

Minutes for ACTS Core Team Meeting

September 12, 2011 at Santa Rosa Center

Opening Prayer

Brief moment of silence followed by a prayer led by Ricky Jones

Review of Last Month's Minutes

Perla motioned to accept last month's minutes as is and Rosemary seconded that motion.

Prayer Exercise

Opening song "Jesus, My Everything" by Matt Maher. Deacon Ken read a Psalm from the Bible and then read an allegory relating to our duty to help bring our brothers and sisters out of darkness and into the light of Christ.

Open Floor to Non-Core

The following issues were brought up:

- ✧ **Catholicism for Adults:** Lillian Eley explained that her class, "Catholicism for Adults," will teach adults and parents about their faith. This class is important, because many adults these days have a grade school understanding of their faith. Students will learn the teachings of the Church straight from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This class will begin October 17th at the Santa Rosa Center from 7-9pm. The course will continue on the third Monday of each month until May 2012.
- ✧ **Mini-Retreat:** Lillian also mentioned that the mini-retreat for the women's team will probably need to be rescheduled. The idea was discussed about changing it to Sunday the 18th from 9am-2pm at the Barrios home. Lillian will speak with a few people about using their homes for the mini-retreat.
- ✧ **Fundraiser:** The 90th birthday of "Tukes" will be celebrated the 26th of November from 5-9pm and all proceeds will go to the ACTS community. The Core members were all handed a sheet of tickets to sell for \$10 each for an enchilada dinner.
- ✧ **Men's Directorship:** William Teal has accepted a position in Arizona. He will be leaving at the end of September and Perla will be leaving at the end of October. He will still be involved in the men's retreat. Nick Mouzis will be taking over as Director of the retreat with Mario Murillo, Florencio Gurrola, and Vincent Franco as Co-Directors.

Fundraising for Scholarships

Ron mentioned that there is a little bit of confusion as far as the past two fundraisers for the women's team. Rosie explained that the women's team would use the funds for scholarships for both retreatants and team members or any other costs necessary. Tom stated that the Core had decided previously that we wouldn't give scholarship to team members. Deacon Ken added that the money raised by ACTS is actually the money of the parishes. Rosie explained that the team needs to be able to help out those people who can't afford to go on retreat. Carmen added that a retreatant approached one of the pastors about a scholarship and he didn't know anything about it. Ron stated that he will be meeting with Fr. Victor of Mary Immaculate and ask all the pastors to donate a certain amount of money for scholarships. Tom said that if the money raised by the women was separate from ACTS, then they should use the funds for scholarships of specific retreatants, instead of putting the money into the ACTS account.

Promotion for ACTS

Rosie explained that being a Co-Director and a Core member is preventing her from working on this. She will begin working on promotion after the women's retreat.

Status Report

Each member of the Core gave an update:

- ✧ **Support Coordinators:** Tom mentioned that he won't be on the men's team this time around for financial reasons and that he hasn't been able to take the trailer in for service. Andrew explained that he is the "team captain" as far as organizing the men's team to help support the women's retreat for send-off, candlelight, and the return Mass. Perla explained that the women met on Saturday along with Andrew to set up for the retreat support events.
- ✧ **Spiritual:** Sal called the Core to pray for our leadership, the ACTS Missions leadership, our team

members and future retreatants.

- ✦ **Fundraising:** Sylvia submitted the application to the City of San Fernando for the Walk-a-thon. Her contact at the City suggested that we do the walk at Heritage Park for \$82 per hour. There is a tea-room with 30 chairs, an amphitheater, restrooms, clean-up staff. We could raise funds per lap around the park or they can pay one lump-sum. We could also sell or give tickets to pledges of a certain amount. Perla raised a concern of space for non-walkers. Sylvia explained that we could put up a tent or canopy. Ron asked that we start planning some more fundraisers for the upcoming men's retreat. Rosemary asked if we could do a casino trip to one across from the outlets for those that don't gamble.
- ✦ **New Deacon:** Santa Rosa has a new Deacon, Webbert, who will be ordained a priest in November.
- ✦ **Music:** Rosemary stated that the presentation at Mary Immaculate for the return Mass is set up, but we need at least three people from Mary Immaculate who are willing to learn the presentation program at the parish for future return Masses. Ricky will send out a message via email.
- ✦ **Finances:** Sandy was not present, but Carmen mentioned that she sat down with her and helped her with the program to help get everything up-to-date.

New Business

- ✦ **Scholarships:** Ron stated that perhaps we could give team members who need scholarships a stack of 40 ACTS stickers to earn their scholarships.
- ✦ **Replacement for Retreat Support Coordinator:** Since Perla will be moving to Arizona at the end of October and will be stepping down from her position on the Core, we need a woman from Santa Rosa who is willing to serve for the remainder of her term. Ricky will get a message out to the community and then the Core will vote.
- ✦ **Retreat Relocation for 2013:** Ron mentioned the possibility of finding another retreat center where we would do our own cooking to help lower the cost of the retreat. He explained that a few of the Core members need to commit to researching other options for retreat locations. Carmen added that we need to work around the parish fiestas and holiday weekends. The people who will be cooking will also be staying at the retreat center in this case. Sal will be contacting retreat centers for comparisons.
- ✦ **Co-Directors:** Ron mentioned that the current women's team co-directors are all Core members who won't be eligible for the directorship of the next retreat. In the future we need to make sure that the co-directors are chosen with a future directorship in mind. Deacon added that co-directors should be open to becoming a director in the future since they are in the learning process.
- ✦ **Financial Coordinator:** Ron explained the problems were having with the finances and being able to communicate with retreat teams and the Core. If Sandy were to step down from the Financial Coordinator position, she could possibly take over Perla's position. Sandy has missed 3 meetings (25%) this year which meets the qualifications for removal from the Core. Ron and Carmen will discuss with Sandy the possibility of stepping down as Financial Coordinator. Tom motioned that we vote on Sandy's position on the Core. Andrew added that we could be more diplomatic about it and motioned that we ask her step down. Sal seconded the motion. It was voted by majority that Sandy will be asked to step down.

Meeting Evaluation

All positive feedback from the Core. We discussed many things and were productive. Perla mentioned that we did spend a little too much time on certain topics.

Next Meeting

The meeting will be held October 3rd. Andrew will do the opening prayer and Perla will do the closing prayer. Carmen will be bringing the snacks.

Closing Prayer

Led by Sal Barrios