

Minutes for ACTS Core Team Meeting

August 1, 2011 at Santa Rosa Center

Opening Prayer

Led by Perla Teal

Open Floor to Non-Core

The following issues were brought up:

- ✦ **Introduction:** Joseph Montoya, an ACTS brother from Austin, TX introduced himself to the Core and he was warmly welcomed into the community. He has many years of experience with ACTS. He has been a director and has served on the Core in his home parish. His knowledge of the process will serve as guidance to us.

Review of Last Month's Minutes

Sal asked that we clarify what the issue was with mentioning other ministries during pulpit talks or any other ACTS events. Andrew also asked what would be the best way to help guide our brothers and sisters to other ministries and Deacon Ken explained that it should be one-on-one. Perla motioned that we accept last month's minutes as is.

Prayer Experience

Deacon Ken explained how the early Christians struggled with division amongst themselves. He read two passages from scripture, one from John and one from 1 Corinthians. Then he read part of a homily on the topic of disunity among fellow Christians. He concluded with a song by Matt Redman entitled "Let My Words Be Few."

Follow Up on T-Shirts & Polo Shirts

Ron can get t-shirts with two-color printing on both sides for \$8.25 each. For t-shirts with printing on one side the price would be around \$6.25. There would be a minimum of 12 shirts per order. Andrew suggested that we submit an order of t-shirts and sell them for \$10 each so that all the members of our community. The polo shirts would be mandatory for team members on retreat. Ricky asked if we would just order a batch of shirts or take orders from the members. Carmen suggested that we take funds from ACTS to order the shirts and then when the shirts are purchased that money would go back into our funds. The female retreat support coordinators will take orders at their next meeting. Rosalinda suggested that we use our logo small on the front and a large fish and cross ACTS logo on the back.

Ron also explained that the women's polo shirts will cost the same price to make, but that they will fit the female figure better.

Promotion of ACTS

Rosalinda asked the Core if she could wait until next month to report on this matter due to the work that is required for the current women's retreat. She stated that the women will be giving pulpit talks at all three parishes. She asked for the support of the Core and that all who attend please wear red shirts and be willing to recruit and pass out applications. Ricky will send out the dates, times, and locations of each pulpit talk as well as a link to a printable version of the application to the community asking for their support.

Status Report

Each member of the Core gave an update:

- ✦ **Support Coordinators:** Perla mentioned the pulpit talks again. Rosalinda explained that the women were asking if they could possibly arrange a date to go in and view the inventory in the trailer. She stated that the women have done something new this time setting up an off-site team who are meeting on Saturdays to put together and prepare for the retreat. Carmen added that these women would like to purchase shirts as well.
- ✦ **Inventory:** Danny stated that the inventory is up-to-date. Tom added that he will need to schedule a date to take the trailer in for a complimentary service check.
- ✦ **Communication:** Ricky asked where to send people asking for scholarships and Ron said that we need to get their information and send them to their respective pastors. Ricky also wanted to clarify what is

allowed in the ACTS email newsletters and what is not. Ron explained that anything that is not an official ACTS event should not be promoted in our emails.

- ✦ **Music:** Rosemary mentioned that she has everything lined up for the women's retreat as far as music. Ron asked if we could have a song played at the beginning and end of each Core meeting.

On the Other Side of the River

Sal explained that he found that most of the objections to "Coming Down the Mountain" were valid objections. He mentioned that it doesn't do a very good job of promoting the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. He stated that for him personally it was pretty weak in its content and that it didn't do much for him. Sal said that "On the Other Side of the River" definitely does a better job of promoting the sacraments and he recommends using it for future retreats.

Deacon Ken mentioned that the ACTS website makes both of these books available. He stated that "Coming Down the Mountain" is a good way to make the retreat a part of everyday living. He explained that the author of "On the Other Side of the River" took the bad route to attack one book to promote their own. Deacon Ken stated that the two books are different in their purpose and that we can't really compare them and that there are thousands of books available for retreatants. "On the Other Side of the River" is more of a catalogue of things to do and that it doesn't really approach the emotional difficulties that retreatants will face after a retreat. He suggests that we continue to use "Coming Down the Mountain."

Andrew added that "Coming Down the Mountain" is a great resource for retreatants and that it is the best way to follow a retreat. Joseph Montoya, a non-core attendee, explained that in Texas this book is gifted to every retreatant at every retreat and that it is the best resource available for its purpose.

New Business

- ✦ **Fundraisers:** Ron explained that Sylvia is having family difficulties and for that reason she wasn't able to attend the Core meeting. He suggested that we have a small fundraiser like a spaghetti dinner at the Knights of Columbus hall. Rosalinda asked what the money from the fundraisers will be used for. Ron said he didn't have a problem earmarking the funds raised for scholarships, as long as we first ask the parishes for scholarships before we pay from our funds. Deacon Ken asked who would decide whether the scholarships asked for are valid. Rosemary stated that she received a scholarship for her first retreat. Ricky asked whether we owed money to the parishes and whether or not we are trying to pay that back. Ron explained that we don't owe any money, but the parish did put up money to support our efforts and it would be nice if we were able to pay them back. Deacon Ken said we probably never would net enough to pay them back.
- ✦ **Tri-Parish Picnic:** Perla mentioned that we promote the picnic as a way to make our presence known. It was suggested that we add an invitation to the picnic into the ACTS email.

Meeting Evaluation

All positive feedback from the Core. We discussed many things and were productive.

Next Meeting

The meeting will be held September 12th since the 5th is a holiday. Ricky will do the opening prayer and Sal will do the closing prayer. Perla will be bringing the snacks.

Closing Prayer

Led by Danny Lopez.