



Minutes of the SF/SM Secretariat meeting held January 14, 2025 @ 6:48pm VIA ZOOM

Members Present: Nolan Apostle, Lani Borges, Cindy Conway, Vicki Cummins, Yolie Esparza-Snodgrass, Robert Geesey, Kevin Kain, Dana Morgan, Jocelyn Perlow, Ruby Pleasure, Debra Telles, and Margie Wolcott; Fr. Marty Mager and Paul Riofski (briefly) **Excused:** **Absent:**

Cindy led an opening prayer for those who had arrived on the call.

Friends of SFSM Cursillo update – Paul Riofski joined the meeting to provide an update to the group regarding the transition of funds held in the old nonprofit (BARB). He gave a brief reminder of the journey we have been on and announced that all funds held by BARB will be deposited in the Friends of SFSM Cursillo account this week. He shared an overview of his meeting with Darold Gonzales on Monday where he was apologetic and shared with Paul the bottom line of life-overwhelm he had been experiencing for all this time. Together they reviewed the BARB account statements, since the original transition January 2020, and Darold handed over checks for all the funds and fees more recently incurred. The total amount Paul received was \$29,838.57 (including his personal check for bank fees that were newly charged by the bank). [As an aside, Paul also conveyed comments from Darold about wanting to make sure the case for the Jesus statue was reunited for the statue's safety; Paul advised that it was back with Joyce de Soto, so reunification is certainly possible.]

The **Minutes** of December 10, 2024, were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report & Team Finance Reports:

Deb reported the Main account balance is \$4984.17 with all other accounts safe at their minimum required balances; the only recurring expense at this time being the monthly storage. She also advised that the Friends of SFSM Cursillo balance is \$8352.94 plus deposits to be made from the Fundraising Dinner and the BARB transition funds. We affirmed that a good will offering will be made to Divine Mercy Parish.

Rector/a Team Reports

- Jocelyn Perlow, "He Calls Me Redeemed," Nov. 13-16, 2025 – first core meeting is this coming Saturday; she's got 7 confirmed rookies, making the team total about 33. As for her fundraising, she's got a Super Bowl Square plan going and most of the squares have already been 'bought,' and she'll share it with her whole team soon. She also shared some of her other fundraising plans.

Rector/a Development

- Potential Rector/Weekend updates – Vicki shared that she checked with the facility to see if any additional weekends were available between October-January; October 30-November 2 and November 20-23 were both still available at the same rate of \$9161. We revisited the challenge of Halloween and being just prior to Thanksgiving that had been previously discussed. The newer thinking is that the Thanksgiving issue might not be too much of a conflict. We know we can revisit past rectors (and some are willing), but Dana expressed the thought that an encouraging personal invitation will be most effective. General discussion comments included communications that we can send out to the community in addition to personal contacts and the development of those in discernment; the idea to reply to Rev. Lucas and inquire about February dates so that whoever might say yes has time to build their team and hold a proper formation schedule. Some prompts to identify names were shared of folks who might be good to approach.

Current/Ongoing Business

- **Fundraiser Dinner Update** – Vicki shared the total revenue of \$5190 and laid out some of the details of the income and expenses; Yolie shared that the committee had a debriefing



last night and came up with some areas for improvement next time around; the group shared their thanks for the organizers and volunteers, Robert included.

- **Update on Website research** – Vicki shared that she had a chat last month with Nolan who mentioned that he and his colleagues might be able to build the new site for us, but that we hadn't gotten anything in writing yet to review; she will also ask a couple of other people and get back to the group next time.
- **Update on Interested DioCal Liaison** – no new report; Dana will follow up this week

New Business

- Yolie asked to add the topic of community communications to the next agenda; she noted that we need more consistent messaging, more timely messaging and also have a need to clarify about the new nonprofit vs Secretariat, etc.

Volunteers for next team meeting on February 11th @ 6:45pm... **opening prayer/Robert and closing prayer/Lani**

† For Sylvia Caruso for her healing from cancer

† For all of those impacted by the So. California fires

† For Louise, Jocelyn's aunt, who is in stage 4 cancer

† For Kwame Jones, Lani's friend, who recently passed

† For Carrie & Robert as they deal with cancer and testing

† For Sean, who's close friends has stage 4 cancer that he may find the best way to be of support

Margie led the group in a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Vicki Cummins, Secretary.