

**Attendance:** Angela Feltz, Teri Gabor, Gary Gabor, Tom Egan, Irene Scoggins, Betty MacDougall, Deacon Bill Jacobs, Lois Schering, and Giannine Morris.

**Absent:** Bogdan Vacaliuc, Brendan Foley, and Piotr Ulmer.

Deacon Bill Jacobs led the opening prayer.

Angie Feltz led the Leaders Prayer.

Group Sharing by all present.

**Secretary Report** – Teri Gabor – Teri emailed the Secretariat minutes from the June 5, 2023, meeting to all members. No corrections or additions made. Minutes accepted.

**Treasurer Report** – Tom Egan.

Current Balances

Checking account total	\$ 2104.35
Savings account total	\$ 2054.61
CD - 12/21/22	\$ 6125.75
CD - Fr. Joe	\$ 2500.00
Total Assets	\$12,784.71

Tom said that not much has happened since our last meeting. He sent out the check register, breakdown of income and expenses, and a Cursillo Profit & Loss statement through July 2023. In the check register, there were two transactions to Teri Gabor for supplies for the upcoming Women’s Weekend. There is a savings balance of \$2,054.61, two CD’s, \$6,125.75 and \$2,50.00 for a total savings of \$10,680.36. There is a cash balance as of today of \$2,104.35 for a total Assets of \$12,784.71. We haven’t started the Women’s Weekend yet but to date we have over \$7400 in revenue. We have received the money from Fr. Joe Brando’s estate of \$2170.28, \$1000 from the appeal program and from the Men’s Weekend \$4000 in revenue from the weekend. Expenses, the Women’s Weekend isn’t much because it hasn’t started yet but is 74.50. The Men’s Weekend expenses were food – about \$1400, facility fees - \$2100, total expenses about \$3500.

The change in the DOK Cursillo Assets – At year end 2022 total assets were \$9591.05. As of July 31, 2023, total assets are \$12,784.71 which includes the purchase of the CD from Fr. Joe Brando’s estate (plus the money we added), interest on the CDs, and income.

Spoke to Gordon who is assisting us in getting the Non-Profit status and he said we will be able to file the EZ form and by the next meeting should have it completed.

**Pre-Cursillo** – Irene Scoggins – Has spent the last month and a half sending out emails. Currently, we have 4 confirmed for the next Women’s weekend. We have 3 from St. Therese that are interested but need sponsors. We have one who is a maybe from the Basilica. She asked if she could bring 4 friends from the Basilica too. Irene has no applications from any of them and would need sponsors for them also. There are two ladies from St. Bridget who have had applications on file for a few years. Both are maybes. One has cancer and it is dependent on where her health is in November and the other is also dealing with health issues. Also, a Cursillista approached Irene at the last in-person Ultreya at St. Jude recommending a parishioner who may want to attend a weekend but who is unable to pay the cost. The Cursillista let Irene know that they would be happy to cover her cost but that she is perhaps not wanting to accept the gift. Irene was asked to approach her and offer her a place letting her know that someone was willing to scholarship her. Irene has done this and she is thinking and praying about it but has

not committed yet. Irene has not received any new applications since the last meeting. Betty asked about the Basilica, not being aware that Sts. Peter and Paul in Chattanooga is a Basilica. Also, asked about sponsors being familiar with the candidate. Irene mentioned that although that is ideal, these ladies are active in their parishes and in the case of the candidates at St. Therese, had sponsors who are no longer active and didn't feel they could sponsor.

**Cursillo** – Gary Gabor – Women's Weekend #57 will be held at Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center November 2-5, 2023. A list of possible Rectoras was sent out to the voting members of the Secretariat and Giannine Morris was chosen and agreed to be the Rectora. Giannine has formed her team and will have their first meeting this Saturday, August 5th. Giannine and her team will be using the new Rector Guides.

Velma Burke has agreed to head the kitchen team. She wanted to wait until Giannine was finished forming her team before she began to form the kitchen team. Velma said that she has been freezing produce from her garden to use on the weekend and will take advantage of tax-free groceries in Tennessee in August, September, and October.

The Men's Weekend #58 is scheduled for April 18-21, 2024. We need to begin identifying men as possible Rector. An email was sent to Deacon Al at Christ Prince of Peace to inquire about what dates he has reserved for our upcoming Men's and Women's Weekends. We have confirmed April 18-21, 2024, for the next Men's Weekend and November 14-17, 2024, for the Women's Weekend. We have also set aside April 3-6, 2025, for the Men's Weekend and October 23-26, 2025, for the Women's Weekend.

We are in the process of comparing mats for the kitchen at CPOP. There are several that would work well. We took advantage of the tax-free weekend and purchased notebooks at 35 cents each and folders at 15 cents each. Deacon Bill asked if all the repairs have been made at Christ Prince of Peace, and they have.

**Post Cursillo** - Betty MacDougall — Betty's report included that the Ultreyas are still the same. St. Mary's, Johnson City (Zoom only) the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:30pm, Last Tuesday Diocese of Knoxville Ultreya on Zoom at 6:30 pm, and St. Jude, Chattanooga, in person, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every other month at 6:30pm – next Ultreya will be in September. OLOF Ultreya is currently suspended.

Group Reunions –

Johnson City Women – Thursday 4pm

Johnson City Men – Tuesday 5:30

Kingsport St. Dominic Women – Tuesday 9am

Chattanooga Men – Saturday 10:30 am

Chattanooga Women – Saturday 9am

OLOF Men – Saturday morning after Mass

OLOF Women - Tuesday 9:30am at Sharon Brother's home and Friday 3:30pm at church and

Tuesday afternoon after 12:00 Mass

St. Bridget Men – Wednesday after evening Mass

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Betty is working with Lynda Roman to help her find a group.

Clausuras

Women's Weekend - November 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at CPOP Benton, TN.

Men's Weekend - April 21, 2024, at 4pm at CPOP Benton, TN.

Was given access to the database, which has worked out great. Was able to update the calendar for the Ultreya. Received the list of the Parish Reps. Lynda Roman has written an article for the bulletins and has asked others to write them also.

## **School of Leaders – No SOL.**

**Spiritual Advisor** – Deacon Bill Jacobs – As always, tomorrow being the 1<sup>st</sup>, remember to pray for Cursillo. I have been asked to help with the Women's Weekend. Looking to include Deacon Brian Gabor and may try to get Deacon Frank Fischer to help and will check with Fr. Alex to be available for the weekend.

Any deacons or priest who have questions can contact Deacon Bill. Remember to offer prayers and palanca for the Cursillo Movement on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. Also have had inquires about the altar, tabernacle, and stations. Angie called the diocese and will follow up with them. The individual would be willing to give them back if we need them. General question – have a person who has come into the church at the easter vigil and has made a walk to Emmaus and was interested in Cursillo. Do they need to make a Cursillo weekend. Angie said that the Walk to Emmaus is the same as Cursillo and would just need to be on team to be indoctrinated into Cursillo and they can start grouping.

**Palanca** – Lois Schering – Lois said that there was nothing to report. Angie mentioned that she keeps sending her emergency requests, and Lois gets them taken care of. National's computer system was down and the Diocese of Buffalo New York didn't think they would get Palanca. An email was sent out that Lois responded to and sent Palanca.

**Website/Webmaster** – Bogdan Vacaliuc – Not Present.

## **Old Business –**

**Secretariat Vacancies** – Positions available to be selected Diocesan Coordinator, School of Leaders, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**National Encounter** – Angie received an email. The National Encounter was held in Omaha Nebraska July 20-23, 2023. Angie received an email from Cef, the National English Coordinator, who has sent some documents that are audio files. Angie listened to it and sent it to Deacon Bill, Teri, Gary and Lois. There was a discussion about the new Rector's Guide.

Teri put together a document based on what she learned from the recording.

- 1 All rollos are to be only 30 minutes except the Sacraments Rollo, which is 45 minutes.
- 2 The Sacraments Rollo is now Graces of the Sacraments.
- 3 The Rollos are to be developed from section C in the guide, section D is just an example not to be taken as the Rollo.
- 4 Palanca is introduced on Saturday by the Rector(a) (Which we knew).
- 5 Meditations are only to be 20 minutes long. Not 30 minutes as they are not Rollos.
- 6 All Rollos begin with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit Except the Ideal Rollo.
- 7 All Rollos end with the Prayer of Thanksgiving, EXCEPT the Piety Rollo which will end with the Rector Intervention.
- 8 Applications do not need to be signed by a Priest.
- 9 Service Sheets are NOT a Commitment but a Promise and a Pledge.
- 10 The Rector Guide has the Rector doing the Petitions during Mass, but if there is a Deacon, they will do the petitions.

- 11 Only the New Cursillistas get their Pilgrims Guides signed. The team does not. This is a memento for the New Cursillistas.

We do not do the Hobby Sheets or the Table Heads.

The reason the application doesn't get signed by a Priest is because we are reaching out to the "far away" and the Priest may not know them. Teri mentioned that the Parish Priest should know that a parishioner is going to make the next Cursillo so maybe we should put together a list of parishioners and send it to the Priest. Also, since the candidate should be a practicing Catholic, the Sponsor should know whether their candidate is practicing. Since we get information about the activities the candidate is involved in, we don't need the Hobby Sheets. Having Table Heads, we are trying to develop Leadership, but we do a good job of changing secretaries. The extra time by cutting the Rollos to 30 minutes will allow for a little extra free time. Deacon Bill thinks the 30-minute Rollo is good, but the Total Security Rollo should take as long as it takes. The Sacraments Rollo was the only one that did not include Grace in it. The Rollistas will need to remember to add the page number in their Rollo for the Prayer of Thanksgiving. If someone wants to make a weekend but hasn't been to Mass in months, then they would have to go to Confession and their sponsor should let them know that.

In the schedule there is a two-hour block of time set aside for the Rollo. This includes the Rollo, table discussions, posters, and summaries. Lois set aside an hour and a half. The Men did their summaries at the end of the day, but the summaries are included in the two hours. The Rector has freedom to change the schedule. There is no presentations at the end of the day. There is no opportunity to do a skit or song. Making changes a day at a time is working out better. These Rollos will be put on the national website but aren't there yet. We need to throw away the PDFs and go by the Rectors Guides. We are trying to stay as authentic as possible with what National tells us. There were other Rollos presented, and Angie will send us a link so we can download them and listen to them. The Rollo time block will remain at an hour and a half.

The 2023 Regional Encounter will be in Nashville Tennessee, October 20-21, 2023, but may be canceled. and the Regional 2024 will be April 12-13, 2024, in Springfield Missouri.

**Altar Furniture in storage at Velma's House** – There is a Monastery being built in Blount County in the Foothills of the Smoky Mountains for the Sisters of Divine Will. Their Monastery was in Italy but apparently there are a lot of location in the US. Velma has been there, and they don't have a lot of church equipment and are using a dresser for an altar. Velma was wondering if the altar furniture could be donated to them. Dick built the kneelers and the podium, and he was agreeable to have those items donated. Angie will reach out to Velma and have her contact them to see if they would like to have these items.

Deacon Bill mentioned that we need to be aggressive in recruiting candidates for the Women's Weekend.

Discussion regarding Grand Ultreya. Would like a date before the Women's Weekend.

**Next Meeting** – Monday, October 2, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

Deacon Bill Jacobs led us in the closing prayer.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Teri Gabor, Secretary