop English.

Dick told us that he has been in Cursillo for 33 years. He's been on the Secretariat for many years. He feels God is calling him to be Lay Director. He knows it will be lots of hard work, but it would be a privilege and if we think he's worthy, he'd love to be considered. He was a Lay Director for a few terms in Indiana.

Lois was Knoxville's Lay Director, serving one 3-year term and has served as the 4th Day Workshop director in the past.

Dick and Lois were both elected, their terms effective January 1, 2017.

Website Secretariat Updates - Judy Holt said the updates will be made on the Rooster Crows and on the website. The position of Spanish Lay Director needs to come off of the Rooster Crows and the website.

Calendar – Judy Holt didn't set a calendar. Dick Shriver would like the Secretariat to meet next Saturday for a planning session. Judy asked Debbie to please look at potential dates for the Cursillo for next year (2017).

Next Secretariat meeting will be Saturday, December 10 at St. John Neumann in Farragut at 8:30. Newly elected members should attend this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35.

Father Joe closed in prayer.