



# Rosa, Saint Ferdinand, Mary Immaculate

## Tri-Parish ACTS Core Father Simon Center

### April 2019 Core Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Core: Paul Carrasco, Noemi Castaneda, Estrela Fajardo, Noe Garduño, Kathleen Greulich, Patrick Hagan, Dennis Krummel, Marcella Martinez, Cece Moreno, Joe Torres, and Lety Vidal.

Visitors: Ana Perez, Sarah Aguilar, Luli Calvo, Monica Ortega, and Deacon Jose.

Opening Prayer: Joe Torres

Approval of Minutes: Noemi – March 2019 Core Minutes were approved and uploaded into the ACTS Website

Visitors speak:

#### Deacon Jose:

- A meeting was held with Lety last week to discuss the goal of being more inclusive of the English-speaking community at Santa Rosa.
- Father Carlos asked if ACTS could help with one of the upcoming functions; specifically, the lighting of the fire the Saturday before Easter.
  - We would have to get a fire lit and transfer to the Easter candle
  - We could use an old BBQ and light is using wood. This would be done outdoors.
  - Three persons are needed; one to light the fire and two to light everyone's candle.
  - The service will start at 6:45 P.M. and there will be a blessing offered by a priest when the fire is lit.
  - The lighting of the fire should last about 15 minutes. And wood (not charcoal) must be used for the fire.
  - Following the lighting of the fire there will be a bilingual Mass.
- Deacon Jose stated that the English-speaking community at Santa Rosa is not very large but that they want to embrace them and regain the inclusivity they use to enjoy in the past.
- They are requesting that we bring grapes and bread for Holy Thursday as symbols of the Holy Thursday meal.
  - Basket is to be put out to share.
- The Spanish community has been doing it and will assist, but they want to include the English community as well.
- The bread will be blessed at the 7 PM Mass. Everyone is encouraged to arrive early (6:00 PM) because it gets very busy.
- "Washing of the feet" takes care on the same evening.
- On a different note - Deacon Jose suggested for Pulpit Talks inviting Santa Rosa parishioners to the ACTS retreat should also be given at the Spanish-speaking Masses because many parishioners who attend those Masses are bilingual.
- Deacon leaves.

## Women's Retreat – Director's update:

### Kathleen Reports:

- Kathleen thanks Core for support.
- Asked, when will inventory take place? She and other leaders would like to go to the trailer and see what is in the inventory.
  - Cece/Noe are available on April 13 works at around 8:00 A.M.
  - Lety will send inventory checklist to Cece, Noe, and Kathleen.
  - Kathleen needs as key to the trailer – we have not yet received the key from James (former Core Retreat Support Coordinator).
- Needs “Coming Down the Mountain books”.
- She has purchased crosses.
- Wants to know what her retreat budget is and what they can be reimbursed for.
  - Core made several suggestions regarding items brought up by Kathleen.
- Reported she met with Father Juan Ayala who suggested she should reach out to parishioners who are not coming to church anymore and invite them to the Retreat with the goal of making them active members of the parish once again.
- Pulpit talks were given at Mary Immaculate.
- So far there is one Retreatant who has submitted the deposit for the Retreat.
- A total of 4 applications have been received.
- There were questions and a discussion regarding the extended exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Retreat Center for Adoration.
  - She was advised that Father Jack could expose the Blessed Sacrament.
- She would like to know the time of the Masses in the morning.
- She would like to know the schedule for reconciliation.
- There was a discussion about the start of Send-off and the time the bus with Retreatants will take off to the Retreat Center from Santa Rosa.
- Kathleen Reported that Monica will be the Contact person for Send-Off.
- Kathleen also reported that Candlelight will be coordinated by Lety Villegas.
- Said they still needed someone for the Return Mass and for Passing of the Candle. Kathleen was advised by Core that we would be coordinating the Off-site activities and she should focus on the retreat.
- **Passing of the Candle will take place on May 22 at 8:00 P.M.**
- Estela Fajardo will reach out to someone to lead the Passing of the Candle ceremony.
- Journals and Rosaries are being made on April 24.
- The Retreat theme song is “Open the eyes of my heart Lord”.
- Kathleen asked who was responsible for getting messages/invitations posted on the screens at Santa Rosa as she wants to announce the Retreats on these.
- Cece reported she had coordinated for announcements to be posted at all three parishes.
- Cece reported that St Ferdinand announcement will be ready in two weeks.
- Cece also reported she had reserved the Hall at St. Ferdinand for the Return Reception.
- Kathleen would like speakers from Henry Castillo.
  - Noe will get them to Kathleen.
- Would like the Chapel for the Stations of the Cross
- Candlelight-Bea Ruli asked if she could help.

- Ana turned in Money. She has been collecting money every Friday from team.
- Put together a sheet with payments.
  - Lety sked that Ana send copy of applications.
- The Retreat application was revised because the first version was absorbing too much ink.

#### **Financial coordinator – Patrick reports:**

- Patrick - one check cut in the amount of \$1,125.00 to reserve the theater for movie Unplanned.
- Next month's financial report will include the section on Retreat expenses.
- We will talk about scholarships and how many we can allow.
- Last team went overboard on scholarships.
  - Lety expressed concern about team members serving when they are not able to pay for the Retreat expense.
- Men usually pass a hat around to support team a team member who has an unexpected hardship and is no longer able to pay for the cost of the retreat.
- Lety gave money to Patrick for shirts and event.

#### **Communications Coordinator – Noemi Reports**

- Noemi shared that the minutes had been posted and all the announcement/events requests were posted including:
  - Stations of the Cross at St. Ferdinand
  - Retreat Director/Team announcement including PDF of Retreat Registration
  - New ACTS t-shirts for sale
  - Lenten Reflection
- Noemi shared that she was unable to post the Retreat dates on the Website and requested assistance from Sister Ana Perez who assisted with this process last year.
- Noemi suggested that a reference-sheet from Ricky Jones would be helpful for navigating through some of the website's less used features.

#### **Core Facilitator – Lety Reports:**

- Made 2025.00 from the movies Unplanned and more is coming.
- Noe will meet with Kathleen on April 13, Joe will be there.
- Lety shared sample ACTS shirts for sale.
- Lety said the Core shirt will have an embroidered Tri-Parish ACTS logo.
- Asked us to keep the River Rule with all closed Core discussions.
- Lety met with father and will send email to all of us regarding what is happening.
- Cannot receive any more discounts from the DePaul Retreat Center. Retreat cost is \$215.00
- We need Carlos Martinez to provide us with his team evaluations so we can see nominations for Men's Retreat Director.
- Noemi to place an announcement in Website to request Nominations for Men's Retreat.
- We will have a special meeting to nominate Men's Retreat Director.
- Will buy scanner for iphone Cube.
- 2020 is our 10-year Anniversary for SFV ACTS and we discussed a possible anniversary celebration
- CORE Retreat has to be rescheduled

#### **Retreat Support- Cece Reports:**

- Will take care of procuring a Director to lead Candlelight.
  - Estela will get someone for Passing of the Candle

### **Spiritual – Paul & Marcella Report**

- Paul shared about his plan for the Lenten Reflection.
- Mini Retreat this weekend- Saturday April 6.
- It will take place at Father Simon Center from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- Roberto will open the place.
- Asked for help with set up and food.
- Father Jack will give overview on Lenten season.
- There will be three speakers, Paul (Fasting), Noe (Prayer), Dennis (Alms Giving).
- Will be using Catholic resources for talks, i.e. Loyola Press, etc.
- There will be breakout session after each talk/topic.
- Purpose is to call to mind where are with Lent
- Talks will last about 20 minutes each.

### **Co-Director – Joe Reports:**

- St Ferdinand Fiesta is asking if ACTS can donate Money for Hamburger stand.
- We have to donate from Pockets.
- They want to see a presence from ACTS.
- They want cash because they buy stuff wholesale.

### **Other:**

- Sister Lety distributed Applebee's Fundraiser tickets to Core for selling – Women's ACTS Team is responsible for selling 5 tickets each.
- Mission of 72 will be coordinated by Marcella.
- 2020 Women's retreat is scheduled for May 14- 17
- Noemi to create a template for the women's retreat roster.

### **Closing Prayer - Joe**