

Cursillo Secretariat Meeting Minutes – Meeting of 04 /09/2024

Attendees: Dcn. Ernie Gonzales, Carmela Gonzales, Jim Pompe, Bart Blaylock, Deborah Hernandez, Ted Cruz, Sophie Bejarano, Sharon Matson,

Absent: Bishop Nevares, John Stalker (Flagstaff)

Opening Prayer: 7:03 pm (we had some technical difficulties with connecting google meeting)
The Leaders Prayer, led by Carmela (pg 65 in Leader's Manual)

Group Reunion/Meditation: Lead by Deborah Hernandez

MINUTES: Minutes from March Meeting reviewed and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lay Director Updates: Carmela Gonzales

- Cena committee had a follow up meeting last week and Carmela *just* learned that The lay Director has a table of her own for the Cena and will be hosting Bishop Olmsted, Dcn. Ernie and in addition, so far: Jim Pompe and Sophie Bejarano. She is looking to add 5 additional people to her table.
- The Cena Committee has sold 93 seats with a goal of selling 100 tickets, but now will try to sell 150 tickets for the dinner.
- Brad Matson has been asked to help with clean up and Ted Cruz has volunteered to help. We are looking for 6 -8 additional men to assist.
- The Ted Cruz Family will donate a Silent Auction Basket for the Cena.
- The Cena Committee has asked the Secretariat to put together a basket for the Silent Auction (ideas include wine, golf packages, sport tickets, event tickets, restaurant gift cards, etc.)
- Orientation is now May 2, 2024. This is to clarify the date for Orientation. Fr. Cahill will celebrate mass. Cecelia will correct date of Orientation from 04/24/24 to 05/02/24 in the VOICE and on the Website.
- Dcn. Ernie will confirm with Bishop Wall if he is staying in a Casita for the May Cursillo
- Dcn. Ernie says that we will be losing Fr. Arthur due to progressing health issues and that he will be resigning from all ministry. *Sophie suggested asking the Crosier Community to assist with Cursillo Weekend. Dcn. Ernie will follow up with Crosiers.
- Carmela sent out the 2024 Calendar of event/schedule for the Secretariat to review and some
 1. June 29th: Secretariat Day of Reflection, led by Dcn. Ernie at Mt. Claret from 8:00am 12:00pm.
 2. July 13th: Diocesan Ultreya at Mt. Claret in the JPIL Room from 8:00am-12:00pm
 3. Sept 13-14th: Cursillo Revive. This is the responsibility of Post Cursillo – Ted. Jim Pompe volunteered to be on this team. This is a weekend for Cursillistas to revive and recommit themselves to the Movement. Ted will speak with Veronica Lucas about ideas about format/schedule/rollos, etc. for this weekend.
 4. Nov 2nd: Diocesan Ultreya at Mt. Claret in the JPIL Room from 8:00am-12:00pm.
 5. Dec. 21st: Christmas Dance sponsored by the Secretariat.

Treasurer's Report: Sophie Bejarano

Sophie reviewed the expenses and reported the following:

- March Balance: \$86,155.07
 - Income: \$ 4,108.13
 - Expenses: \$ 309.41
 - Balance as of 4/09/24: \$89,954.09
 - Revenue from Cena is about \$3,000.00 (ish) so far.
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- Sophie has obtained the liquor license for the Cena. We are good to go!

School Of Leaders Report: Jim Pompe

- Jim spoke to Joanna Hagen Smith about hosting the West side S.O.L. and she is very willing to lead that West side team. She is at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and says they can host there. She can host a S.O.L. 2nd Saturday of the month. Her schedule will be S.O.L. for 2 months and then an Ultreya the 3rd month and so forth throughout the year.
- Jim asked Sharon to help gather those rector(a)s who may be able/willing to make the presentation at the West side S.O.L.
- Jim is also looking for someone to help lead the East side S.O.L. Sharon suggested Annie Taylor. This suggestion was met with enthusiasm. Sharon will invite Annie to the next S.O.L. to explore this possibility.
- Jim Yarboro (sp check??) in Flagstaff says there are not active Cursillistas to create a S.O.L. up there and suggest we base the Northern region from Prescott Valley. Carmela agreed there was more support in Prescott Valley.

Pre-Cursillo Report: Bart Blaylock

- Bart has gone through the most updated Parish Rep lists and says there are lots of gaps and reps needed. He is working on this.
- Bart is waiting to receive a copy of the Spanish "zone" map to see how they break up the diocese for Paris Rep Meetings/Trainings. Sharon suggest getting a copy of the Diocesan Deanery map.
- Bart is also considering creating a sort of "Super Parish Rep" that could help gather neighboring parish reps in group regions as well.
- Bart is all ready for Orientation on May 2nd.
- Bart will check on applications and update Deborah (3-Day Chair) and is still looking for new Application Chair(s).

3-Day Chair Report: Deborah Hernandez

- April 6th Rector/a workshop when well.
- Mick Kapanikis is working to establish his core-team for the October Men's Phoenix Weekend.
- Carla Keller was added to the Women's November Phoenix Team as the Co-Head Cook.
- Deborah is working on getting a Rector the Flagstaff Men's Weekend.
- Deborah is out of town for the Men's (16-19) May Cursillo so Bart and Sharon will do the Opening.
- Question about changing the when the Curcifix is going to be handed out on the Men's May Weekend. The following is a timeline and basic narrative regarding the situation: Ted Cruz sent a request to Bishop Nevarez asking to distribute the Crucifixes on Friday of the weekend at the 3:00pm hour rather than at the Sunday Clausura. The Bishop sent a note to Ted indicating that Ted could do this (from Bishop: "You can give out the crucifixes as you see fit."). Ted shared his request to the Bishop and Bishop's response with the Secretariat. Carmela sent out a procedure guideline to all members of the Secretariat (but especially focusing on the newly elected members who may not have known about the procedure to take questions/concerns to the

Bishop). Carmela clarified that that all matters for the Bishop must first be brought to the Secretariat so the Secretariat knows what is going on within the Movement, could provide answers or clarification without having to contact the Bishop and when needed, approach the Bishop with one voice. Following this communication, Carmela did follow up with the Bishop about Ted's request. The Bishop did say that whether the Crucifixes are distributed on Friday or Sunday is not of concern to him. Upon reflection he did say that this should be a decision from the Secretariat but asked to hear Ted out about why he is asking for the move from Sunday to Friday.

Ted explained that years ago we used to distribute the Crucifixes on Friday at the 3:00pm hour and that he and other really like this tradition. Ted said that he felt distributing the Crucifixes on Friday ties together the Crucifix to the holiness of the Crucifixion hour and he also felt that when we distribute the Crucifixes on Friday, we are in an intimate setting and explain the importance of the Crucifix. He felt on Sunday, we sometimes rush through this and the importance of the Crucifix is not fully grasped by the new Cursillistas.

There was discussion from every member of the secretariat. Deb as three day chair did point out that she was concerned about our ability to remain consistent if we made changes in the schedule and expressed concern that if we began to do this, it may send a message we do not wish to convey. She did acknowledge that Ted made an important point about making sure we convey the importance of the distribution of the Cursillo Crucifix if it is to remain on Sunday. To that end, Deborah suggested we add an explanation in the Rector/a Handbook by way of the following: on Friday, at the 3:00 pm hour, before the introduction of Palanca, the Rector/a will explain why the team is wearing a special Crucifix. It was also suggested to add to the Handbook an explanation/script for Sunday's Clausura to better convey it's importance when the new Cursillistas receive their Cross. Discussion continued and a decision was called for by vote. The members of the Secretariat voted 4 to 2 in favor of keeping the distribution of the Crucifixes to Sunday provided that was additional explanation given as outline.

Ted strongly disagreed with this decision, as he felt that Bishop had already given him permission to distribute on Friday. Dcn. Ernie said he would contact the Bishop to get clarification given that the Bishop told Carmela that this would be a decision of the Secretariat, and would let Ted and the rest of the Secretariat know what the Bishops wants us to do going forward and trusted the Secretariat would act in unity and in accordance with the Bishop's clarification.

Post Cursillo Report: Veronica Lucas & Ted Cruz

- Ted also plans to obtain a map of the Diocesan Deaneries to help break the Diocese into Zones to better serve Post Cursillo through Ultreyas, workshops and other meetings by Zone or Region so folks can get to know their neighbors, etc.
- Ted has completed the brochure about Phoenix Cursillo Movement and will send to Ceceila Dusold to upload onto the Website.

Secretary's Report: Tisa Williams & Sharon Matson

- Sharon was to meet with Cecelia for Data Base training but it will be rescheduled as Cecelia was not feeling well.
- Sharon was asked to check the Cursillo Office for Bertie Chavez's album collection was donated but a family member asked for them so Bertie asks if they are still there, would we return them for her family member.
- Sharon requested 2 keys for the Cursillo Secretary locked door. One for her and one for School of Leaders so Sharon can have access as needed to the computer, files, etc. and Jim can keep materials for SOL in a locked and accessible location.

- Zelda Graham volunteered to assist the Movement. It was suggested that Deborah ask Zelda to consider the position of Palanca Coordinator/Chair. Deborah will follow up.

Spiritual Advisory's Report: Dc. Ernie Gonzales

- Dcn. Ernie will repeat the meditation he gave when Deborah Hernandez presented at SOL. They will repeat their presentations so K=Jim can record them for the SOL Library.
- Dcn. Ernie to do the Meditation for the April SOL. (April 20th @ (9:30)
- Next Cena Update Meeting – April 30th at 6:30pm.

Dcn. Ernie closed our meeting with prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Matson, Secretary of Cursillo Secretariat.