



Santa Rosa, Saint Ferdinand, Mary Immaculate
Tri-Parish ACTS Core, July 11, 2017 – 7:00 PM
Father Simon Center

July 2017 Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM Roll Call
Attendees: All except Edgar
Facilitator: Lydia Carrizosa

Opening Prayer/Meditation (Joe)

Approval of June 2017 Meeting Minutes (Noemi)

- May CORE minutes were uploaded to the SFV ACTS website

Open Floor – Non-Core Members

- Lydia welcomed Sister Yolanda Garcia who audited this meeting to assist her in the discernment of the decision to join Core.
- Lydia also informed Core that sister Estela Fajardo was approached about joining the Core Team and will be attending a meeting to consider this invitation.

Men's Director Update – Jose Cardenas

- The theme of the retreat has changed to “Complete My Joy” inspired from Philippians 2.
- Theme song has changed to “The Servant song” and the song “Lean On Me” is the gift song.
- 36 men have said YES to be on team and 20 team members were present at the last meeting.
- “Yes agreements” were signed by those present.
- Missions training has been scheduled for Saturday July 22nd at St. Ferdinand. Joseph Montoya will conduct the training.
- Send off will be from Santa Rosa but Send-Off team have to work around another event that starts around 6:30 and must check with Ofelia from Santa Rosa to coordinate logistics.

Facilitator Announcements - Lydia

- Core members who have not gone through ACTS Missions training ought to take advantage of the upcoming training that is being provided to the men's team. The Core-related portion of training will begin at noon and will last 2-3 hours.
- This training is also open to those who may be interested in joining Core, as well as those who are interested in serving on an ACTS Retreat team. Lydia encouraged Core team to spread the word.
- The Franciscan Sisters from Poverello who are in charge of facility rental informed Lydia that beginning next year, cost per retreatant will increase to \$300. If unable to negotiate to a lower rate, we may need to hold the 2018 Women's Retreat at the DePaul Evangelization Center. A deposit was turned in to the De Paul Center to reserve a date in April as security in the event we are unable to come to terms on a more affordable rate with Poverello,
- The men who were recommended for Retreat Director should take the ACTS Mission's training.
- Spoke with Ricky Jones about receiving approval to proceed with the course he had proposed on building Small Faith Communities. Once dates are secured we will reach out to Helen Aripes about providing list of Women's Retreat Table Leaders for training.

Coordinator Updates

Spiritual – Rafael

- We will not proceed with last month's recommendation for a presentation from Jesse Romero as one of the oblates had reservations about this as Mr. Romero is currently not in good standing with Archdiocese.
- After a consideration of options, it was agreed that Rafa would reach out to Deacon at St. Ferdinand to coordinate "A Day of Recollection" for Advent.

Communications - Noemi

- Last month's minutes were uploaded after receiving Core approval.
- There have been several "unsubscribe" requests, especially on days when multiple announcements are emailed. We may have to spread announcements over days instead of sending them on the same day.
- Reached out to Ricky Jones for website assistance regarding inputting names and emails of new retreatants.
- A discussion held on proceeding with Ricky Jones's recommendation to update the Website for a fee of \$500.00 and whether we could afford this at this time. It was agreed we could proceed with this recommendation as the website was in need of an update, but we agreed to hold off until we learned how much money was raised from the upcoming Turnaround fundraiser.

Retreat Support:

Cece

- During inventory of trailer she discovered towels that were not washed and were moldy. These had to be discarded and new ones will have to be purchased.
- Teams must be reminded perhaps through a Checklist that these must be taken to be washed before being returned to the trailer.
- Found the bell that was missing from the trailer as well some binders.
- Carlos Martinez, Men's Co-director will be responsible for ordering shirts for team members who need them.
- Reserved the hall at St Ferdinand for the Reception after the Return Mass. Hall must be vacated by 3:30.
- Booked Fr Simon Center – Room A for the next two Core meetings scheduled for August 1 & September 12. All are to be considerate when it comes to parking.

James

- James will be going to some of the Men's meetings along with Rafa and Patrick who have attended the past two meetings.
- James will prepare a checklist and go over it with Jose and leadership team.
- Father Jack suggested that Liturgy team for this Men's retreat learn about the use of the chapel at Poverello, and where important things are kept, i.e., Challis, etc.

Social:

Henry

- Bunco event coordinated by Susan and Henry Castillo and held at their home raised \$825.00 for ACTS.

Alicia

- State Line Turnaround scheduled for July 15 almost sold out – 2 buses 50/56 seats.
- Alicia will be leading fundraising activities in one bus and Lety Vidal and Michael Marquez will be leading the second bus

- Received various donations but still looking for additional items (need: 3 cases of water, 2 cases of beer, 2 bottles of Cazadores Tequila, Malibu rum, a case of Seagram's coolers, lotto tickets, items for raffle. Also needs Bingo card game for the second bus.
- Joe agreed to donate 2 cases of beer and 3 cases of water, Noemi agreed to donate Lotto tickets.

Rafa

- Reminded Core about the proposal for a concert fundraiser "Four Acts for ACTS" proposed by brother Joel Javan currently on the Men's Retreat team.
- Core agreed to move forward with this proposal.
- The concert will include four bands including the Sower's band and Ricky Jimenez' band.
- Concert fundraiser to be held at Vincenzo's Pizza in Newhall on Saturday August 5th starting at 5:30 PM
- Cost of entry is \$10.00 per person and 100% of concert proceeds will go to ACTS, plus a percentage of food consumption will also be donated to ACTS.
 - Joel will prepare posters and flyers.

Retreat supply

Joe

- Lydia has some 25 crosses and enough swivels for 36 bracelets.
- Cece offered to go to Cotter's to buy the additional crosses.
- Need to order 37 "Coming Down the Mountain" books.
- We have enough nails available to make necklaces for the Men's retreat but need to order additional more for the women's retreat.
- Will order swivels.

Financial

Patrick

- Will deposit proceeds from Bunco Night.
- Reimbursed Joe for purchased tire for trailer.
- Gave \$500.00 deposit to secure dates for upcoming Men's Retreat.
- We have \$4,453.00 in ACTS Account.
- Informed that Men's Director, Jose advised team to have all monies turned in by mid-August – and have all team paid off.
- Lydia reported that the contract with Poverello of Assisi Retreat House requires that all monies be paid off before the start of the retreat. This is of concern since traditionally many retreatants pay off balances when they come to send-off.

Giving back to our Parishes

Lydia reported that Father Juan Ayala requested help in identifying ACTS brothers/sisters who may be able to assist with repairs at a reasonable cost. Areas of need include:

- Air-conditioning work
- Repair/paint the library
- Rafa will speak with Fr Juan about some of the work he may be able to help with.

Closing Prayer - Rafa