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Cursillo Secretariat Minutes
Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
July 18, 2009

George Bukowinski opened the meeting at St. Mary's in Clinton, with the leader's prayer. Following group reunion, the meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM. Introductions were held. Those attending were Catalina Alvarez, Jesús Alvarez, Irma Arandas, George Bukowinski, Deana Cunningham, Reg Kennerty, Sandra McBroom, Andrea Millán, Marco Millán, Agustin Páramo, Jose Luis Solis, Patti Vincent, Frank Wanto, Larry Winterscheidt, and Linda Winterscheidt.

Minutes: The only correction noted was that the version which had been emailed to the Spanish members had the wrong date on it. Larry Winterscheidt moved to approve the minutes. Reg Kennerty seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Hall was unable to attend but had sent the Treasurer's report to George. The balance as of July 10th was \$8100 with some outstanding expenses. It was noted in the report that the Spanish women had \$400 left from their kitchen allowance for Cursillo 92. They had many food donations for the weekend and all were encouraged to solicit donations of food for every Cursillo weekend. A question was raised about the hosts used at Masses on the Cursillo weekend. St. John's in Edmond usually provides the hosts and wine needed for the English weekends.

Larry Winterscheidt moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted; Patti Vincent seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

Pre-Cursillo reports: Andrea Millán reported they have 2 women's and 3 men's applications for the September weekend. A question was raised about having up to 35 candidates and it was agreed that it would be acceptable if the facility was large enough to accommodate. The weekends are scheduled for Sept. 4-7 and Sept. 10-13 at St. Mark's in Norman. The closing date for applications will be Aug. 21 and Aug. 30. If there are less than 12 men, neither the men's nor the women's weekend will be held. Andrea mentioned that 4 applicants had been pressured by the sponsor to submit applications, even though the candidates knew they would not attend. There was a discussion about the need for continuing education of sponsors about their responsibilities.

Larry Winterscheidt reported that 18 of 20 applicants attended the men's Cursillo #93 weekend. Two applicants will carry over. Sixteen women attended and three will carry over to the next.

Three-Day reports: Javier Duéñez was not present and sent no report.

Catalina Alvarez reported that Cursillo 92 had 22 women candidates and 24 team members. They started a little late, waiting for Sr. Rosario to arrive with two candidates. Friday morning, one team member was absent, and the talk was delivered by the backup speaker. There were some facility issues—the kitchen drain backed up, and a storm took out the electricity. The Spanish have been using the new manual for three years and are comfortable with the vocabulary used, although there are still some things they like better in the old manual.

Cursillo 94 is planned for Weatherford and the women have scheduled a team meeting for Aug. 21. Carmen García is coordinator; Sandra McBroom is the assistant. The spiritual directors will be Fr. Don Wolf, Fr. Rusty Hewes, and Sr. Rosario. Before the weekends, we will need to order more Spanish Pilgrim's Guides, Bibles, bologna, crosses, rosaries, poster board, and carnets.

Jesús Alvarez reported there were 22 men at Cursillo 92. One candidate had forgotten to bring some of his medication and had to go to the emergency room to get more medicine; then he was fine. Two or three came from Guymon. Agustin Páramo will be coordinator of Cursillo 94, with Juan Romo as the assistant. The team has been formed and a meeting is scheduled for Aug. 15.

There was some discussion of the desire to have a list of Spanish Cursillistas and the need for some person to act as a historian. It was noted that the carnet is the official record that you lived a Cursillo weekend.

Patti Vincent read the report that Deana Cunningham had submitted for Cursillo 93 in Enid. There were 16 candidates and 30 team members, including spiritual directors. Two team meetings were held to prepare—one in Enid, one in Oklahoma City. The only negative issue noted was the use of a piano instead of guitars for the music. She felt it made it a little more difficult for the music ministers. Overall, the weekend was a huge success and the candidates responded positively.

The location of the next Cursillo has not been set yet. The advantage of rotating the location around the state is that it energizes the local community.

Frank Wanto read the report submitted by John Pierce for Cursillo 93. With some minor adjustments to the schedule, the weekend ran smoothly. The only negative issues mentioned were the inability to critique 2 of the backup talks at the team meetings, and the distraction on the weekend caused by the usual OU/OSU rivalry. On a positive note, he felt that all talks were good and the message was well-received. He mentioned the powerful witness of service to the candidates and considered the weekend very successful.

John Pierce and Reg Kennerty are currently editing the coordinator's manual for the men. Patti Vincent and Susan Hall are planning to do the same for the women's manual. They would like Irma Arandas to also be present so that the Spanish can begin to put together a coordinator's manual.

Post Cursillo: Ray Haefele was absent but had emailed a report noting the renewal of the Enid Ultreya and Cursillo community. He also reported that he and Irma Arandas were working on agenda items for the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Olivia Rivas was absent but called Irma Arandas with her report. Guymon has started a School of Leaders with Fr. Raul taking the lead, even though he is not a Cursillista. Also, there has been no coordination with Sandra McBroom to make sure the two locations are covering the same material. Guymon had been informed of what they needed to do if they wanted to have a School there.

There was discussion on the Guymon School of Leaders, and the point was made that a lay person should be in the leadership role. If it is necessary to approach Fr. Raul about this, it will be done by Fr. Jacobi. George will discuss the situation with Fr. Jacobi. There are also petitions circulating about having Schools in several locations.

Olivia also reported that they are trying to start an apostolado in Enid and have contacted the parish secretary there.

Irma Arandas reported on various ultreyas—St. Charles had 22 people, St. Eugene's had 12, and St. Patrick's had 22 people. Duncan, Madill, and Ada are having good attendance too. She also reported meeting with Ray to discuss the agenda for the Anniversary Celebration.

School of Leaders reports: Sandra McBroom reported they were planning an apostolado in Shawnee the next day.

Reg Kennerty reported that the English School of Leaders usually has 12-15 people. They finished the study of *Spe Salvi* in June and, in July, began a study of St. Paul. They are still working on rewriting/editing the talks.

Palanca coordinators: For Cursillo 93, George Bukowski registered the weekends on the National web site requesting palanca, and the head of the palanca team for the weekend collected/printed the palanca. That seemed to work fairly well.

Old Business:

Celebration of 30th Anniversary of Cursillo in OK: Frank Wanto presented a tentative outline of the day's events. Registration will begin at 8:30 and Mass will be at 9:30. The day will include general sessions, language breakout sessions, and a Grand Ultreya with witness talks. The intent is to finish the day by 5:45pm, or by 5:00 pm if possible.

Lunch will be provided by City Bites, in order to serve in the shortest time possible. There was some discussion of the choice of City Bites instead of a Spanish restaurant that sometimes donates food to Cursillo weekends. However, the choice was made solely in the interest of saving time at lunch. City Bites can have the lunch prepackaged in a box.

The registration form will include an option to pre-order T-shirts, which will have the logo on them. There was discussion of how to set up the tables for registration to avoid long lines and facilitate traffic flow.

Cursillo Trailer—The 3-day reps plan to gather before September to organize the trailer.

Rector's Financial Report—Patti will ask Deana for the financial report for Cursillo 93.

Annual Report to Archbishop Beltran—He was very appreciative and encouraging of the Cursillo movement.

New Business:

Weekends for 2010—There was discussion of how many Cursillo weekends would be held, on what dates, and what facilities would be used. The Spanish are planning to have May and September weekends in 2010. The English agreed to again hold one weekend in 2010 and are considering dates in mid-June. The Spanish are looking at Mount St. Mary's and Guymon as possible locations for their weekends. The English are trying to schedule their weekend at Holy Family in Lawton, with Weatherford or Woodward being other options. It is the responsibility of the 3-day rep to make the arrangements to schedule a weekend at a parish.

Secretariat Meetings for 2009:

Oct 31 at St. Eugene's in OKC

***The next Secretariat meeting will be held
at St. Eugene's in Oklahoma City
on October 31, 2009 at 10:00AM***

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 and the group gathered for prayer in the garden.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Winterscheidt

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Secretariat Meetings:

October 31, St. Eugene's, OKC

Celebration of 30 Yrs of Cursillo in OK

November 21, Pastoral Center