

SECRETARIAT MEETING JUNE 17, 2017

12:25 Open with Prayer led by Father Jo Brando

Those present: Dick Shriver, Lois Schering, Nancy Sewell, Cannon Turner, Beth Turner, David Campbell, Angela Feltz, Amelia Saucedo, Lucia Espinoza, Berta Saucedo, Israel Figueroa, Gumerciendo Cano, Lance Lyons, Father Joe Brando, Dottie Baudo

Welcome and read any Palanca - Lois, David, Dick and Gail Shriver, and Berta offered Palanca

Group Reunion – Didn't do this because we had done it in our 4th Day Workshop.

REPORTS

Secretary – Nancy – Since the minutes from the April meeting were emailed, review and revised, Father Joe motioned to accept Amended Minutes, Lois seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer – Lance – April and May 2017 Report, Beginning balance \$5,752 ending balance bank \$5,934.68, ending “real” balance \$5,824.68 (includes checks not cleared yet). David motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Beth seconded the motion. The report was approved. Discussed the policy that no one will be denied the opportunity to attend a Cursillo Weekend due to lack of funds. Lois reminded us that there is \$1594.00 in a fund for crosses and Pilgrim's Guides when we can go to Nigeria Africa to put on a weekend. We would provide materials and a women's team. Men's team is already set from outside of the US. We have to receive permission to go when it is safe.

Pre Cursillo (English) – Beth – We have 5 yes for the men's weekend, 3 yes and 3 maybe for women's weekend.

Pre Cursillo (Spanish) – Edras – not present. Lupe is taking applications and processing them. Dick asked Lupe to think of someone else who can be here on a regular basis. We have 6 yes for women's. Some maybes for men.

3 Day Cursillo (English) – Guadalupe - not here. Dick has called, she isn't returning calls.

3 Day Cursillo (Spanish) - Amelia/Berta - Berta spoke about trying to form a Women's Team, however, the people are not going to Ultreyas and School of Leaders, so worried about them being on Team.

Post Cursillo (English) – David – gave a great typed up report. See attached. People should consider attending National Cursillo Encounter July 27-30 in San Antonio. David will be attending. David will arrange and make visits to attend the Diocese Ultreyas. He is planning

for Closings and the Encounter in October. If anyone can help in any of these areas, please contact David. David will schedule the dates and then let us know so we can try to help by attending. Need to change website to reflect that there is not an Ultreya at Our Lady of Fatima.

Post Cursillo (Spanish) – Ovido – not present. Israel spoke. The Spanish Ultreyas will work together. He thinks we need to start the School of Leaders for Spanish. The Spanish Ultreyas need to be on the schedule. Please put a link for the Spanish Facebook page to work with the English Facebook Page.

4 Day Workshop (English) – Lois – Lois has 2 Spanish and 1 English Manuals that were ordered. If you ordered a Manual, please see Lois to pick it up and pay for it. When Dick went to the Regional Workshop, he heard great talks from the book, Whom Shall I Send? Dick ordered books for all of the Secretariat Members. Please take the opportunity to look at this it will help us to better understand the movement. Lois will type up the input from today's workshop on Pre Cursillo, Cursillo and Post Cursillo Sections, get it to me, and then I will get it out.

4 Day Workshop (Spanish) – Israel - Israel talked to his group about Pre Cursillo, Cursillo, and Post Cursillo. Madisonville needs to open a School of Leaders. Israel is looking for someone to take that over. Israel had a great banner made to welcome Cursillistas for Cursillo events. A friend made it for him. Dick told everyone how great a job Israel is doing and what a blessing he is to the Spanish Movement.

Music – Cannon – Cannon got a file with music, but at this time, there is really not a lot to report. Dick will give Cannon some names of people who have expressed a desire to serve in music. Angie asked them to check the database (as opposed to the survey Dick did) to make sure all the people who have expressed a desire to help with music are included on his list. Cannon and Lois are working out Copyright details for music. Lois is working on updating the Clausura format, schedule, and notebooks for Rector/Rectora's use during team formation and the Weekend.

Spiritual Advisor - Fr. Joe Brando – Thank you for the Mass. Received the card for the Mass. Apologized because he has to leave for Greenville to hear Confessions.

ASSISTANTS TO SECRETARIAT

Any Reports? - none

OLD BUSINESS

By Laws/Pastoral Plan – Lois – getting ready to work on that to update. Will contact people for input.

Annual Appeal – Lance – Last Thursday they got together to put the Appeal Letter in envelopes. 650 letters to English 200 letters to Spanish. The letters were mailed to English and will hand deliver to Spanish community. Hoping for the same success this year (\$6,000) as last

year. Lois mentioned we need to seal envelopes and have to weigh the letters to mail them next year.

Secretariat Picnic – Dick – lots of fun was had by all!! Picnic for all Cursillistas in Kingston (Grace Point) at the same time as the English Men’s Cursillo Reunion August 26, 2017.

CDC Regional Team Workshop - Angie/Dick – They need to come up with a date and location for next year. Tentatively February 10, 2018. David volunteered to get pictures to East Tennessee Catholic.

NEW BUSINESS

Team Formation – Dick – Dick has attended a few of the Team Formation meetings. He has done a reading at the meetings about One Body. Lance has already been in Team formation for 5 weeks. Micheline just getting started, Spanish has been for months... The problem is we don’t have many registered. Dick thinks we should make a policy that we need to have x number of people signed up before Team formation starts. The key is really Sponsorship. What is the number of registrations we should have and how many weeks should we go before making a decision about holding a weekend. Cannon asked what’s the minimum number of registrants? The answer is 10. Most think that’s too low. Angie disagrees. If we only have 10, have a smaller team, each team member would do 2 Rollos then. Beth explained that people on Team were added at the last minute to provide for the last minute numbers. National says 5 candidates to each team member. Discussion ensued about Rollos and preparing talks... David suggests we should have 10 on the books then set a Team. Dick talked about setting dates far enough in advance. We pay a deposit for the facility. If we cancel, then the facility won’t want to work with us. National says if we don’t have a Cursillo Weekend, then we should do a Retreat and not a Cursillo Weekend. We should be working on getting candidates all year round. The 4th Day should be aware of whatever our policy will be so they can be working. We really need to get previous Sponsors to get to the Workshop so we get them excited again. The importance of equipped sponsors was brought up numerous times today – not only at the Secretariat Meeting but also in the 4th Day Workshop. Lance thinks this movement is at a standstill. We need to develop a stronger sponsor program and better communication with new Cursillistas. By forming teams and starting the training and then cancelling the weekend after so much preparation and time, we are burning out the people who can help to establish the program.

Cannon pointed out that we need to be mindful of the dates selected. This year the English Men’s weekend is right before school starts. Those with families have a hard time making this. Lois asked to put out a letter to 4th Day community. Dick just put out a letter through Angie just recently. Cannon suggested stepping back, training sponsors, not just try to fill the spots, and getting some really great quality people. We need to pay attention to the applications. We need to pay attention to the fundamentals.

Lois suggested not have any English Cursillos this fall. Have the CDC in February so we all learn the Ideal. (CDC - Intensive School of Leaders who come to train those who have already

made their Cursillo. Both English and Spanish.) We need training and training of others to make our movement more viable. Maybe we could do a CDC – Cursillo de Cursillo - in place of one of the Cursillos. (CDC is a Cursillo weekend - 5 meditations and 10 Rollo's that are focusing on the ideal of the Cursillo Movement. It can be in both English and Spanish)

David thinks we would have a better movement if we were better set to do this right. We need to be better educated. Ask Father Joe and Father Alex to get their dates for next year to us very soon. We need to carefully approach the calendar.

Motion on the floor to reschedule the Cursillo English weekends, Nancy moves that we reschedule, Lois seconds, Approved.

Spanish thinks they can make it happen. They are willing to move forward in the planning of their weekends. We will not vote on Spanish at this point.

Angie will contact Cecelia to see if we can get the Sponsorship Workshop scheduled. Lance will check St. Thomas, Angie will check OLOF. August 5
Angie will look into CDC for team and when we might be able to do that. She'll contact Cecelia and Cef. Sept 28-Oct 1

Judy sent email that Ministries Workshop for the Diocese is the same day as August 19. Doesn't seem that that will affect our group. We can keep the meeting the same date.

Kitchen Crew - Dick/Debbie – not an issue now

Sponsor Workshop - Dick/Angie - November 4 Workshop Conference

Cursillo Diocese Picnic (Aug. 26) – Dick -

FOR THE GOOD OF ALL

Good productive meeting, feels that the right decisions were made.

Close with Prayer - Fr. Joe Brando – he had to leave

Next Meeting July 15, 2017

2:20 Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

**Nancy Sewell
Secretary**