

Attendees: Carmela & Deacon Ernie Gonzales, Jim Pompe, Sophie Bejarano, Deb Hernandez, and Veronica Lucas

Absent: Terry McDonald & Tisa Williams

Guest: Mary Margaret Johnson, Flagstaff

Meeting started at 6:38 p.m.

Opening prayer: Cursillo Leader's Prayer

Meditation by Carmela, sharing by all

September Meeting Minutes: Jim made a motion to approve the minutes, Deb seconded the motion, all approved, none opposed.

New Business:

- **Flagstaff:** Met this past weekend, in Flagstaff with Bishop Nevares and Carmela with the Flagstaff community.
 - Encouraged Flagstaff to join SOL via Google Meets or share agendas with Flagstaff so they can cover the same materials as Jim does in Phoenix. Discussion held about the possibilities. Jim is working to do two meetings a month, different subjects. Veronica noted if we want people to attend SOL once a quarter, having a second meeting gives more options for people to attend – if and when we move that direction.
 - Ideas were tossed around about an Ultreya.
 - A team with Phoenix and Flagstaff team in Flagstaff in the summer.
 - Mary Margaret said that Flagstaff has struggled with having active members, but it's time to get everyone re-involved. She suggested some ideas: we are one diocese; she would like to see more northern Arizona Cursillistas involved in teams.
 - She suggested a Northern AZ ultreya in Flagstaff with all of the rural areas. There is not a diocesan retreat center in Flagstaff right now, there are plenty of centers, but no place with kitchens, beds or showers – those would have to be brought in. Cloistering may also be a challenge. Veronica noted that other dioceses do not have Cursillo centers and use a school gym and cafeteria for their Cursillos. Ideas to ponder.
- **Dance Update:** Terry is on the decorating committee, and they wanted to know what their budget was. We may have a BYO alcohol option. We need to break even; this is not a fundraiser. What do we charge \$10 or \$20, bring a potluck dish – or bring in food to cook. And bring baskets for raffling off. DJ is \$400. We need to develop a flyer to get the word out on the dance now. Carmela encouraged Bertie to call people and make assignments or ask for volunteers. Suggestion to look into a dance floor to prevent falling during dancing on carpet.
- **Annual Form to be completed for National:** Carmela will send to V to share with everyone for Google Docs. We need to complete it ASAP, and send to Bishop Nevares before we send to national with our annual dues. There is a fee due as well, approximately \$400-500.
- **Ultreya in English and Spanish:** Carmela spoke with Carlos the Spanish Lay Director and both Bishops (Dolan and Nevares want to do a Grand Ultreya with both languages in the Spring. Carmela is waiting for the date. Veronica can create a flyer.

- **Reaching out to Cursillistas:** Bishop Nevares wants us to reach out to other rural areas to get their information on Cursillo involvement – Carmela is going to take her time to do this. Sophie suggested that we ask parish reps to include a “Cursillo Corner” in their bulletin
- **Region 10 (X) Fall Encounter:** In Yuma October 22nd at 8:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception and the cost is \$25.
- **Application from Tucson:** Candidate from Eloy approved to attend Phoenix in November. Carmela is working with Alma the Tucson Lay Director.

Treasurer:

- **Balance** on hand is \$ 59,079.45
- **Donations,** we had a \$5K donation come in, but we turned that back over to Mt. Claret for Evening under the Stars.
- **Purchased a new computer:** for the treasurer, which was over 10 years old and it was super slow. Veronica assisted in choosing a laptop and Sophie arranged to have the old data transferred to the new laptop. Sophie will get V’s help to setup Google docs. Etc. We also purchased equipment for SOL and Ultreyas, approximately \$250.
- **Need to procure whiteboards:** Approval obtained to order (2) whiteboards. Cost will be \$610. Veronica will get with Sophie next week to make the purchase and they will be kept in the palanca closet. We will move the older whiteboards into the table and chairs storage rooms.

School of Leaders:

- **Recruiting:** Looking to add people to his SOL Committee. Would like to ask Nick Petra and find another technical person to help with the laptop and Google Meets.
- **2nd SOL:** Separate subject in the week, during an evening – so that there is an option other than Saturday morning. Would like to do the 4 elements of secretariat, once a quarter.
- **Sponsor Training:** Terry and Veronica will work on this training.
- **Flagstaff:** Excited to work with Mary Margaret when they are ready.
- **Basic School:** Carmela asked what this was, Veronica explained that it was in place 20 years ago. It was a half day about team formation, progression and what to expect on the weekend. Jim agreed that this would be a good idea to have for new team members. Deb also suggested recording this and putting on the website for new members. Veronica suggested getting with Joe Fairlie regarding a Cursillo YouTube channel.

Pre-Cursillo:

- **Candidates without Sponsors:** Some candidates from the Native American Mission, we need to start small and start teaching sponsors and co-sponsor with them and grow it from there. Discussion was held about how secretariat can help sponsors. Veronica noted that it should not be the responsibility of the team to recruit team members – if on team, they need to have a co-sponsor to assist with candidate responsibilities. Jim more eloquently explained how this should work.

Three Day Chair:

- **Rector/a workshops:** Doing great, we had a larger group in October and even two people from the mission attended. One last one in November.
- **Kitchen Schedule:** V is almost done working on the draft that Ina Hartnett suggested and then she will get that to Deb for distribution to the men's and women's November teams.
- **March 2023:** Women: Veronica Lucas, Rectora, Patty Bolding as Experienced Co. Deb will get her a team list in the next week.
- **November 2023:** Women: Cecelia Dusold, Rectora
- **Deb is working on:** Getting male rectors in place as well. Jim provided names to Deb for men's leadership.
- **Flagstaff:** Mary Margaret asked us to incorporate the Flagstaff Community involved in teams.
- **Exception Request:** All agreed to allow a priest (candidate) to attend Men's November and he has to leave for two hours Saturday morning to attend to a commitment.

Post-Cursillo:

- **Revive:** Coming up this Friday and Saturday, 36 are registered. Veronica provided a scripture to Deacon as a suggestion for his Meditation.
- **Diocesan Ultreya:** September was a success, next one is Saturday, January 28th at 9:30 a.m. at Mt. Claret. We will repeat the potluck and V is in process of getting a speaker. She will ask Deacon Ernie to assign a Deacon for the Spiritual Director.
- **Parish Ultreyas:**
 - 10/21 6p at St. John Vianney, Goodyear
 - 10/22 8a at St. Mary's, Chandler
 - 11/12 9a St. Jerome's, Phoenix
 - Parish Reps are responsible for getting their own spiritual directors for Ultreyas

Secretary:

- Absent, V taking minutes for Tisa this meeting.

Other Updates:

- **Vince Johnson** is ending his term with the Region X (10) Service Team. He is excited to continue working in the movement. There is an opening on the Service Team for a Phoenix person in English. Brenda Hope is looking for a replacement.

Closing Prayer: by Deacon Ernie Gonzales

Meeting Ended: at 8:38 p.m.