

Cursillo Secretariat Meeting Minutes – Meeting of 08/12/2024

Attendees: Dcn. Ernie Gonzales, Carmela Gonzales, Jim Pompe, Bart Blaylock, Deboras Hernandez, Sharon Matson

Absent: Bishop Nevares, Dcn. Ernie Gonzales, Sophie Bejarano

Guest: Zelda Graham

Opening Prayer: 6:30 pm. The Leaders Prayer, led by Carmela (pg 65 in Leader's Manual)

Group Reunion/Meditation: Lead by Carmela

MINUTES: Jim made a motion to approve the minutes from July, seconded by Deb. May minutes approved.

Guest- Zelda Graham: FlockNote is up and running. FlockNote will scrub duplicate emails and phone numbers. Our cost is based on the actual number of participants.

If we add new members, the cost goes up, but as people unsubscribed the cost can also go down.

One feature included in FlockNote is a feature. This could be used for the Senna, team stipends and actual tithing. Is this something we'd like to check into?

Another feature is texting.

Another feature would be the sending out of our quarterly voice.

Zelda will work with Bart on getting the voice out. She says there are several videos for training and will bring Bart up to date.

Ted is asking Zelda for a meeting so they can work on a registration link for the Revive Renewal in September.

The next FlockNote to be sent out will be about the Revive Renewal in September.

Bart would like to send out a FlockNote about how to sponsor a candidate. New paragraph Zelda says that members of the secretary should also be administrators on FlockNote.

Jim says he would like to use FlockNotes to target Cursillista members in the past two years. In order to do this specific targeting, we would need to be able to add in Christian numbers. This is something that we would have to look at for future use.

The secretariat wants to wholeheartedly thank Zelda for her contributions in FlockNote and for coordinating the general Palanca for the Phoenix Cursillo Movement.

Lay Director/New Business Report-Carmela: in a carryover of our meditation, Carmela asked us to reflect on/discuss why we could not get any men to work in Northern Arizona Cursillo team in October. Some discussion included that the northern Arizona and Phoenix Cursillos were too tightly scheduled together. It was also thought that the director had to drop out so late that it left very little time for the team to be formed.

Reminder to Deborah from the July meeting: Please include in the Rector/Rector handbook that the Rector(a) should invite the person who gives the 4th Day Talk to also be in charge of leading or getting people to lead the rosary with the community at the Clausura.

Expired Contract: Carmela reminded us that our contract with Mount Claret expired as of March 2024.

Tom McGuire at Mount Claret wants an agreement signed with Mount Claret and The English Secretariat.

Tom gave Carmela a tour of the Life Teen Studio in the hopes that the Cursillo Movement could make this our homebase at Mount Claret. This would mean we would no longer have use of the office, the old dining room storage room behind the kitchen, or the two Casita garages that we currently use for storage. The building is now vacant but will require some updating, environment, furnishings and fridge.

The current rent was listed at \$3700.00 per month, plus utilities.

Although we have a healthy budget this year, Sharon asked the question as to what happens if next year we can't afford this rent. We will have given up all storage areas at Mount Claret. Tom also wants us to pay a rental fee per room, we rent throughout the year. As well as the cost of the facility for the Cursillo weekends. We would need to compare the cost of that versus the monthly rent. The Spanish movement is paying a non-cloister fee for use of the facility each weekend. The English movement is paying a higher, cloistered fee for use of the facility. Carmela was going to check into this and see what the details on each actually.

This issue will require additional discussion and number crunching. Actual fees for comparison will need to come from Thom.

Tom said they would like to make our current office into an apartment so they can charge rent on that and so he is anxious to wrap up a decision so everyone can move forward.

Update on the Cursillo Weekend in Camp Verde: Carmela and Deacon Ernie have had a difficult time obtaining priests. Father Larry lives in Cottonwood and he does Rachel's Vineyard. He has agreed to do mass and confessions only at this point. He does not know much about Cursillo. If a priest cannot be found to do mass, Deacon Ernie will ask permission to do a communion service instead. Since the facility is not a Catholic Church, a communion service is permissible.

We received mail about the rosary celebration in our diocese. This is something supported by many ministries within the diocese, including Mount Claret. Jim said he takes out an ad through his business because he knows that approximately 5000 copies get distributed throughout the Valley in the form of a beautiful coffee book edition. There are variety of ads. Sharon moved that we support rosary Sunday with one half page ad at \$200. Deb second the motion and it is carried. Bart has volunteered to work on this ad along with Jim. Jim suggested the ad includes the mission of Cursillo., a call to action and that we support Rosary Sunday.

English and Spanish Secretariat Meeting with Bishop Nevares on September 7:

The English and Spanish Secretariat will meet in the JP II Room on September 7th. Carmela will speak with the Spanish LA Director to confirm times to see if our secretariat will be contributing breakfast or lunch for the meeting. Sharon remind the secretary that she will be out of town for this meeting and someone else will need to take minutes or notes.

School of Leader (SOL) Report-Jim: Jim would like to invite Annie Taylor to run the Eastside school of leaders. Deborah Hernandez asked him to wait on this request as she has planned to invite Annie Taylor to pray about running for the position of 3-Day Chair. Jim has agreed to wait.

Jim says that Joanna Hagan at Saint Elizabeth Seaton is doing a great job on the west side school of leaders. He said that Saturday's school of leaders went very well. He also says that Joanna feels that

she is not ready to take on the school of leader chair at this time as her hands are full with, her current commitments.

Treasurer's Report – Sophie: Sophie sent over the following report in her absence:
See separate Treasurer's Report for details.

Pre-Cursillo Chair Report- Bart: Bart said that he and his wife are dedicating 30 minutes each evening to God and his work. It is a good challenge to each of us.

Sharon sent Bart some lists of our parish reps. He is working on contacting them. Bart says the Parish Rep Roster is pretty solid. He is working on filling blank slots. Bart will continue to work on video to upload on the website and the other projects. He has already volunteered for in the last couple meetings. Bart is a busy boy. (Thank you)

3-Day Chair Report: Deborah: deb says that all of the fall teams are in place. Carmela has sent over the team sheets for the northern Arizona women's weekend. We still need team sheets for the October men's team and the November women's team. Sharon will follow up with Mick and Evelyn on those.

Post Cursillo Chair Report-Ted: Ted has finished the schedule/agenda, for the revive weekend. He and Carmela have gone through that and feel that it is in order. The registration fee is \$50 per person or \$100 before registration and one night stay at Mt Claret or \$150 for registration and a two night stay at Mount Claret. The information with a link for registration will be on the website.

Secretary Report/Sharon: It was brought up to Sharon at school of leaders to see if Cecelia could add a link so that Cursillistas could indicate on our website if they have an interest in working a team. Sharon to follow up with Cecelia.

Sharon will check on the number of Chris Emmanuel we currently have in the library.

Sharon continues to work on the database. Most emails are still being forwarded to Cecelia as she still remains in control of the info at phoenixcillo.com email address. Sharon cannot access that email without a code from Cecelia or unless she is actually on the computer at Mount Claret.

Additional Discussion: Bart asked if the Bishop has made any decision about staying with National or International Movement. At this time, Carmela said he has made no further decision about this.

Dad has one copy of nationals book called step-by-step. It is the only copy of the manual that we know of.

Closing prayer: led by Sharon.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sharon Matson, Secretary for the Secretariat.