

## **Cursillo Secretariat Meeting Minutes – Meeting of 07 /9/2024**

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

Absent: Bishop Nevares, Deborah Hernandez, Ted Cruz

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

**Group Reunion/Meditation:** Lead by Jim Pompe

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

Jim asked for a correction in the June minutes. After correction, Jim moved to approve minutes from June; Sophie seconded, minutes approved.

### **New Business:**

#### **Cena Report: Terry McDonald, Chairperson**

100 people attended. The Sunday evening included dinner service with appetizers and a bar before dinner while people were bidding on the auction items. Terry is keeping notes and procedure plan on Cena. We had two experienced servers and the two inexperienced servers were juniors from Xavier (but would like to return next year). We can hire a serving crew next year.

Quick auction gifts and gifts came in two weeks prior and day before and day of. We had approximately 45 gifts. We bought two gifts: 1. the floating ice chest and 2. the chairs and the golf bag. For set up: 6-8 foot tables and we brought furniture from the lobby and then the silent auction chair. Kathleen Rust had two hours of training from Angie Fairlie and has volunteered to coordinate the Silent Auction again next year.

Clean Up: We needed more help especially on the cleanup! We were VERY short handed. I suggest a separate clean up team or even teams for during dinner and one for everything else afterwards. We should check into hiring a cleaning team to allow all the Cursillitas to enjoy the evening. If not, we must have dedicated team(s): a minimum of 4 people to clean up the kitchen and a minimum of 4 to 6 people to clean up the rest.

Moving onto dinner:

We didn't use the warmers that I rented. We had to buy double rolls because we didn't put them in the freezer and they got too big and bad. We had to buy one of the vegetables asparagus for some reason they didn't come from the donation order. We had leftovers appetizers, so appetizers went great and I don't know about you all and if you got any comments, we only had one negative comment that the food was cold so maybe two comments.

Registration seem to go well, no problems in registration at all even up to checking out. Veronica Lucas committed to next year so did Kathleen Rust for the Silent Auction Chair as well as Jean Polando (bartender leader). Each committed for their respective role for 2025.

Regarding the Cursillo photos: Terry says she should've put the numbers on the front and will do so in the future. She is in the process of putting photos back in their file.

God bless us with great weather!

Sophie's report on the Cena: we brought in about \$13,550. but our expenses were \$11,250. Terry thought we were going to break even we actually made approximately \$2300. Food expenses came out to \$26. per person, that was for appetizers and dinner. Terry thought we would be more around \$20. per person, and thinks that it's possible to lower it, if we get a bit more donations for food, entertainment, and decorations. The 100 people paid for dinner and the silent auction. I think the gifts were worth about \$5000. We pulled in close to \$4000. on the Silent Auction. The \$2300. was the total profit made, inclusive of the Silent Auction.

Next year's Cena date is scheduled for May 10, 2025. This is Mother's Day weekend.

Storage FYI: The Cena of storage area is in the garage as of Casa 1 and Casa 2 on the property.

Terry says that she and Angela Fairlie will cohost the Cena next year.

Lay Director Report: Carmela reports that Ted Cruz says that everything is in order for the Diocesan Ultreya on Saturday, 07/13/24. This is a potluck event and has been advertised as such.

Carmela reports that the following men are interested in working on the northern Arizona men's October weekend. They include the following:

Joe Ratschen, Al Stimac, Dave Rossler, Corey Ray and Greg Thirkhill.

Finally, Carmela reported that at the Secretariat Day of Reflection, Bishop Navarez said that he is considering aligning with the national Cursillo Movement. He would like to have some discussions with representatives from National and be able to ask questions before he makes the final decision. Additional information will be coming as he reflects on this more.

Sophie will bring Carmela a check to the Ultreya so she can finish the deposit for the camp Verde Cursillo weekends.

Treasury Report: Sophie reports the following as of 07/09/24:  
See separate Treasurer's Report for Detail.

Jean Palando just turned in three expired checks from a previous Cursillo. Sophie is contacting those team members to see if they would like to re-issue their checks.

Sophie moved and Sharon seconded a motion to send flowers to Tisa Williams' brother, Tommy Martinez's funeral mass on 07/27/24 at St. Mary's Basilica. Motion was approved. Sophie will make the arrangements and send the flowers to the funeral.

Sophie was asked if she had anyone in mind that she might suggest to replace her in the upcoming election. The following names were discussed: Brenda Halpain, Jean Keller, or John Halpain. Once trained, Sharon will pull a report which includes any Cursillista who may have listed their profession as CPA or accounting.

**School of Leaders Report:** JIM said that he experienced some technical difficulties at the June school of leaders. He and his team of Claudio and Antonio are working through the details to avoid this in the future.

Jim will give the July presentation which will be a Scott Hahn book report. Jim will be inviting a priest who will also share his stories, all this so we can learn how to better defend our faith. Phil Smith will be invited to give his testimony as he is a convert.

Amy Wright from Prescott Valley is going to start the northern Arizona School of Leaders. She will do her training based on the leaders manual.

Jim reports that Deacon Bob was a great speaker at the June School of Leaders. All in attendance agreed.

**Pre-Cursillo Report:** Bart reports that we are getting a bit of activity for the fall weekends. He's trying to contact Parrish reps at Mount Carmel and Resurrection Parish to speak to the parish rep about a sponsor for candidates interested in the weekend.

Bart has got a response from some parish reps but still needs a list of recent Chrissy East to serve as parish reps. Bart is asking for Sharon to go back 1-3 years worth of weekends and send him a list of all Cursillistas who made weekends so he may have a pool for Parish Reps.

Bart will be preparing parish rep training workshops. He will reach out to Terry Mick who may have a script for that training. Bart also plans to create a Sponsor video which can be posted on our website. Bart will also create a Sponsor Check-List.

**Three-Day Report:** Deborah said that she's going to put forth the name of Annie Taylor to replace her as the Three-Day Chair. She plans to reach out to discuss this with Annie.

**Post Cursillo Report:** Ted reports that the Diocesan Ultreya is good to go.

Ted would like the following to be included in the Rector Rector manual: that the person that gives Ives the fourth day talk at the Clausura will also be responsible for the rosary at the Clausura.

**Secretary Report:** Sharon thanked everyone for helping to clean up the conference room and the secretary's office. She will go in and continue to clean up. It was agreed that we should purchase a shredder for the secretaries office and consider a new laptop as well.

**Spiritual Director Report:** Dcn. Ernie recaps that Jim Pompe is giving the Technical and spiritual talk for July.

In August Nick Petra will give the technical presentation and Dcn. Ernie will give the meditation.

Jim says he will skip School of Leaders in December, as that is a busy time of year for everyone and therefore is not well attended.

Closing prayer was led by Bart. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

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