



Minutes of the SF/SM Secretariat meeting held November 12, 2024 @ 6:54pm 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~~ **Excused:** Ruby Pleasure **Absent:**

Cindy shared an opening prayer for All Saints & All Souls Day, especially remembering Dn. Vince who recently passed.

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

Treasurer's Report & Team Finance Reports:

Debra reported the Main account balance is \$5492.17 with all other accounts safe at their minimum required balances. She also advised that the Friends of SFSM Cursillo balance is \$4758.37, with the deposit having been paid for both the legal group and the UoR/Marin Campus for Jocelyn's weekend.

Rector/a Team Reports

- Jocelyn Perlow, Nov. 13-16, 2025 – Most core positions (awaiting Music Director decisions) are filled, and she's got about 9 team members confirmed, three are rookies! She's been working her way through names to call but was delighted that even in the 'no' responses, she's been promised support in many ways. She's got her dates and will look at booking facilities. Her chosen theme song is Greater by MercyMe, with a theme of "He Calls Me Redeemed."

Current/Ongoing Business

- **Fundraiser Dinner Update** – Yolie/Deb reported that the flyer for the dinner is ready and has been sent to Patrick for publication (we'll remind him); Vicki will send out the contact names and numbers w/some bullet points for requesting baskets to those who volunteered to make calls. The hope is that reservations will be made and paid for by December 15th to allow for final planning. Deb shared the expected items needed to put on the dinner and asked about having a budget approved to ensure no one must pay out of pocket for larger expenses. It was agreed that a wish list should be shared so that folks will have the option to offer palanca in lieu of shopping. It was further agreed that since the nonprofit will be receiving the proceeds, that any budget expenses should come from that body, so any budget discussion will happen there.
- **Leadership Workshop in 2025** – Vicki shared the dates and fees she learned about from Vallombrosa Center and San Damiano; both options were expensive. Thoughts were shared about what might work best and the more immediate needs of the movement and the team in formation. Discussion culminated in a decision to make plans to do a "mini core team training" with Jocelyn's core team at their first in-person gathering (1/18/25).
- **Friends of SFSM Cursillo update** – Dana shared that we have moved forward with retaining Charitable Allies legal group; Vicki and Paul will now be the primary contact for the attorney. The requested documents have been sent and we are awaiting news on the demand letter that they'll be sending out. Dana added that if the BARB funds were not to be turned over, the whole issue would become a criminal case handled, and paid for, under the Attorney General.
 - FYI re moving Liability Insurance – Vicki shared that rolling over the currently policy held by the Secretariat would not be as easy as we thought, so research is underway to find quotes for General Liability and Directors & Officers insurance at the nonprofit level.
 - Dining Out fundraising – Vicki shared that she's been researching different restaurants to host a Dine Out Fundraiser wherein guests dining out on a certain date will present



a copy of a flyer to their server and Cursillo will earn a percentage of the cost of the meal. The first event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at the BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in San Mateo (in the Bridgepoint shopping center off Hwy 92). She'll be sending out a copy of the flyer and has posted it online and she encouraged everyone on the peninsula to try to attend.

New Business

- Discussion/Approval of new weekend fee – after discussing the realities of our weekend expenses, it was moved, seconded and passed to increase the Cursillo weekend fees from \$200 to \$275 for team and candidates. [Application forms and treasurer documents will need revision.]
- FYI re Deacon Vince's services & Next Steps – Services for Dn. Vince will be held at Grace Cathedral in SF on Friday, November 22 at 1:00pm; the Deacon's association is hosting the reception following the liturgy. As for our next steps for a new DioCal liaison, we will be thinking about current Spiritual Directors (Dn. Jennifer, or Rev. Leonard, etc.) that might be willing to serve as liaison to DioCal; we will need to communicate to the new Bishop that a liaison is needed.

Volunteers for next team meeting on December 10th @ 6:45pm... **opening prayer/Kevin and closing prayer/Lani**

Prayers were asked for...

- + For Alex, Nolan's friend, who is enduring stage IV cancer*
- + For all of Lani's sisters and their many health challenges*
- + For Lani's friend, Leslie, who is enduring many challenges at her job*
- + For the little boy, Jack, that Jocelyn's been trying to work with in their school environment*
- + For Jodi Andino, a new Cursillista, who lost her husband, Andy, in a shooting incident last month; his services are this Friday, 11/15 at 10:30am at Holy Family Catholic Church in American Canyon...for Andy and for Jodi and their children.*

Jocelyn led the group in a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Vicki Cummins, Secretary.