

Minutes for ACTS Core Team Meeting

June 6, 2011 at Santa Rosa Center

Opening Prayer

Led by Sandy Klevinskas

Review of Minutes

Sandy motioned to approve the minutes as-is.

Open Floor to Non-Core

The following issues were brought up:

- ✦ **Adult Formation:** Lillian Eley and Bea Rulli notified the Core that the class will take place on the second Monday of the month. Will be requiring an official Catechism of the Catholic Church *ISBN 0-89942-257-8* by the USCCB and a bible. The Christian Community Bible is preferred, but not required. Another book will be required titled "Catholic Pocket Evangelist." Will start the second Monday of September from 7 – 9pm to finish preparation and also to assure all people are back from their summer vacations.
- ✦ **Community Gatherings:** Bea Rulli expressed the need for community gatherings of people who have been on an ACTS retreat like a barbecue or picnic.

Update on Women's Retreat

Sara Aguilera as the director stated send-off will be at Santa Rosa. The co-directors will be Carmen, Rosemary, and Rosie. In the process of finding a spiritual director. Meetings will start taking place on June 16th in the small hall at Mary Immaculate after the leadership team has returned from training in San Antonio. The goal is to have the applications ready for the men's reunion. The photo has been chosen for the retreat as well. Matthew 21:42

Update on Men's Retreat

Ron Mouzis spoke about how the men really pulled together to make things happen. We had a person who was scheduled to give a talk who did not show up, but Steve Eley stepped up to the plate along with the help of Amateo Seno and William Teal who helped him prepare. Every ministry went very well. The women did a great job at Candlelight and the presence of all of the women really made it a success.

Men's Retreat Director

Ron explained the process for the upcoming retreat December 1st. We have enough retreats under our belts in order to follow the ACTS Missions Charter qualifications this time around. We will put out a request for nominations for the role of director by July 1st. Those who respond to the call or who are nominated will be invited to the meeting on July 11th. We will not be able to meet at the Santa Rosa Center, but Ron will let everyone know where and at what time the meeting will be.

Status Reports

Feedback from each of the core team members.

- ✦ **Financial:** Sandy read the financial report. We've sold \$130 worth of decals so far. Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser earned \$1100.
- ✦ **Music:** Rosemary thanked Bea for her work at Send-Off.
- ✦ **Support:** Rosie remarked that Perla and herself were able to do a great job at Senf-Off, Candlelight, and the Reception. The impromptu meeting held at Denny's was a big help as far as organizing for these support events for the men's retreat. We are getting better and handling our responsibilities. The Reception had a few issues as far as weather and crowding, but we learn from these things. Ron commented that the privacy and the space were issues, but that it was a great event. Perla thanked everyone who helped out as well and agreed that everything went well. Rosemary mentioned that Fr. Steve requires that we get a request in ahead of time to use the facilities at St. Ferdinand. Deacon Ken expressed the fact that we don't notify the parishes far enough in advance and that's why we haven't been able to reserve facilities. Retreat Support Coordinators should get together and write up a plan for the next six retreats and be held responsible for reserving the facilities for the Commissioning Mass, Send-Off, and Return Mass / Reception as well as booking the priests for Reconciliation. Tom spoke

about how important it is for us to greet people at the Masses. Deacon Ken agreed and expressed that it is essential that our presence be known at all the parishes.

- ⤴ **Supplies:** Danny wants to do inventory on Saturday, June 18th at 8am. The key needs to be picked up the night before in the office at St. Ferdinand. Ricky will send out an email requesting help.
- ⤴ **Fundraising:** Sylvia spoke about the Casino trip. There are 33 tickets sold, which means we are about half way there. Carmen expressed that it should be announced at all the parishes and that it's not just the ACTS community that is invited. Sylvia also mentioned that she felt like she has been working alone on this project and that she really needs the help as far as selling the tickets and promoting the event. Perla stated that we could have any extra tickets sold be put on a waiting list for the next trip.
- ⤴ **Pastoral:** Deacon Ken mentioned that Fr. Porfirio had commented that we haven't been seen in ministry at Santa Rosa. We have an opportunity at June 13th for a Ministry Night. There will be a short presentation about ACTS given by Will. Wear an ACTS shirts, it doesn't matter which color. He also stated that the reception should not be held outside if we can help it in the future.
- ⤴ **Spiritual:** Sal said we need to keep the Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration at St. Ferdinand and Mary Immaculate going.
- ⤴ **Communication:** Ricky asked if anyone has information that needs to go out to the entire ACTS community in the monthly update. Deacon Ken brought up the idea of setting up a phone committee who can make sure to contact the people who do not have email or who haven't provided one.

How Can the Core Be More Helpful to the Team

Carmen spoke about how the Core can be of service to the director and their team to help relieve the stress from the leadership of each retreat as well as to assure that everything is going smoothly. The directors need to learn to rely on the Core. Perla mentioned that minutes be taken at each weekly meeting during preparation for the retreat so that we can assure that progress is being achieved.

New Business

- ⤴ Ron talked about how the men are going to have a follow meeting to discuss what can be improved for the next retreat. Wednesday night at MI at 7pm.
- ⤴ Sandy mentioned that she had spoken with some of the men from the men's retreat and that some of them had stated that they might not continue to be a part of ACTS because of some of the negative comments made at the team meetings during the retreat. Tom spoke out about how it was he who had made the comments to the team and he recounted what had happened. Sylvia stated that in her job in Human Resources people are trained as leaders or managers and that if people who are not trained to be in positions of leadership are placed in those positions. Sal and Andrew agreed that there was truth to Tom's concern, but said that it could've been handled differently. Ron mentioned that the Core can't be held responsible for controlling these things. There will be a follow up team meeting to discuss this and other ways to improve the retreat experience for the retreatants.
- ⤴ Ricky brought up the idea that we should be leading people to ministry. Deacon Ken agreed. No decision was made as to how we can help this problem, but Deacon explained that as the ACTS community continues to grow we will have too many people to serve on team at once therefore many people will be able to get involved in other ministries.

Meeting Evaluation

Sandy and Rosemary said the meeting went well. Danny mentioned we should keep praying so that we can work as one. Sylvia said she was try to work more closely and learn to ask for help to avoid feeling alone. Deacon mentioned that we bring up the difficulties that we experience in our ministry not to beat on each other, but to make sure we are doing the best we can. Perla was glad that certain issues were brought up because it's necessary. Sal said that we learn from our mistakes. Ricky stated that we kept close to the agenda and that we discussed everything that we needed to. Tom explained that for a few minutes it got a little heated, but he said that he had apologized for the incident already. Carmen said we come to these meetings we need to leave our egos at home. Our passions sometimes cause conflict and we have to acknowledge that the devil is always at work especially during the retreat. Ron said this was the best meeting we've had, because everything that was said needed to be said. He also thanked the Core for the efforts and for being such a strong team.

Closing Prayer

Led by Andrew Guerrero