

Minutes for ACTS Core Team Meeting

April 2, 2012 at Mary Immaculate Rectory

Opening Prayer

Brief moment of silence followed by a prayer led by Sandy Klevinskas.

Review of Last Month's Minutes

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

Prayer Exercise

Deacon Ken played a song that tells the story of the Crucifixion from the point of view of Simon of Cyrene. He then asked us all to think about the people involved in this story and choose which of them we can relate to and why. He then read an excerpt from Friday or Saturday's Liturgy of the Hours.

Open Floor to Non-Core

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

- ✦ **Johana Jones:** The women's retreat is full (40 retreatants) with three unconfirmed on the waiting list. She also asked if the bus had been scheduled already. Andrew called Sal and he let him know that he is waiting confirmation and will call tonight to find out.
- ✦ **Bea Rulli:** Susan spoke on Bea's behalf and asked if ACTS would be able to purchase an audio mixer for use on the women's retreat, since the people that the women's team normally borrows from will both be unavailable during the upcoming retreat. Danny is going to ask his father if he will let them use his and Andrew will also ask his brother-in-law. Susan will ask three people to get bids on affordable mixers for this purpose and we will take a look next month.

Coordinator Reports & Definition of Duties

Each member of the Core gave an update:

- ✦ **Communications:** Deacon Ken mentioned that the only concern he has is that sometimes the emails don't go out with enough time in advance.
- ✦ **Financial:** Ron voiced that he would like to see a copy of the financial report at each meeting and that Ricky should be given a copy to keep with the minutes.
- ✦ **Retreat Support:** Ron stated that the women support coordinators have been doing a great job, but that the men are as well even though we got off to a slow start. Susan asked who would be responsible for the food on Thursday night and how that would be handled. Ron explained that the women's team should purchase Subway and then they will be reimbursed. Laurie will give her estimates on the dishes to Sandy and we'll discuss it at the next meeting. Andrew has met with Carmen and plans are underway for the retreat.
- ✦ **Spiritual:** Deacon mentioned that his daughter was wondering if there was any book club type group and he thought it was an interesting idea. Ricky asked about giving a ministries and groups sign up sheet to the retreatants on Sunday morning. He will help the women to put this checklist together. Deacon added that perhaps we can encourage the ACTS community to minister to the people in convalescent homes in our community.
- ✦ **Supplies:** Ron gave Danny the new license plate for the trailer.

Spiritual Director

Ron explained that he had looked into the price of the two-year class for this training and he was told that it is \$1700, but we will discuss it further at the next meeting.

Phone Service

Ricky presented his estimates for the phone service to contact the community with bi-weekly notifications. The best deal he found was with OneCallNow.com with which the price would be \$382 for 5000 credits which would cover us for the first year, not including new retreatants, but that we would be able to add on credits as we grow. Andrew made a motion that we accept and Sandy seconded that motion. It was decided to move forward with this offer.

New Business

- ⤴ **Books for Christmas:** Ricky proposed the idea of purchasing books at a discounted price like we have done before for the men's retreatants to give out during Christmas time. He expressed a desire to give back to the parish in some way through our fundraising efforts while at the same time helping to strengthen the faith of our English speaking community.
- ⤴ **Spanish Retreat:** Ron is still waiting to hear back from the coordinators in San Antonio, but he said that the director and possibly the team would be coming from Texas just like they did to start ACTS in English.
- ⤴ **New Retreat Center:** Ron explained that we have had complaints about the dormitory sleeping arrangements at the new retreat center from many people, especially the women. He addressed his concern that we can't please everybody. Tom explained that we could reach more people by bringing the cost of the retreat as low as possible and that that was the purpose for making the move in the first place. Andrew stated that the purpose of the retreat is not the sleeping arrangements, but rather the experience. Susan added that the women were spoiled when they started at Pavorello and that when they made the move to Montebello they were worried about the change. She explained that the women are hesitant, but has faith that they will be okay. Laurie wanted to know how to respond to team members with this concern. Deacon added that we need to remember that it is not about us, but the retreatants.
- ⤴ **Pulpit Talks:** Ron stated that he thinks that it is time that we start reaching out to other parishes in the area. We will be discussing this at the next meeting.

Meeting Evaluation

We skipped the evaluation for lack of time.

Next Meeting

The meeting will be held May 7th. Ron will do the opening prayer and Danny will do the closing prayer. Andrew will be bringing drinks and Susan will bring the snacks.

Closing Prayer

Susan led the closing prayer.