

Minutes for ACTS Core Team Meeting

March 5, 2012 at Mary Immaculate Rectory

Opening Prayer

Brief moment of silence followed by a prayer led by Laurie Serrano.

Review of Last Month's Minutes

Tom motioned that we accept last month's minutes as-is and Carmen seconded that motion.

Prayer Exercise

Rosemary played a song "Our God" by Chris Tomlin. Deacon Ken asked if we remembered the first reading from Mass on Sunday. The reading was from Genesis and relates the story of Abraham and the sacrifice of his son Isaac on Mt. Moriah. Deacon asked that we discuss what this story meant to us. He then asked us how did Abraham know that it was God that was asking this of him? He went on to add that it's important that we all listen to God's voice and seek to do His will.

Open Floor to Non-Core

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

- ✦ **Johana Jones:** She explained that the women's team is hard at work.
- ✦ **Roberto Pernudi:** He asked if he could get approval to purchase about 150' of rope to build a "living rosary" for use on future retreats.
- ✦ **Lillian Elsey:** Carmen stated that Lillian suggested that the Archdiocese offers a two-year training for spiritual directors and that perhaps we should look into it so that we can create a larger pool of candidates that can help us out on future retreats. Carmen is going to look into the details for next meeting.
- ✦ **Deacon Ken:** He was asked by Florencio Gurrola, the men's director, to announce the men that were selected as co-directors: Jose Cárdenas, Jorge Ortiz, and Rafael Sanchez.
- ✦ **Andrew Guerrero:** He explained that he called in to Cardinal Timothy Dolan's satellite radio show and asked for prayers for ACTS Missions.

Coordinator Reports

Each member of the Core gave an update:

- ✦ **Spiritual:** Susan explained that the Rosary Night was successful and that there was a good turn out. She asked that we change the time until 6:30pm since there is another group in there until 6:00pm that takes a while to vacate the premises. Ricky will send out the dates in the newsletter. She also mentioned the soup kitchen at St. Ferdinand this Friday from 5:30-6:45pm. Susan will need volunteers from 3:00-7:00pm for preparation and clean up.
- ✦ **Facilitator:** Ron added that the ACTS men will be facilitating the Stations of the Cross at Santa Rosa on March 9th and then women will facilitate the 23rd. Of course both men and women are invited and encouraged to participate. Ron has a copy of the script. Ricky will send out a reminder.
- ✦ **Support:** Laurie asked if ACTS has a fountain for use on retreats. Deacon said that he and Lillian will be willing to lend it to the women's team. She also asked for help in preparing for the first Candlelight service at the new retreat center since she is unfamiliar with the location. Deacon gave her details about the facility. Ron suggested that all four of the support coordinators set a date to take a trip to the retreat center to get things in perspective. Andrew stated that he doesn't seem to be seeing an increase of liturgical ministers coming off of retreats, specifically at St. Ferdinand. It was stated that there are lots of new people who have stepped up into these roles in all of the parishes. Deacon added that people might be called to different types of ministries that we might just not see on Sunday. He mentioned the Christmas caroling at the convalescent homes. Tom asked if a new license plate has been ordered. Ron said no. Ron asked that Danny make a couple copies of keys for the trailer.
- ✦ **Financial:** Sal gave a financial report. He also added that the new retreat center is asking for a \$1,000 deposit by the 1st of May that he will be sending in this month. He asked about insurance for retreats. Deacon Ken suggested that he call either Mary Immaculate or St. Ferdinand to get a copy of the insurance information, because Santa Rosa does not have anyone in charge of that. Ron will speak to Mary Immaculate and Andrew will ask at St. Ferdinand. Ricky asked what steps need to be taken to get

Sal authorized to set up a PayPal account for use with the new website.

- ⤴ **Supplies:** Danny asked if the women were able to purchase the swivels for the bracelets since he hasn't updated that on the inventory. Ron gave the swivels to Carmen for the women. Ron will also order the Coming Down the Mountain books.
- ⤴ **Music:** Rosemary asked that we find a person to help run the projector at the return Mass for the women at Mary Immaculate. There was some confusion about whether the women will be returning to Mary Immaculate or St. Ferdinand. Either way, she stated that she needs someone to volunteer to learn the program for future Masses. Laurie volunteered to learn the program. Susan confirmed with Lydia that the women will be returning to St. Ferdinand and that David Dogue will be providing the music.
- ⤴ **Communications:** Ricky presented the website that is now live and available at <http://sfvacts.org>.
- ⤴ **Co-Facilitators:** Carmen suggested that the retreat support coordinators work closely with the off-site volunteers and also with the retreat teams. She added that she won't be present at next month's meeting.
- ⤴ **Social/Fundraising:** Rosie explained that the menudo fundraiser raised over \$600. She suggested that we use smaller bowls for the menudo next time so that we can earn more. She would like to plan a Bunko night after Easter in the first week or two of April, but she is in need of a house or other venue. Ron suggested that we use the Knights of Columbus hall in San Fernando. She suggested Friday, April 21st. She added that the cost is \$20 for food and entry to the game. There would also be items in a silent auction. Alcohol will not be provided.

Selection of Crucifixes for Retreatants

Carmen presented five options for crucifixes for us to choose from. It was decided to purchase the John Paul II papal crucifix in two different sizes for the men and women retreatants on future retreats.

Spanish ACTS Retreats

Ron spoke with Tom Peterson who recommended that we contact Diana and Victor Quintanilla who are the Spanish ACTS coordinators. There would still be one Core team, but with representatives from both the Spanish and English communities.

Food Ministry for Upcoming Men's Retreats

Ron suggested that we get three people to volunteer for this service. He asked if these people should be expected to pay for the retreat. It was voted that the cooks will not pay for room and board on retreat. We are also responsible for our own silverware, plates, bowls, and cups. Susan suggested that we use disposal dishes for the first year. Deacon suggested that we no longer specify that our fundraisers are for scholarships since the cost of the retreats has gone down so much and since we have raised quite a bit of money for scholarships. Rosie suggested that we take donations of dishes and silverware. She also asked if Laurie and Sandy as retreat support coordinators could look into getting estimates on both new and used dishes. Rosemary added that perhaps we look into whether the retreat center has serving trays available or not. Susan also added that at least one of the cooks needs to be officially certified to prepare food.

New Business

- ⤴ **Phone Service:** Deacon suggested that perhaps we look into a phone service where we could send out bulk messages to the community via phone. Ricky will look into a service that we could use.

Meeting Evaluation

All agreed that the meeting went well, although we did go a little over our scheduled time frame.

Next Meeting

The meeting will be held April 2nd. Sandy will do the opening prayer and Susan will do the closing prayer. Danny will be bringing drinks and Ricky will bring the snacks.

Closing Prayer

Andrew led the closing prayer.