

Secretariat Meeting Minutes: May 13, 2025

Attendees: Dcn. Ernie Gonzales, Veronica Lucas, Bart Blaylock, Aurora Hicks, Sharon Matson, Carmela Gonzolas.

Absent: Sophie Bejarano, Jim Pompe, Ted Cruz

6:35 PM Opening Prayer: "Come Holy Spirit" prayer and the "Leaders Prayer", led by Veronica Lucas.

Meditation: Presented by Sharon Matson.

Approval of the Minutes from April: Aurora moved to approve the Minutes from April, Bart seconded the motion. Motion passed, Minutes approved.

Lay Director Report-Veronica Lucas:

T.V. Install Update: James Diaz installed the large T.V. in the Cursillo Center.

Falling Danger in the new Center. There is a curvature from the wall onto the floor at the back east wall (main wall that backs to the storage area). Debi Wiskirchen slid in this area and fell at the April Orientation. Veronica obtained a bid to remove the drywall curvature and make the wall "straight" to the floor. Sharon moved to accept the bid and commence the work. Bart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Our School Of Leaders Chair, Jim Pompe is moving to Hawaii and Freddie Sordia, Jr. is willing to chair this position. Veronica nominates Freddie to chair School Of Leaders, Aurora seconded the motion. Freddie is officially nominated and the Secretariat will vote on his nomination at the June meeting.

Cena Update: Angela Fairlie reported to Veronica that the Cena made approximately \$17,000.00.00. At the end of the Cena, Angela asked for anyone who did win their bid on a Silent Auction item or perhaps just felt called to do so, to commit to a "Call Out Donation". This "Call Out Donation" brought in an extra \$6,400.00.00! Great job Angela!

National Cursillo: Veronica, Carmela and Dcn. Ernie will be attending the upcoming Yuma Cursillo so they can see the Method of a National Cursillo Weekend in person. They will only be guests and will not be speaking with the candidates. They will only be observing and speaking *only* with the Rectora and her Co's to see how this weekend runs compared to what we do now.

Veronica says the Bishop wants to meet on June 28th with the committee who compared our current Rector/Rectora Handbook with the book from National for a report. The English and Spanish Secretariats are also invited/encouraged to attend. The meeting will be Saturday: June 26, 2025

At 1:00pm in the Cursillo Center.

Carmela says that members of the National Cursillo Movement will come and speak with the Bishop, as well as both English and Spanish Secretariats about the National Handbook.

Region 10 Dues (Update): Follow Up from last month's meeting about what the Dues for Region 10 are used for. Carmela says it is basically a Good Will Donation from us to the Region to help the Region cover costs of traveling to locations for presentations, and more.

Bart moves to approve the payment of the \$200.00 dues to Region 10. Aurora seconded the motion. Motion carried, payment of dues approved.

Veronica had a brief discussion with Dean Dwyer and Dcn. Bob Carey about an update on the Cursillo Center. The men also asked how we would be investing the monies from the Trust Fund Endowment the Movement received. Veronica said she would like to form a Finance Committee to work on this after we get a new treasurer. Sophie's terms was up in January but she is still preparing our monthly reports, etc. We do need to replace her.

Internet in the New Center: Veronica will follow up with Tom about getting an internet connection down there.

New Copier: Aurora said Bruce and Debi Wiskirchen have an opportunity to get a copier for the Movement. It is a 2012 and would be a gift. Aurora will get details on this for us. Meanwhile, Sharon is planning to have our current copier (aka: The Workhorse) serviced and ready for the men's weekend.

Veronica says that using the Cursillo for Orientation was very tight and crowded. She asked Aurora to see if the Dining Room and Kitchen were available. Aurora says the dining room is available but not the kitchen. We may need to set up simple hospitality in the dining room.

The secretariat discussed getting more chairs to accommodate a larger crowd at Orientation. The large room in the new Center will hold more chairs. We felt like 100 chairs would accommodate everyone. Veronica will order 20 additional chairs.

Poker Tournament: Veronica suggested a community poker tournament. Dcn. Ernie and Carmela Gonzales will assist Veronica. She also has a friend who will help coordinate the event. Veronica presented a detailed proposal to Secretariat outline costs and details of the event. Secretariat approved the Poker Tournament.

Update on April Region 10 Meeting: Sharon reminded Veronica that she did not provide a report on her attendance at the meeting. Report is as follows: Veronica said Friday was similar in format to a secretariat meeting with each member providing a update on their own Movement.

Saturday consisted of 4 talks or workshops about the Movement. Veronica said they took notes, and have good discussions and opportunities for networking.

Treasurer's Report-Sophie Bejarano:

See Separate Report for details.

I'm going to look into Square and Intuit GoPayment (which we use at the Monastery). We used Square at my work Sunday for our golf tournament and it was as simple as adding an app on our phones and putting in the proper credentials to allow the "tap" purchases to go into our account. Simple. No card readers. I may switch to that after comparing their program. If anyone has experience with Square or any other "tap to pay" app, let me know so I can research. Easiest to have an app on the phone and several of you can take payments, including the new Applications Chair (still don't know who they are).

School of Leaders Report – Open Position:

Future Dates TBD

Pre-Cursillo Chairperson Report-Bart Blaylock: Bart asked what info we would need on a Cursillo Application. Sharon says she will help provide what is needed for the data base, etc. Veronica volunteered to help as well. Discussion followed about using a Google Doc Application.

Bart would like to do a Cursillo Poll to get info to and from new Cursillistas.

Sponsor Talks: Bart asked for discussion about breaking his video presentation into smaller segments for quick viewing or keeping the overview in one longer video providing all the info at one time. The secretariat felt shorter segments may be easier for the community.

Veronica says she can create a U-Tube Channel for the videos.

Adoration Sign Up: Bart did add an off-site sign up so people who cannot get to Mt. Claret can still do Adoration for the weekend.

Sharon suggested that the men's team do Adoration for the Women's Weekend and the women do Adoration for the Men's weekend because so many team members are also sponsors. Aurora to follow up with this going forward.

Bart will also do an Orientation Video for those people who live too far from Mt. Claret to attend.

Three Day Chairperson Report-Aurora Hicks:

Sr. Meg returned her stipend for the weekend and asked that it be used to help sponsor someone for a future Weekend.

Next Rector/Rectora Workshop in Phoenix: August 16, 2025.

Auroa needs help putting together a Rector/Rectora Workshop in Northern AZ. She would also like to make a trip to Flagstaff to see the facilities used on the weekend.

Carmela said that things work differently in Northern AZ, particularly in the Kitchen so that would need to be addressed for the N.A. Workshop.

Aurora was able to confirm with the participants that the Bishops says that the minimum number of participants on weekend is 10 candidates.

Aurora to follow up and obtain a current TAX LETTER for team's donations and would like to add a letter for a "Donation In Kind" for individuals rather than businesses.

The upcoming Men's Weekend gives us the first candidate that has a service dog. We will get a follow up from Aurora after the weekend.

Post-Cursillo Chairperson Report-Ted Cruz: (Ted is out of town for the Camino de Santiago so he was not able to give a report).

Veronica says she has spoken to Nellie from the Spanish Movement and they have asked Bishop Dolan about scheduling a Grand Ultreya (both English and Spanish). The Bishop is available on August 2, 2025 (a day already marked for an English Ultreya) so that will be the date going forward.

Veronice said she will be working with Nellie and Ted when he returns (as he is the Post Cursillo Chair). Meanwhile, Veronica will prepare an announcement to be sent out via FlockNote ASAP.

Tom said we could use the Conference Center for this event and it is scheduled.

Secretary Report- Sharon Matson: Sharon expressed some concerns about Wifi connection in the new building for the upcoming Men's Weekend for purposes of updating info and creating the Weekend Roster. Planning to service the Copier for the Men's Weekend. Reminded everyone that we need to do come clean up and organizing of our new center. Sharon asked about following up on scheduling our events at Mt. Claret for the 2027-2028 calendar. This will be tabled until next month.

8:30 PM Closing Prayer offered by Dcn. Ernie.

8:31 PM Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Matson, Secretary for the Secretariat of the English Cursillo Movement of Phoenix
