

FROM OUR SECRETARIAT

Members present: Brenda Halpain, Brenda Hope, Marty Sprinzi, Ruben Trevizo, Nancy Kijewski, Vince Johnson (by phone)

Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Bob Carey

Absent: Cecelia Dusold, Sharon Matson

DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT SECRETARIAT MINUTES APRIL 11, 2017

list of parishes with 24 hour adoration to make available to the 4th day community at the Opening of the Cursillo weekend. The list will include phone numbers of the parishes, but not the door codes in order to protect the Blessed Sacrament.

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm with the Leader's Group Reunion. March minutes were previously approved by email.

Old Business

Adoration and Cloister during 3 days

The first half of the meeting was involved with discussion of Adoration at Mt. Claret during the upcoming Men's and Women's Cursillo weekends.

Historical recap: Deacon Bob had instituted a new process for adoration during the past two Cursillo weekends (897 and 898) in order to prevent mingling of the candidates and the 4th day community. The Candidates participated in exposition and adoration Friday night then were informed that the Blessed Sacrament chapel would be closed to them. They were allowed to visit the Blessed Sacrament again on Saturday during the 15 minute scheduled Decuria visit. This process was presented to the School of Leaders in February, and the community asked Deacon Bob clarification questions at that time. By consensus the lay community declined this proposal, and instead suggested that the weekends become cloistered in accordance with National guidelines.

This information was again shared at the Tuesday School of Leaders March 7th 2017. Questions were raised by members at this meeting as to how a team would manage adoration by themselves.

Discussion: After a thorough discussion, the secretariat members present and Deacon Bob Carey agreed to follow Bishop Nevarez' recommendations to extend adoration from Thursday evening through Sunday prior to the closing. The team will be responsible for adoration and the weekend will be cloistered beginning with the Men's Cursillo in May of 2017. The Schedule for adoration will be as follows: Thursday evening, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the Tabernacle for adoration until Friday evening exposition. Team members will begin adoration from Thursday after the opening. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the monstrance from Friday evening until it is reposed with Benediction Sunday morning. The Benediction will be attended by the team and candidates. The Blessed Sacrament will remain reposed after Benediction. Adoration will end in the afternoon on Sunday when the team gathers for closing.

Conclusion: Adoration will run from Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon before Clausura. The weekends will be cloistered. Nancy Kijewski will create a

Precursillo (Nancy Kijewski)

Committee Report: Precursillo committee had their second meeting on April 7th at Mt. Claret. They worked on the wording of the opening paragraph of the Apostolic Plan, but did not complete it.

Candidates for Upcoming Weekends: Currently there are 4 men and 4 women candidates for the upcoming weekends. Deacon Bob raised the question as to whether the weekend would continue, but clarified that the decision would be made the Friday prior to the weekend.

Conclusion: Decisions about the continuation of the Weekend will be reached by April 28th

Deacon Bob will provide a priest for the orientation on Wednesday, April 19. Nancy Kijewski will inform the Secretariat and Deacon Bob of the Candidate count by Sunday, April 28th.

Postcursillo (Brenda Hope)

Committee Report: The Postcursillo committee is planning an educational gathering for parish representatives and others interested Cursillistas on the topic of Ultreya. No dates have been set yet, but the preference is for a meeting in the evening lasting a couple of hours. The meeting may be repeated in a few valley locations out of consideration of the travel time for the various representatives. Brenda has approached Fr. Ben from St. Jerome's to write an article for the Voice about his Cursillo experiences over the years. The Postcursillo committee is also planning to extend an invitation to Cursillistas who are priests, deacons, and religious in our diocese.

School of Leaders (Marty Sprinzi)

Committee Report: Marty made the suggestion that each committee submit reports digitally to be included in the minutes for SOL and Secretariat. Committee members agreed to do that.

Apostolic Plan: Marty reported that the Apostolic Plan should be ready for Secretariat approval in May. He sought suggestions about what was next for the "Work of the Committees" part of SOL since the Apostolic Plan should be completed at the end of April. Nancy made the suggestion that we use the time for committees to get together to accomplish committee action items. Ruben suggested work on Articles of Operations. After some discussion it was decided that Ruben could work with a

few people to recommend changes.

Email: Marty asked Deacon Bob if he wanted an email from the PhoenixCursillo.com domain. Deacon Bob said no.

Treasurer (Brenda Halpain)

Committee Report: Brenda reported on the finances of the movement in the attached document.

Auction Support: A decision was reached to pay \$49 to the web based company that helped previously with the Cena silent auction support. This would preserve the database for future use.

Donation Receipts: A Cursillista is requesting a donation receipt for stipends paid and other items which may not strictly qualify as a charitable donation since goods and services were received in exchange for the amount paid. Deacon Bob offered to send Brenda some wording which may help explain the situation to the Cursillista.

New Business

Region X Representative

Ruben has approached Jim Yarbrough to consider the Region X representative position. Jim will be moving from Phoenix to Flagstaff shortly.

2018 Calendar: The 2018 calendar was reviewed. There were a number of suggestions as to the use of Mt.

Claret in 2018, including fundraising, workshops, and retreats for the Cursillo community and 3-day weekends. No final decision was reached.

Diocesan By-Laws: By laws will need to be reviewed and drawn up. It was suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to create the bylaws. There are some examples available, such as the Tucson Bylaws and previous Phoenix Bylaws. There are sample bylaws in the Leaders Manual on page 69.

Community Event: A social event in the fall was recommended, with the emphasis on primarily getting the community together, with the hopes that some minor fundraising would also result. Deacon Bob suggested that we invite leaders who the secretariat feels can manage the event to chair it. Ruben said that he would contact Terry and Ed McDonald.

National Encounter 2017: The national encounter will be held in San Antonio July 27th through the 30th. There is a break in the fee if the group is large enough. The fee is \$400 to attend. Early registration is recommended, as they anticipate a full event to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Movement.

Special notes: Next Secretariat meeting May 9, 2017 at Mt. Claret 6:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Deacon Bob. Respectfully submitted, Nancy Kijewski

Leader's Prayer and Leader's Group Reunion led by Marty Sprinzl

Technique Presentation (Marty Sprinzl) *Leader's Manual*, Chapter 2, "The Essence, Purpose and Mentality of the Cursillo Movement"

Doctrinal Presentation (Marty Sprinzl) *Whom Shall I Send?* by Father Salmani, Chapter 14, "Spiritual Maturity"

Work of the Sections: Apostolic Plan Draft was presented. Corrections, clarification, editing was done.

Section Reports and Announcements Committee Reports

School of Leaders: Greater effort will be made to have ordained religious join us. Have asked several unsuccessfully.

In April, the Saturday SOL on the 4th Saturday because the 3rd is on Holy Saturday

Secretary: New Website was introduced.

**SCHOOL OF LEADERS MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 4 AND
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017**

Secretariat: The need for an ad hoc committee to begin work on a Fiesta is urgent.

Number of Cursillos for 2018: Discussion occurred on Saturday concerning the number of Cursillos

to schedule for 2018:

*Financing is becoming an issue.

*With less Cursillos, it might be beneficial to restructure the lease with Mt. Claret.

*The number of candidates is also down.

*Current scheduled dates could be used for other things such as workshops and other community activities.

*It was expressed that if a greater effort was made to reach out to more Cursillistas, more candidates would naturally follow.

*Some concern was voiced that 1 year between Cursillos is a long time to wait for candidates, especially if for some reason the wait gets extended past a year.

Closing Prayer lead by Deacon Bob Carey on Tuesday and Marty Sprinzl on Saturday