

SECRETARIAT MEETING
March 18, 2017

10:00 Open with prayer

Those present: Beth Turner, Cannon Turner, Lois Schering, Dave Campbell, Israel Figueroa, Ovidio Cano, Lance Lyons, Fr. Joe Brando, Nancy Sewell, Dick Shriver, Angie Feltz

Welcome and Palanca offered

Small Group Reunion

Reports

Secretary – Nancy *I will be gone May 20 for my daughter's graduation and June 17 for vacation. Is anyone willing to take notes? It works well to take them on the laptop!* Since the minutes from the February meeting were emailed, review and revised, Lois motioned to accept Amended Minutes, Father Joe seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer – Lance See attached. Some money has come in and gone out since March. That will show up in next month's report. The expense you will see was for books. Angie's reimbursement will show up in April as well as Regional expenses. Dick motioned that report be accepted, Dave seconded the motion. The report was approved.

Pre Cursillio (English) – Beth – Received 2 new applications that came in in December for Women's English. Beth has contacted both women but there has been no response back to Beth. Their Sponsor has spoken with them. Beth has made phone calls to people who didn't come from last fall but only spoken to one person. Beth said her next step to call their sponsors. Dick suggested contacting Rectors/Rectoras so they know that she is following up.

Pre Cursillio (Spanish) – Edras – not present

3-Day Cursillo (English) – Guadalupe- not present

72 Hour Vigil – Dick has spoken with Debbie and Sharon about the tri fold

board. We need to decide when the Board goes up for Candidates and Team to see. Dick thinks Friday is too soon and Sunday is too late. The Palanca talk is Friday after lunch. Dave pointed out that the Palanca from around the world has been read through out the weekend, so they are aware of it. It would be great to then hit them with the information that the community has been praying all weekend long on Saturday. Lois also believes Saturday is the right time. Lois motioned that the 72 Hour Prayer Chain should be placed out on Saturday for candidates, with cut off date being Friday noon for people to sign up. Beth seconded the motion. The motion passed. (The Palanca Board will be put out after Obstacles Life of Grace Rollo)

3-Day Cursillo (Spanish) - Amelia/Berta – not present

Post Cursillo (English) – David – David began by saying when we send out information to people to get excited about the movement, what better way to show people there is change, than to change our letterhead? David has someone who has already done this. We would all have access to this letterhead. Vote taken on which we like out of 4 choices. Number 3 was a unanimous choice. We will use number 3. Dave will send out.

Dave then explained he engaged in a visioning exercise to imagine how to effectively reach and promote excellence in the Post Cursillo (PC) across our far-flung and sparsely populated diocese of cursillistas. Dave sees having 6 major areas with PC reps in each area: Chattanooga, Cleveland, Tri-Cities, Knoxville (2), Lenior City, and Crossville. Dick and David would go to each area and meet with the PC rep. Dick mentioned we are lacking in communication so having people in place in each area will be critical. We need to get Parish Reps involved. To keep Ultreyas vital, they need to be “fed” every month. We need to give Parish Reps a monthly update – ideas, tips, ideas for keeping the Ultreyas fresh. Dick’s survey has people interested in doing different jobs. Dick has copies of the survey results if leaders need help. We do have a list of Parish Reps.

We have prepared a list of Parishes containing active Cursillistas and will present it at the meetings.

Scheduling of Parish Representative Gatherings – we will be planning a gathering for summer, which may include a Pilgrimage to the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, TN where active planning for the development of a diocesan retreat center is ongoing.

Support the Rooster Crows by having an article featuring a Secretariat Member and having them contribute an article at least once a year. They have been looking at other resources for our newsletter and will have progress to report in 30 days.

Our website is good. We want people to find a reason to stay on the website and spend time there. Lois suggested we check Indianapolis' website. Dick likes Nashville's website as well. Dick, David and Bogdan will get together to look at changes for our website. Angie has also worked on some revisions. She will get her ideas to David as well.

Post Cursillo (Spanish) – Ovidio – next month another Ultreya will open at Madisonville. Manuel is working on that. He will send us the specifics and we will get it on the website.

4 Day Workshop (English) – Lois – Suggested we have a committee set up to go through the Pastoral Plan (PP) and By Laws to review and then come back to present changes to Secretariat. The Secretariat was asked to send Lois suggestions to changes to PP and By Laws so the committee can discuss.

We need to bring ourselves in line with National on Ultreyas. We should be using Service Sheet for Group Reunions (GR). National wants GR to be all men, all women in GRs. Fr. Joe suggested we not pass over this so quickly. Although it is what they say we should do, there are reasons for this. If there are going to be changes, this would be the time to make them. Dick is going to Regional and would like to get input from Regional. It was also suggested to do floating GR – start grouping as soon as we get here and not count off. 3 people to a group. We will bring this back up in May after Regional with the Secretariat. Then on June 4 take this to the School of Leaders to bring them into the decision.

Working on Rector/a Master Book to bring up to date. Will be done before the weekends.

April – The talk from *True Friendship* will be on Chapter 2 *Friendship, and the Kinds of Friendship* in the Banquet Hall. Dick mentioned it would be important to get Parish Reps to this.

Lois will not be here August 19. Lois asked Dave if he could be in charge of the 4th Day Workshop, he said he would.

4 Day Workshop (Spanish) – Israel – Working on School of Leaders. Reunion 1x per month. Will start to do 2x month. Ask Lupe to get another room. They usually 6-7 people in room but 11 people came last time! Group still growing. He will be getting information out to people for the 3-Day Spanish Weekend. The team will begin meeting 2x per month. Last Ultreya he told them they should do their GR every 14 days. Israel has provided many opportunities to Group.

Music – Cannon – Cannon is making a list of people who can play and has started working on a set of music to provide for people. Judy has a book of music for weekends. There is a binder of music and there are also books at a music notebook for each weekend. Check with Keith or Debbie to see where the music is. David will email Keith then Cc Cannon. David will let Cannon know when Closuras are. Dick told Cannon he could go into the survey and get people to commit people to be there for the Closing for music. The Rector finds the music person for the weekend then asks Cannon to help supplement people for music if the Rector doesn't have ideas.

Assistants to Secretariat Reports

Small Group Reunion (English) – Piotr – not present

English & Spanish Palanca - Lois/Edras – Sending English Palanca to Spanish community.

English Parish Reps - Larry – not present but has put a letter out to find Parish Reps. He is trying to get the 6 areas covered

Webmaster – Bogdan – not present. The website now says Celebrating 20 Years!

Database – Angie – nothing to report

Rooster Crows - Deacon Bill – not present. Dick has asked him to contact us and have each of us to be a spokesperson for our area. We would each give our history and what our goal for our position is. Each issue will have a

feature area.

Any other reports?

Old Business

Secretariat and Family Picnic – Dick – St John Neuman will host. Vote for days... Monday the 29th 1:00 (Ask Piotr as rep to get keys, etc.)

CdC - Regional Service Team Workshop – Angie – In the past, 60 people came to Regional, another had 33 people. Suggestions for where to meet are Grace Point and in Crossville. Angie will check and see if Nashville would like to join us. Crossville is in the middle. We need to find a venue before we hold a CdC. Angie will look into that. She will look for early next year.

Regional Service Team Workshop – provided a workshop for 4th Day that's a one-day deal. Dick would like to see this for our 4th Day. Ideas: Sponsorship; Why Would God Want Me? Volunteers - the Heart of Cursillo; Support to Lead.

Dick suggested we see where we are in our Diocese and then decide our focus – i.e. Sponsorship. Maybe we need to concentrate on proper Sponsorship. Angie described some of the Sponsorship topics. Nancy said that she thinks that trying to do a Regional Team led Workshop in the fall would be too much. She thinks early winter would be better. Lance suggested spring. Doing it later gives us time to get the message out. Cannon – better to wait to get through the end of the year. Lois – do it in lieu of a 4th Day. Dick – let's pray about the workshops - which one and when. Decide next meeting

Dates: Regional Spring Encounter 2018 potential date – last weekend of Regional April, Fall 2018 October

By-Laws/Pastoral Plan – Lois – covered earlier

New Business

Regional Workshop – April 21-23 - Dick

Stanton TN. (\$230 ea. or 2 for \$174 ea. – Dick and Lance are going. If anyone else wants to go, let Dick know ASAP.

Spiritual Directors - Deacon Bill – He met with the Deacons and asked

them who would be available to the Cursillo Community to be SD for 4th Day community. A list will be provided. Fr. Joe suggested letting them know this is a special kind of direction. The SD should be people who have made a weekend. Angie pointed out there are Sisters who can also help.

Annual Appeal – Lance – We will have another appeal this year. We need to establish when this will be. 2016 we raised \$4000. He is hopeful we will raise more in 2017. The Annual Appeal keeps people involved, helps support Workshops, and helps supplement people who cannot afford the weekend. Angie still has envelopes, cards and labels. Lance will pick a time and date and send out an email for volunteers to spend a few hours “folding, stuffing and labels.”

Spiritual Director - Fr. Joe – What did you feel about this meeting? People responded in a number of ways: Long, a good thing, lots of information. Fr. Joe feels like there was a lot of information. Almost on overload. He also feels revitalized, there is a great spirit, communication is good, energized, bright, lots of information, Cursillo will be going up, and growing, good, and everyone came prepared! It was also mentioned people like meeting once a month, there has been good communication, we have found ourselves in a discovery mode, needing to continue to learn and grow. We are encouraged and people have insight into so many different areas. It's important to get information to get out to people and to communicate. We have enthusiasm in our heart!! Get more people on the Journey!! We're all in this together! Thankful for the leadership that is taking us in this direction.

Lance made the suggestion to have the assistants give their input to Dave and have him incorporate them into his report.

Fr. Joe would like to give the Bishop and Priests a Cursillo Report and then have the Priests go back to their parishes with news of Cursillo.

Lay Director – Dick -

Comments – Could we get info to Diocese Newspaper and Magazine to get articles about Cursillo included? It's possible but difficult. Can the Rooster Crows people help with this? This can be an agenda item for the next meeting.

For the good of all – Lois commented that people should send in

suggestions for near term and long term Pastoral Plan, it's important to have a Spanish representative on the team, let Lois know if you will be willing to be on committee

12:00 Close with prayer

Next Meeting April 8, 2017