

**Diocese of Harrisburg
Cursillo Secretariat Meeting
November 3, 2015**

Attendance: Spiritual Director Fr. William Weary, Lay Director Betty Berry, Secretary Terri DiBacco, Committee Chairs, Phil Talarico, Ron & Joanna Borza, Robbie Davis, Yolanda Bermundo, Mary Ridder, and Wendy Vogt, along with attendees Sister Catherine McCaffrey and Harris Kalematis.

Opening prayer led by Fr. Weary, followed by Group Reunion.

Review of October Minutes – The October minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report – Phil Talarico reported the current balance of \$8,350.66. Affiliate dues to national and regional were paid. The lunch expenses for the Grand Ultreya have not yet been received.

Committee Reports:

Pre-Cursillo – We are told that there are a several candidates for the next Women's Weekend. Applications should be sent to Wendy Vogt although she has not received any to date.

Cursillo – Ron Borza reported that the dates are confirmed for March 3-6, 2016 at St. Mary of Providence Center for the Women's Weekend. He has not received the actual contract to date. St. Pius X is confirmed for two weekends in August 2016 for both a women's (August 18-21) and men's (August 11-14) weekend. Venues are still being looked at for weekends in 2017 and Ron would like to have those dates established as early as January of 2016.

Post-Cursillo – The Grand Ultreya was held on Saturday, October 10th at the Cardinal Keeler Center with 47 attendees. Look for a recap in the upcoming *The New Day*. Next year's date is October 8, 2016.

School of Leaders – Mary Ridder has completed the schedule until the end of the year. November's date of the 14th will be at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, and December 12th at St. Jude in Mifflintown. Fr. Weary invited us to attend the Cookie Walk that begins at 8:00 a.m. that morning prior to our gathering which will be in the church. A Cookie Walk is an annual event in which tables are filled with homemade cookies and for a certain price you are able to fill a box for taking home.

The January, February and March School of Leaders will be held at the Diocese offices and the April School may be a workshop.

Communications – John Frye has volunteered to put together the next issue of *The New Day*. The amazing draft was forwarded by email and reviewed in print. Scott Major continues with the website. Kathy Durborrow reported that we have currently 334 email addresses receiving the Palanca Net.

Region 2 – Next meeting is at the St. John Paul II Retreat Center in Vineland, New Jersey April 15-17, 2016. Sister Catherine McCaffrey represented our Diocese and reported that it was not as well attended this fall but was a wonderful event and nice reception for Jackie DeMesme-Gray and Phil Rodney who is our new Regional Director.

Old Business – The results of the CDC survey have been received and compiled. Each person is asked to review and we will discuss at the next meeting. Fr. Weary feels strongly that we should follow the national and regional methods. He said that a few minor items are negotiable but that the continuity should be upheld.

The meeting with Mr. Dominic Lombardi, Secretary for Catholic Life and Evangelization, to share the mission of Cursillo will now be Friday, November 20th at the Diocese offices at 3:30 p.m. Anyone who wishes to attend please let Betty know of your interest.

Phil and Ron will take a look at what is in the current shed and see if a smaller unit would hold our weekend equipment.

Phil has contacted two local insurance agencies and found that the cost for liability insurance for our weekend events would run between \$200-\$300. In that St. Mary of Providence Center can provide the insurance to us for the March 2016 weekend, Phil will detail the exact needs to the agents closer to the August weekends.

Lighthouse Catholic Media has presented us with an opportunity to receive some funding from subscriptions they receive as a result of ordering online with a promo code 104742 at www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org. This will be advertised in the upcoming The New Day and put on our website.

New Business – The Lay Director Elect position is vacant after the resignation of Maria Gallagher. A few people had been suggested as likely candidates. Our operating procedures state that the person should be or have been a member of the Secretariat, a committee chairperson or active service on a committee; although we may circumvent that procedure if necessary.

Betty received an email from a Catholic sister asking for Cursillo volunteers to consider helping at the Women's Federal Prison in Minersville. Joe Marrasso will be contacted to see if he may know any women who may be interested in this outreach.

Fr. Weary closed with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Terri DiBacco
Secretary
November 6, 2015