

Minutes for ACTS Core Team Meeting

May 2, 2011 at Santa Rosa Center

Review of Minutes

Andrew motioned to approve the minutes as-is.

Open Floor to Non-Core

The following issues were brought up:

- ✦ **Spaghetti Dinner:** Bea Rulli spoke about the fundraiser and that she would volunteer to do the cooking.
- ✦ **Adult Formation:** Lillian Elsey and Bea Rulli both offered their services and provided a letter to the Core explaining the details and credentials.

Ministry Fair at Mary Immaculate

Ricky Jones explained the setup for the fair on May 15th at Mary Immaculate. William Teal will bring his projector and we will play the ACTS Missions video on loop as members in red shirts recruit new retreatants and share their personal experiences. We will also sell tickets to the Casino Bus Ride and the new ACTS decals. Deacon Ken expressed the fact that most retreatants sign up for the retreat after one-on-one recruitments. Everyone agreed it was a good idea and we will try to have a presence at all Ministry Fairs at each parish.

Opening Prayer

Sang "Willing Servant" and opening prayer led by Deacon Ken.

Women's Director

Ron explained the qualifications for the director and the candidates each gave a brief speech:

- ✦ **Maria Battigelli:** She is a Eucharistic Minister and Lector at Mary Immaculate. She was raised at Santa Rosa. She taught Catechism for 13 years, is fully-initiated into the Church, and married for 29 years. Mary has been on team twice, but declined the position as Director. She expressed a desire to work with the youth at Mary Immaculate, but will participate off-site on the next retreat.
- ✦ **Patty Vargas:** Is a parishioner at Santa Rosa, where she was also married. She has been on team four times and also participates in Marriage Encounter, RCIA, and Alpha. She is very task-oriented and is always writing lists for everything. She is very organized and has led groups at work.
- ✦ **Sara Aguilera:** Sara couldn't make it to the meeting, but Lillian spoke on her behalf. Lillian has known Sara for around 20 years and said that she is sweet, task-oriented, and strict with her kids. She helps lead people to Life Teen and has taught RCIA with Deacon Ken for around 20 years. Although divorced, she has been happily remarried for 15 years. She has been on team once, but has organized many other retreats in the past, as well as being part of the choir.
- ✦ **Rosie Cardenas:** ACTS has been life-changing for her and her family. She is a prayerful person and doesn't feel that being on the Core team as well as a Director would be a burden. As far as experience and leadership she is the Vice Principal of three elementary schools, oversees 300 families, and also works with special needs children. She has been on team twice.

At this point the non-Core was asked to step outside. There was a scripture reading by Carmen, followed by a moment of silent prayer. Then the Core discussed what they thought about each of the candidates. Votes were then cast and placed into a box. Sal read another scripture and Ron said a prayer. The names were then drawn by Perla. Sara Aguilera was chosen as the women's director.

Status Reports

Feedback from each of the core team members.

- ✦ **Support:** It was asked if we should buy the rosaries for the men's retreat or make them, due to the lack of time remaining. It was decided that Andrew and Sandy would research the price of the twine by Thursday and if no match was found then we would just purchase the plastic rosaries. Andrew will also follow up with Fr. Steve about doing the return Mass at St. Ferdinand.
- ✦ **Music:** Rosemary said that the music is on schedule for the men's retreat, but asked about where send-off would be taking place.

- ⤴ **Pastoral:** Deacon Ken mentioned that 2000 decals had been ordered for additional fundraising. He also said that he will be meeting with Fr. Norm of St. Didacus to extend an invitation for him to observe on the next men's retreat.
- ⤴ **Financial:** Sandy read the financial report and expressed a high importance for fundraising. She also said that the current count of retreatants is 17 for the men's retreat.
- ⤴ **Fundraising:** Sylvia explained the Casino Bus Ride fundraiser and she also read through the City of San Fernando contract for the Walk-a-Thon. Andrew spoke about the Carl's Jr coupon books: they cost \$1 with a minimum purchase of 100 over the counter at any Carl's Jr. We in turn sell them for \$5 and pocket the rest of the money. It was voted that we purchase the coupon books.
- ⤴ **Supplies:** Danny expressed a need to finish inventory of three more boxes. Susan has the cloths for foot washing. Will need more flash paper for reconciliation.
- ⤴ **Spiritual:** Sal said we need to keep praying for the men's retreat and also for the new director, Sara. He also stated the importance of Eucharistic Adoration and it was mentioned that all three parishes offer it at different times. Ricky will make sure to include the dates and times in the emails.

Meeting Evaluation

Everyone said the meeting went great and that we accomplished a lot. Perla mentioned that we should stick to the topics on the agenda and not get sidetracked by other things causing us to run over our allotted time limit.

Closing Prayer

Led by Rosemary