

## **Marin Cursillo Secretariat Meeting Minutes**

**To Love, to Serve, to Bring the Good News, to Act as the Body of Christ**

**Monday, September 11, 2017 -- 7 PM Lucas Valley Community Church**

1. Opening Meditation/Prayer: Meeting Called to Order by the chair at 7 pm. John Gulick offered an opening prayer.
2. Approval of minutes of June 7, previously distributed. On motion, seconded the minutes were approved by voice vote.
3. Secretary's Sign in report – Attendees: Cathy Cunningham, Charlynn Baumsteiger, Hamp Mauvais, Helga May, Jackie Lee, Jean and Tom Nelson, Jim Matthews, Jim Ward, John Bischoff, John Gulick, Larry Mazzotta, Maryellen Danehy, Maureen Goodin Wayne, Molly Hartle, Randall Lee, Ron Leach, Steve Avanzino, Terri Bondanza Lavin and Tom Gannon..
4. General Secretariat – Update on letter to Archbishop- Larry Mazzotta reported that the Archbishop named Rev. Martin Mager, OSB as the Roman Catholic Spiritual Director to Bay Area General Secretariat. This will be for three years. Fr. Mager is 81 and is very committed to Cursillo. Fr. Ray Reyes we believe had a strong hand in this appointment. Significantly, the appointment is a reassurance that Cursillo Weekends may continue as in the past.
5. Treasurer's Report – Tina Pult not present. Finances are reported to make it possible to charge team members \$150 with candidates \$100. We will be losing some financial support from BARB but believe we can make up any shortfall.
6. Remarks by Chair Larry Mazzotta -- Met with Redwood Empire Cursillo Secretariat and expressed our appreciation for the tremendous help they provided to us during the last series of weekends in Santa Rosa. An Ultreya will be held on September 22 at Good Shepard Lutheran in Novato from 6-9 pm: theme – “Living The Great Commission.” Larry and Fleta are organizing. It will be a potluck to which we should bring our favorite dish.
7. Marin Cursillo Recruiting Committee. We are attempting to engage the pastors to help us in recruiting candidates. Plan of having a Cursillo Sunday in December. We will provide material for use in Church bulletins. Please note that we have put Recruiting Guidelines on the Website for everyone's use in recruiting candidates.

8. Fund Raisers: Dick Rojas circulated a flyer about the Golf tournament on October 7 at McGinnis Park. Terri Lavin reported on the Monster Bash on October 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Isabella. We will start at 6 pm. People are requested to sign up for various tasks.

9. Cathy Cunningham reported on the need for medical forms with key health info for candidates and team members. These will be kept confidential by being submitted in a sealed envelope and the forms will be returned at the end of the weekend. This will be to assist in a medical emergency. Motion made to approve the form, seconded and the vote carried for approval by voice vote.

Cathy also reviewed proposed changes made to the weekend application. A question came up about potential candidates who have not been baptized. In the future we will take it on a case by case basis and the non-baptized application will be referred to our Spiritual Director in consultation with the team Spirits for a decision. The Secretariat will defer to any decision made by these Spirits.

10. We want to initiate a program whereby we can raise money for Cursillo. A card has been developed for this purpose. A question was asked about whether this will be perceived as competition for the churches who are hard pressed on finances. In general the consensus was that there probably will not a perception of competition, and we can encourage people to donate to and support their churches. To aid in that encouragement, the card will contain a phrase “Donations to Cursillo are not in lieu of financially supporting the work of your own church, and Cursillo encourages such support.” Motion made to approve the card, second made and voice vote was to approve the card.

11. Website report. Maryellen Danehy – [www.marincursillo.com](http://www.marincursillo.com) reported that she added a section on Ultreya. Information about the weekends will be added shortly. The fund raising effort and protection for donors were discussed. We also were eager to keep our treasurer’s efforts to a minimum. Maryellen gave us a technical explanation of how this will be organized. The cost is relatively minimal. Motion was made to use vendor that Maryellen has selected (MoonClerk), seconded and approved by voice vote.

12. Weekends. Maureen Wayne reported that she is soliciting her core team and progressing. She is working on her theme and a logo. Calendar for weekends was mentioned and the fact that a combined bread ceremony would be one month before the men’s weekend. May have to have separate “last team meetings.”

John Bischoff has been building his team. Has a theme song and will develop a logo. A contract has been signed with the Seminary which will cost \$7700 per team. Need to rent BBQs. Despite the cost, we believe that we will save money by going to the Seminary because the Angelus Center is going to raise the cost for us. A motion was made to approve the contract with the SF Seminary, seconded and approved by voice vote.

13. Mixed Mananitas: Steve Avanzino spoke in favor of our conducting a mixed mananitas. Concern expressed that women may not be comfortable with men coming through their rooms. Discussion tabled.

14. Ron Leach reported that the Storage Unit is getting full and Ron implored people to take items that won't fit which Ron identified.

15. Redwood Empire Gift. As reported, Larry Mazzotta and Jim Matthews attended a meeting and they proposed that we give the Empire a bell which we can engrave. Jim moved that we approve purchase of the bell at a cost not to exceed \$150; seconded and approved by voice vote.

16. Committees - Pre- Cursillo, Cursillo Weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> Day/Ultreya (Leadership), Technology and Communication, Church Reps, Cursillo Giving and Leadership. Not all committees will have reports. We skipped committee reports.

17. Several Church Reps reported but we largely skipped over this given the time elapsed for the meeting.

18. Old Business – none.

19. New Business – none.

20. Next meeting date – October 2

21 Closing Prayer – Rev. Jim Ward offered a closing prayer.

22. Meeting was adjourned by Ron Leach at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John Gulick acting for John Pugh as Secretary.

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