

CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEETING

November 3, 2020

Zoom Virtual Meeting

- **THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:** Terri DiBacco, Lay Director; Father Weary Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Greg Amarante, Assistant Spiritual Advisor. Chairpersons in attendance: Ron Borza, Robbie Davis, Tony Devlin, Richard Druffner, Roseann Guerrini, Nancy Ramhap, Ann Marie Segilia, Tina Stryker. Other Committee Members in attendance: Ashley Honabach, Harris Kalematis, Helena Paul. Guest in attendance: Garrison Price.
- Opening prayer
- **LAY DIRECTOR REPORT**
 - Terri DiBacco opened meeting.
 - Minutes for the October, 2020 meeting were accepted as submitted after corrections.
- **TREASURER REPORT**
 - The October beginning checkbook balance was \$3,759.74 and ending balance \$2,604.74.
 - Report was accepted as submitted.
- **SCHOOL OF LEADERS**
 - Virtual School of Leaders will be held on November 14, 2020.
 - The Doctrinal talk is being presented by Deacon Greg Amarante on Bishop Barron's *Renewing our Hope*. The Method talk will be given by Ron Borza on Chapter 16 of *Whom Shall I Send*.
- **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - The Cursillo Committee Chairs present a plan for the meeting; and formed discussion groups regarding "where we would like our Cursillo Movement to be in 5 years." See Attachment.
- **OTHER BUISINESS**
 - Decision was made to cancel all Cursillo 3-day Weekends for 2021.
 - Next Secretariat meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. The meeting will be virtual on zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Segilia
Secretary

Attachment

IDEAS FOR FUTURE NOVEMBER 2020 SECRETARIAT MEETING

• **WHERE DO WE SEE OUR CURSILLO MOVEMENT 5 YEARS FROM NOW**

- We should have hundreds of new Cursillistas, active and grouping
- Strong school of leaders and post cursillo
- School of leaders growing together
- Younger
- Homogenous with men and women
- Make a friend be friend bring a friend – define what that looks like
- Everyone on the same page to implement that to everyone
- Better informed, better formed new cursillistas
- More camaraderie, more & better grouping
- More spiritual advisors who are qualified
- More HBG Diocese priest involved
- Same mentality on how a weekend runs – forget about manuals
- We must be following the practice guidelines
- Hard critiques to each other to get and stay on schedule
- Trained core of leaders - does not take away from great leaders
- SOL is supposed to be for training and practice
- More priests who have been on their weekend, serving as advisors.
- Weekends need fewer last minutes craziness.
- Unity
- Mass
- No change in weekends
- Adoration
- Together at ultreyas as is at grand ultreya
- More participation
- More suggestions for the team
- Understanding missionary work that needs to be done
- Culture change! Not the same mentality as it was. Get rid of the “old” way of thinking
- Introduce change slowly?
- Flourishing 4-day community
- True friendship between men/women, 4th day
- Be really invested in their life
- Strong regional Ultreyas
- Agreement on methodology of weekend
- SBS? 24 hr. Adoration?
- Consistency
- Forgiveness ceremony/Mass – put past hurts aside
- Larger attendance at SOL and more variety of topics
- Not as many of the same books
- Maybe doing trainings on weekends

- Balanced budget with money in the bank
- Lancaster and York involvement – start movement in those counties
- Go to pastors of all parishes
- Pulpit announcements?
- Presentations to pastors/parishioners
- Sponsors who know their job as sponsor and will follow-up with candidates
- Candidate involvement after the weekend

- **PRE-CURSILLO**

- Strong sponsorship
- Class/workshop once a year
- All sponsors would be required to attend
- Understanding of sponsorship
- Making friends to bring them to Christ
- Recruit strong candidates
- Share so we can Get more effective candidates
- Year-round candidate apps – don't beat the bush only during team formation phase
- Tell people exactly what the weekend is like
- Early morning
- Eating
- Mass
- Posters
- Learning about Jesus
- No secrets!
- Make sure candidates know there is an expectation of once a week grouping, monthly ultreyas and SOL
- Make sure people understand Cursillo is more than just a “retreat”
- Make sure sponsors follow-up with candidate
- Sponsors can come to the weekend Ultreya
- Know them and communicate with candidates so they know what is going on
- And we know what is going on in their lives
- Know our teams 12 months ahead of time
- Be willing to cancel the weekend if the team is not ready
- Properly interviewing the candidates
- We should be targeting people we don't know through Christian action & build them towards Cursillo
- Pray for candidate intentionally
- We need a process so that
- Rediscover Catholicism method of disciple building
- Actually, be a friend, make a friend before you bring a friend to Christ
- This helps with post-
- Training team – not accepting just a body because we need it.
- SOL – technology helps but should not be a crutch

- Zoom and in-person can work together
- Know what it means to be a sponsor
- Make sure we have the team sponsorship
- More balance worked off data

- **CURSILLO**

- Smaller weekends
- high quality candidates, but fewer
- Less team
- Possibly more weekends, but not necessarily
- Opportunities for different sites with smaller groups
- Get a handle on deviations on the manual
- Have consistency
- Everyone use same manual
- Have clear instruction from National/OMCC as to what manual to use
- Simpler weekend
- Less hyper/over the top
- End earlier (weekends too late)
- More people get involved in Region 2
- Learn from other dioceses and Spanish
- Lots of 4th day at Clausura
- Make that a your palanca
- Welcoming the new Cursillistas
- Step-by-Step is a guide, not a manual
- Stopping additions to the weekend (no “fluff”)
- You should be able to go anywhere to a Cursillo and get the same experience
- Everyone love each other
- Having 4th day really pray for the weekend
- Establish teams from SOL
- Loving team
- Longer period team building – a team that is prepared
- More new people on team
- Guard what we do and protect the method that we settle upon
- Stop adding decorations to the Christmas tree
- Closer would be nice – relatively close distance to the Cursillistas
- All about the candidates
- Consider more than one weekend
- Our own retreat center, centrally located
- Two priests per weekend
- Service people give their love to the new Cursillistas
- Centered on Christ – to be focused on the candidates is to focus on Christ
- Liturgy within the norms – no innovations
- Music led well – must work with the liturgy

- Clausura with abundant participation
- Cursillo
- Mass
- Areas to cook
- Schedule
- Manual we are using should be consistent
- More people but right people
- More balance pn team members on weekend
- Mix on teams
- Community!

- **POST CURSILLO**

- Let people know that anyone can come to Ultreyas
- encourage it
- make sure people understand – tell them what is going to happen
- People will feel more comfortable
- Change day of SOL
- Weekday?
- Make it 1.5 hours – don't make too long
- Format is SOL talk then Secretariat meeting
- Change locations
- Rotating?
- York and Lancaster
- Grouping
- Ultreyas
- Group location tracking
- Letting new people where the groups are
- Encourage groups form from weekends
- Encourage new Cursillistas to larger ultreyas
- Invite sponsors to team ultreyas
- Grand Ultreya
- Alternate between us and Spanish as to who is responsible
- Post-Cursillo
- Communication with new Cursillistas MUST build towards post-
- Knowing the dates and what they are signing up for – grouping and ultreya
- Plan the ultreya before the weekend so it is part of the known schedule
- Ultreya is not supposed to be just for the class – bring them to the group
- Maybe we could drop into other teams' ultreya
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- Need to be cheerleaders in the Ultreyas – keep calling people back
- Look for leaders in the ultreyas
- Good strong committee just for post-
- Educating people to be evangelists
- SOL more than one day
- Remote is not the best way – you must be there to make friends

- Being present is critical
- Training curriculum – self taught
- Audio-visual hub, presenting things in new formats – new apostolate? We can produce and provide visual training – OMCC,
- Training subcommittee to develop or research new resources
- Need core background training
- Available at different times
- Groups reunions
- Sponsor needs to work with candidates for a year and follow up
- School of leaders
- ultreyas