

# Minutes for ACTS Core Team Meeting

October 03, 2011 at Santa Rosa Center

## Meditation

Brief moment of silence

## Prayer Exercise

Rosemary played a song titled "Mighty is the Power of the Cross" by Chris Tomlin. Deacon Ken read Psalm from the Bible, then read a quote from St. Jerome concluding "ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." He then read a passage from Louis Evely's "We Are Brothers." Deacon Ken explained that when we watch a movie or television show or read a book we have no trouble telling others about it. But when it comes to our own spiritual lives we don't take the time to share with others. He encouraged the Core to spend some time to read Scripture.

## Opening Prayer

Led by Deacon Ken

## Review of Last Month's Minutes

Sal motioned to accept last month's minutes as is and Tom seconded that motion.

## Open Floor to Non-Core

The following issues were brought to the attention of the Core:

- ✦ **Women's Retreat:** Sara Aguilera, the women's director, explained that the retreat went fairly smooth and there were no real glitches. She was amazed to see the changes of the women on retreat. Carmen added that the evaluation forms were passed out to the team and retreatants. 31 out of 34 retreatants turned them back in and 12 were returned by the team. Rosie explained that the "Bread for the Journey" talk was very successful and that over \$400 in donations were collected. The team was very open to God doing His work through them and that when something came up they trusted in Him and it went smooth. Rosemary appreciated the organization that Sara brought to the retreat. She also thanked the men, the families, and the offsite team for the support and prayers. Ron thanked the women for their hard work and asked that they share anything they think will help the men on their future retreats. He also thanked Andrew for his work organizing the offsite events.

## Status Report

Each member of the Core gave an update:

- ✦ **Support Coordinators:** Tom said that everything went well and that everything is in the trailer. He mentioned that if the drinks brought to the retreat are perishable, like milk, they need to be taken care of since they can't be stored. Ron thanked Tom for his work on retreat as well. Perla stated that Candlelight was great and that Will mentioned that he had spoken to Joseph and that he had said that the only time he had seen such an animated crowd during Candlelight was at a teens ACTS retreat.
- ✦ **Communications:** Ricky stated that he has been given all the contact information of the retreatants from the women's retreat to add to the master contact list. He explained that he will be sending out an email blast this week. He also mentioned that the online prayer wheel was fairly successful for being put up only a week before the retreat. He is optimistic that the prayer support will be even stronger on the next retreat.
- ✦ **Supplies:** Danny mentioned that there are many supplies in the trailer that are not used on retreats (ie. Video games, CDs, previous retreat folders, etc). He asked if we should remove those things to help save space.
- ✦ **Spiritual:** Sal explained that he would have liked to see more of the men at Eucharistic Adoration during the women's retreat. He researched all the retreat centers that are within an hour or less of the parishes. He suggested that we should put together a committee to go down and investigate the proposed location.
- ✦ **Fundraising:** Sylvia explained that the Walk-a-thon is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00am to 2:00pm and that if 40 men and 40 women get 10 sponsors each to spend \$5 each we could raise \$4000. She mentioned that it would be a good idea to give out a decal to each sponsor as an incentive. We have a three hour reservation and we could perhaps play Christian music. She will be adding another

document for prayer requests from those who give donations.

- ⤴ **Music:** Rosemary thanked Richard for the music and Nick for helping out with the presentation program. Richard will take care of the worship aids for the return Mass for the men's retreat at Santa Rosa.
- ⤴ **Facilitators:** Carmen thanked the spouses and off-site team for their support.

### **Support Coordinator Replacement**

Ron reminded us that Perla will be leaving the Core. He added that Sandy is stepping down from the Financial Coordinator position and taking Perla's position as a Retreat Support Coordinator. He also explained that it is possible that one of the current Core members take on the position and give up their current position since we are coming up on our opportunity to switch positions. Sal stated that he would be willing to take on the position of Financial Coordinator. Sandy mentioned that in the future we shouldn't talk about people that are not present to defend themselves. Ricky and Tom explained that a decision had to be made according to the facts and not against her personally.

### **ACTS Mission Donation**

Ron explained that he spoke with Tom Peterson from ACTS Missions and he asked if we would be willing to talk with an ACTS group in Anaheim who are looking to get started. He was also asked about helping out another team in Azusa who is having some difficulties with their upcoming retreat. Robert explained that the team in Azusa has not received much help from the Rancho Cucamonga team that had promised to support them. Ron will be in touch with them and will get back to us on this. Deacon Ken explained that they had asked for his help for spiritual companionship on the men's retreat, but he also mentioned that their meetings are the same day of the week as our men's team. He is willing to help out, but Roberto will get back to him.

Ron also stated that he spoke with Tom Peterson about the donations collected during retreats and whether or not they should go to ACTS Missions or to our tri-parish ACTS community.

### **Women's Retreat Director**

Ron stated that we need to begin preparing for the upcoming women's retreat on April 26<sup>th</sup>. He also nominated Johana Jones, Kathleen Greulich, and Francisca Aguirre for the directorship. Ricky will send out a message to the community asking for nominations for the directorship as well. Rosie mentioned that there are several women who meet the requirements who have been on team two times or more and have been co-directors. Rosemary nominated Susan Castillo, Rosie nominated Bea Barrios, and Carmen nominated Lydia Carrizosa, but we will gather all nominations at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

- ⤴ **Meeting Places:** Rosemary added that she will be taking care of reserving the location for the women's preparation meetings and that they will be held at Mary Immaculate. She added that the women's reunion will be held October 15<sup>th</sup> at the St. Ferdinand Liturgy Room from 9:00am – 11:00am. Deacon Ken added that we will no longer be able to meet at the Santa Rosa Center so we will be looking for another location.
- ⤴ **Octoberfest Dinner Dance:** St. Ferdinand is raising funds to renovate their parish hall which will also take place on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Meeting Evaluation**

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

### **Next Meeting**

The meeting will be held November 7<sup>th</sup>. Sandy will do the opening prayer and Tom will do the closing prayer. Sylvia will be bringing the snacks.

### **Closing Prayer**

Rosemary played a song called "Your Grace Is Enough" by Matt Maher. Led by Perla Teal.