

Minutes for ACTS Core Team Meeting

June 4, 2012 at Mary Immaculate Rectory

Opening Prayer

Brief moment of silence followed by a prayer led by Sal Barrios. Rosemary played a song titled "The Servant Song."

Review of Last Month's Minutes

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

Prayer Exercise

Deacon Ken asked us to close our eyes, imagine God, then draw a picture of Him and share it with the person sitting next to us.

Open Floor to Non-Core

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

- ✦ **Azucena Bonillas:** She suggested that perhaps the women's team could do a better job of helping out with the talks during preparation, with a few members who could help guide the people writing talks through the process.
- ✦ **Florencio Gurrola:** He asked if we had or could make a list of standard items used on the retreat that would be reimbursable so that the team members could know beforehand. Ron explained the director can communicate with any of the Core members about that. He also suggested that we purchase in bulk to bring down the price. He also asked whether we will be purchasing all the dishes for this upcoming retreat. Lastly, he asked on behalf of the cooks, what will be provided for them during the retreat. He suggested that we provide them with a list.
- ✦ **Carlos Martinez:** He expressed a concern with the new retreat center and the cleanliness of it. He stated that there were various places that were really dirty, including the kitchen, and that if we are responsible with cleaning then that is going to be a lot of work. His point of view was that this is not a viable location for upcoming retreat. Sal stated that the contracts have been signed for the new retreat center and that we have to make it work.
- ✦ **Lydia Carrizosa:** She added that all of the things that Carlos mentioned can be distractions.

Coordinator Reports

Each member of the Core gave an update:

- ✦ **Spiritual:** Susan asked that everyone come to the Family Rosary Night this Friday, June 8th from 6-8pm at 851 N. Huntington St. in San Fernando. She explained that it is a great opportunity for anyone to come and continue to grow in their prayer life. She also added that kids are welcome.
- ✦ **Support:** Laurie created a map with directions from the Valley to the retreat center to hand out at Send-Off for the men's retreat, which will be at St. Ferdinand. Sandy explained that she was going to get together with Laurie for Send-Off, Candlelight, and the Reception for the upcoming men's retreat. Carmen reminded them that they are responsible for planning the Thursday night dinner.
- ✦ **Communication:** Ricky asked the Core what they thought of the first round of calls from the new bulk service. The response was positive, although a few mentioned that they didn't receive a call. Ricky explained that anyone who has not received a call needs to see him so he can update their contact information that he has on file.
- ✦ **Financial:** Sal passed out a financial report. His report included the expense report from the women's retreat in April. Ricky asked if a copy of this report could be given to Florencio, and the women's director, so that they have a better idea of what things we are responsible for purchasing and how much money we are looking at spending on each future retreat. Susan added that the cost of the lunch on Thursday was actually higher, but the team donated some towards the cost. Deacon explained that women's retreat will be a bit over, but that the extra amount will be picked up by the men's retreat. He asked that Florencio give him the location details for Send-Off and the Return Mass so that he can order the transportation. Ron added that we need a proof of insurance to provide to the retreat center. Andrew will take care of that.

- ✦ **Supplies:** Danny said that he was unable to do the inventory as scheduled, due to the men's retreat team mini-retreat. He also stated that the trailer will need to be moved this weekend for the St. Ferdinand fiesta. He will check with Santa Rosa, but if not, Andrew has room at his house to store it for the weekend. Lastly, he asked that Susan collect anything from the women's team. She explained that we need to purchase the paper dishes and plasticware for the men's retreat. Susan will make a list of everything that we need and will help out with purchasing. Laurie mentioned that she had went and priced out the reusable items. Susan explained that the reasoning for using disposable was not only price, but also the storage needed.
- ✦ **Music:** Rosemary asked if Florencio had anyone scheduled for Send-Off. She will ask if Bea is available, if not, then she will have music available.
- ✦ **Social:** Rosie stated that she needs to speak with Ron and Carmen about dates for upcoming fundraisers. She added that the Gala in San Antonio, there was alcohol, and so she spoke with them about the rules and they directed her to the updated Core Manual.

Selection of Women's Retreat Director

Ron read the new instructions from the revised Core Manual for selecting a director. Carmen introduced the three nominees: Lupe Chevez, Azucena Bonillas, and Kathleen Greulich. Rosemary then played "Make Me What You Will" by David Kauffman. Carmen read 1 Corinthians 3 and Ron read a prayer. Then all non-Core members were asked to step out of the room for a few moments while the Core continued with the selection process. Azucena Bonillas was selected as the women's retreat director.

Spanish ACTS Retreats

Ron read a letter from San Antonio about the spanish retreats, stating that they can provide us with a copy of the spanish materials, that they have directors ready to help out, but that they are awaiting a retreat date so they can start preparation. Any team members from our community who want to participate must be able to read and write spanish. Deacon expressed his concern that he doesn't think we are ready to start pulling people out of our already thin community to put on spanish retreats. Ricky added that he doesn't think we are large enough to take on the spanish retreats. Ron suggested that we make a decision now whether or not to do this now or table it for a while. Even if we decide to get started now, we wouldn't be able to find dates until 2013. Deacon added that finding spaces to meet for preparation will also be difficult with multiple retreats going on at once. Ricky asked if the Core can decide whether or not to do spanish retreats or if the pastors make the decision. Deacon answered that we can put it off for a while if we discuss it with the pastors. Rosemary expressed that we should be doing pulpit talks in the spanish Masses. It was agreed that we would make a decision next month.

Core Team Mini-Retreat

Carmen explained that we need to plan for our mini-retreat. The tentative date is August 4th. Deacon Ken suggested that the priest can even give Mass at the Nordhoff House.

New Business

- ✦ **Ron:** Ron also received an email from Fr. Porfirio asking that only one person be the contact for requesting the priests for Reconciliation. He also expressed a desire to ask pastors from parishes whose parishioners are on retreat to participate. Ron will take the responsibility for this retreat. Andrew suggested that the men make an announcement at their meeting to let everyone know that only one person should be contacting the priests.
- ✦ **Ricky:** He suggested that we select directors annually so that they have more time to prepare for their retreat and attend the leadership workshop in San Antonio. Ron added that it would be a good idea to discuss whether or not we're going to provide financial help to the directors who need it to go to the workshop. Ricky suggested that we offer to help those who need it.
- ✦ **Rosie:** She expressed that the Core needs to do a better job of working with the Directors and their teams in order to make sure that everything is being taken care of.

Meeting Evaluation

Susan explained that we haven't been following through with the suggestions and concerns from the non-Core members at the previous meeting. Ricky added that we need to not go back and forth with the non-Core members due to the short time. Sal agreed with Ricky and added that we need to be more efficient with our time. Rosie stated that we need to do a better job of listening to the non-Core members so they feel welcome so that

we don't respond in a defensive manner. Sandy said that she noticed a few times that Ron had trouble getting people back on topic and joked that we need to buy him a gavel. Ron apologized if he was defensive in anyway.

Next Meeting

The meeting will be held July 2nd. Sandy will do the opening prayer and Carmen will do the closing prayer. Rosemary will bring snacks and Rosie will be bringing drinks.

Closing Prayer

Deacon Ken led the closing prayer.