

Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Movement Secretariat Minutes
September 12, 2017

Members Present: Ruben Trevizo, Brenda Hope, Brenda Halpain, Nancy Kijewski, Cecelia Dusold, Marty Sprinzl

Spiritual Advisor: No spiritual advisor present

Absent: Sharon Matson, Vince Johnson

Meeting opened at 6:40 pm with Leader's Prayer and Group Reunion

Minutes of August, 2017: Nancy Kijewski motioned to approve minutes as read; Brenda Hope seconded, minutes were passed unanimously.

Section Reports

Precursillo (Nancy Kijewski) (Report attached)

Parish Reps: Folder created with pertinent info

Time to Build: Workshop is October 7 at Mt. Claret; registration set up on Event Brite to get accurate count of attendants for workshop materials. Parish Reps received email notice; mass mailing sent, committee will begin personal phone calls to encourage participation by community. Talks will be led by Suzanne Tamargo (Parish Rep) and James and Pam Diaz (Sponsor portion). Cecelia will order materials for the workshop from National.

Applications for November weekends: Two for the men's so far. Discussion was held about how to handle candidates who are not registered at a parish (far away Catholics). Conclusion was that Sponsor should work with Pastor of Sponsor's parish (making sure pastoral concerns are addressed) and if possible, a Spiritual Advisor. Parish Rep of sponsor's parish would also be involved.

Orientation for November weekends: October 18 at 7:00 pm at Mt. Claret

Three Day (Sharon Matson; absent)

Sharon sent word that the committee has worked on a list of possible Rectors/Rectoras for 2018

Discussion was held regarding eligible team members, especially regarding new Cursillistas. It was agreed that the follow-up process that used to be in place after weekends which, among other things, asked team members to name possible future team members should be reinstated.

Postcursillo (Brenda Hope)(report attached)

Ultreyas: Blessed Sacrament, Friday August 25th; about 70 attended

St. James, Saturday, Sept. 26; well attended. Parish Rep Suzanne Tamargo has asked Karen McManus to be part of the Parish Rep Team as Karen Zienta has stepped down.

Upcoming Ultreyas: September 15, St. Thomas Aquinas; September 23, Diocesan Ultreya at Mt. Claret; September 30, St. Anne Church; October 15, Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery

Diocesan Ultreya: Will begin with set up at 8:00 am; 9:00 am will be fellowship and potluck with a get to know you led by Karen Zienta; the Ultreya will begin at 10:00 am. Bishop Nevares is planning to attend.

Parish Rep/Sponsor Workshop: Postcursillo Committee is working on their portion and will be ready to present at the workshop.

Treasurer (Brenda Halpain)

Current balance is \$29,000; easy tithe donations are \$710 per month. Zelda Graham is turning over easy tithe administration to Brenda.

\$200 was spent on the Secretariat Retreat

It was agreed there should be some sort of information (half page flyer) for easy tithe at the Diocesan Ultreya

School of Leaders (Marty Sprinzl)

Men's team was at the SOL on Tuesday, September 5 and the meeting went very well. Both the women's and men's teams will be at the October SOL. The Technique talk will be presented by Postcursillo and the Doctrinal talk will be Essentials and Incidentals; presented by Deacon Kevin Napp from St. Mary Magdalene.

Marty will talk to Rector/Rectora about attending follow up of upcoming weekends to do short presentation about School of Leaders.

Marty is continuing his personal outreach calls to Cursillistas.

Secretary (Cecelia Dusold)

Voice: next deadline is September 25; going forward articles should be shorter (750 words or so).

Cecelia asked Nancy if she would synthesize her SOL report from September 5 into an article for one of the upcoming issues. Marty Sprinzi suggested that the talk be recorded and uploaded to YouTube for access on the website. This idea was met with general agreement; plans are being made record the next SOL presentation.

Website: There was discussion about the privacy of the Financial Information of the Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo movement and of the Parish Rep phones/emails. It was agreed that an easily accessible password would be used to get into certain pages of the website. All Cursillistas would be given the password which would be some deterrent against people not associated with Phoenix Cursillo from accessing that information.

Database: Now returns a "bounce report" of emails that are returned as closed. Cecelia will begin following up with phone calls to obtain new emails.

Flagstaff (Vince Johnson – not present)

Ultreya at Bushmaster Park in Flagstaff, Sunday, September 17 at 2:00 pm

Region 10 Encounter; Spring 2018 Preliminary plans are being made as Art Velez requested that an Encounter be held in Flagstaff in April or May of 2018 for Region 10. Additionally, he has spoken to Nancy Kijewski about having the Rediscovery weekend presented in English and Spanish.

Old Business

Finalizing the 2018 Cursillo Schedule: After discussion at two School of Leaders meetings and within the Secretariat, a decision was regarding retaining all three sets of English Weekends in 2018. In the SOL meetings, the following pro/con list was developed.

Keeping at 3 Men – 3 Women

Need to change the World
Doing less means Satan is winning
3 is a good place to start
Change is hard
Having teams allows for more involvement
Increased income but not significantly
Timing of the retreats is important
(Why were the number reduced from 4 each to 3 each?)
Momentum
Less waiting by candidates in between
Not worth it for one year (better schedule in 2019 – no May Cursillo)
Loss of income
Invite more new team members
Are we on an upswing with 16 candidates on May women's Cursillo?

Going with 2 or less

Cost of the Weekend?
Not enough impact the candidate's experience
Less opportunity to build community
Disheartening for team and candidates and 4th day
Doesn't present a vibrant picture
Harder to find team members
More down time for education
Use a scheduled weekend for 4th day retreat
Hard to gather team and candidates for May Cursillo
Not enough people trained for teams (What does it mean to be qualified?)
Cancelling is VERY hard on everyone.
Not less than 2 each
MUST schedule something in place of Cursillo
Sponsors are not educated.
Too few candidates – Team too large

ACTION: Brenda Halpain motioned that three sets of English Cursillo weekends be held in 2018; Marty Sprinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed with 1 against.

Fiesta Update: Second Meeting was held with good attendance; still making phone calls and next meeting is pending. The Fiesta will have different cultural food booths; cultural entertainment (folklorico, etc.), karaoke, bands, game booths for kids, a cake walk, rummage sale (in the Conference Center) with some items possibly being raffled, super bowl squares, etc. An email is going to go out for more volunteers, but the Parish Rep workshop email is the first priority.

Finalized 2019 Calendar:

Orientation for Jan 2019 Men's and Women's English

Wednesday evening December 19 (Dining Room)

2nd choice Wednesday December 26

Cursillo Weekend Dates

January 10-13, 2019 Men's English Cursillo

January 24-27, 2019 Women's English Cursillo

March 27, 2019 Orientation for Men's and Women's English

April 11-14, 2019 Men's English Cursillo

May 2-5, 2019 Women's English Cursillo

September 18, 2019 Orientation for Men's and Women's English

October 3 - 6, 2019 Men's English Cursillo

October 17-20, 2019 Women's English Cursillo

Other events

Cena: April 26-28, 2019

Parish Rep Workshop: September 7, 2019 (Conference Center)

Diocesan Ultreya: September 21, 2019 (Conference Center)

Region X Encounter, English and Spanish: November 7-10, 2019

There is no date for Fiesta in 2019; we will have to arrange for that.

New Business:

Cena 2018: Ruben will be contacting former Cena organizers to see if someone is interested in chairing for 2018.

Region X Encounter, English and Spanish: November 7-10, 2019

Next meeting: October 10 at 6:30 pm.

Closing prayer led by Ruben Trevizo

Meeting closed at 10:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cecelia Dusold