

Marin Cursillo Secretariat Meeting MINUTES – Lucas Valley Community Church

Monday, November 5, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

1. **Opening Prayer/Song** Janie Burtch opened the meeting at 7:04 PM with a beautiful reflection. **“Wings and not thing are the best we can give to each other as Christians of love and humor.”** We followed with a rousing rendition of singing **“On Eagle’s Wings.”** Janie pointed out that the eagle sets its wings to rise when a storm is approaching.

At Ron Leach’s suggestion, Janie circulated a thank-you card for signature to be presented to Tom Egan for all his contributions for many years to Marin Cursillo.

2. **Secretary Sign-in Report and Approval of Minutes of October 1, 2018** previously distributed by email and on www.marincursillo.com – Please read before meeting. **Minutes unanimously approved as finally submitted (after previous revisions).** Attendees were the following: **Cathy Cunningham, Hamp Mauvais, Helga May, Jackie Lee, Janie Burth, Jean Nelson, Rev. Jim Ward, John Pugh, Mary Bartunek, Maryellen Danehy, Maureen Goodin-Wayne, Peggy Pugh, Pete Doyle, Randall Lee, Richard Olive, Ron Leach, Steve Avanzino, Susan Fischer, Terri Bondanza-Lavin, Tina Pult, Tom Brawley, Tom Gannon, Tom Nelson**
3. **Treasurer’s Report – Tina Pult** Overall financial position is positive, though fund-raising remains a requirement. **Week-ends are almost self-sustaining. Government filings are done.**
4. **Fundraisers Reports:**
Golf Tournament – Saturday, October 6 – Tom Egan **No official report, though it netted \$2,000. Tom Nelson made a comment that future participation may be affected, since some golfers had to wait an hour to tee off. If we could get a tournament with a shotgun start, that might be better.**
Halloween Monster Mash – Saturday, October 27 – Terri Bondanza Lavin **Though attendance was down from last year, still a great success, and all who attended agreed it was a great event. Positive reaction to having children in attendance. Consider more future publicity about children coming? Since food had to be ordered, there was an attempt to get people to sign up early by offering a discounted price so Terri could get a handle on how much food to order. Unfortunately, some people did not notify the event until the last minute (and paid the discounted price), making the administration more challenging. IDEA for next event---invite all the Marin church pastors to attend the event. Another winner for the Marin Cursillo community---great job, Terri!!**
5. **Pre-Cursillo – November Registrations – Cathy Cunningham** Cathy reported that we have **(25) women signed up, with (10) on the waiting list for 2019. Also, we have (15) men signed up (with one more likely), and (4) on the waiting list for 2019. Also some discussion that she still receives some 4 page applications, but Maryellen pointed out that the website only has one page applications now.**
6. **Fall Weekend Rector/a Reports – Tom Brawley and Charlynn Baumsteiger** Tom reported that all the elements are in place for a successful week-end, schedule is done, now just a matter of the final details. Said they may get another sign up. Also pointed out the need to keep in mind that we are dealing with a lengthy time cycle to attract candidates. As an example, there is already a good number on the 2019 waiting list; this year’s

dates didn't work out for some. Tom also expressed gratitude to the Cursillo community for the great support at the last team meeting/Serenade.

In Charlynn's absence (fighting a cold), Janie read Charlynn's email report, all systems go. Also reported that if anyone drops from the weekend, she will not replace that person---too many logistics issues.

- 7. Cursillo Weekend Committee – John Gulick In John's absence, Helga May and Tom Gannon indicated they have plans in place for both weekends. Exit packets to be done Saturday 1 PM.**
- 8. Homecoming Dinner – John Bischoff and Maureen Goodin John absent, Maureen indicated a challenge to get people to help, perhaps because of the date. Tuesday Reunion 11/27 at 7:30 at St. Paul's (can't access the room until 7:15 because of choir practice in the room).**
- 9. Sponsor Workshops Report – Susan Fischer Susan updated the materials, had about (7) sponsors each session. Good report.**
- 10. Storage Unit Status – Ron Leach and Steve Avanzino Lock was changed, and thanks to Terry Fischer and Steve, we now have good lighting in the unit. Discussion about the keyboard---because of its size/weight, it is a challenge to get up/down the stairs, to the Seminary and back, etc. Intent is to store it in a closet at the Seminary, put identification on it. The belief is it will be safe, and much more accessible.**
- 11. Leadership Committee – Fleta Matthews Reporting on behalf of the Leadership Committee, Peggy Pugh announced that Molly Hartle and Kevin Baumsteiger had agreed to lead the next Cursillo weekends. A rousing round of approval and enthusiasm ensued.**
- 12. Volunteer Form – Charlynn Baumsteiger In Charlynn's absence, tabled until next month.**
- 13. Marin Cursillo Website Updates/Publication of Candidates – Maryellen Danehy Maryellen updated us on all the additions/improvements to an already vibrant website. Metrics pointed out a 56% increase in page views. A warm round of applause for her immense contributions.**
- 14. General Secretariat – Report on October 13 General Meeting – Pete Doyle Bay Area Roosters Boosters (BARB) to remain as a 501.3.C organization. The General Secretariat to revert back to being an admin. entity. Current assets to be divided among Cursillo groups in Bay Area. Result is that Marin Cursillo will get a check for approximately \$30,000. Non-liquid assets to remain with San Francisco/San Mateo Cursillo.**
- 15. Parish Representatives**
 - Election of Richard Olive as Representative of St. Paul's, San Rafael Unanimous approval of Richard Olive.**
 - Parish Rep Reports Jackie Lee at St. Raphael's spoke at 5 Masses about Cursillo. Indicated that the pastoral leadership is in favor of Cursillo. She also said there seems to be some interest in having Spanish speakers as part of Cursillo. She will be speaking to Father Santos about it. The Spanish speaking aspect generated good discussion---Rev. Jim Ward pointed to the Kairos experience,**

Pete Doyle indicated there was a Filipino group in SF, Tom Brawley indicated having Spanish capability on his team. It was agreed we would give this further discussion in the future.

- 16. Old Business Ron Leach graciously thanked the Secretariat for the Thank-you letters book he was given in appreciation of his service to the Secretariat. He also reported that along with Larry Mazzotta and past rectors/rectoras he continues to work on updating the Bell Ringer, Burnt Offerings.**
- 17. New Business Steve Avanzino suggested we consider changing the day of the Secretariat meeting from Monday evening to Saturday. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.**
- 18. Closing Prayer Rev. Jim Ward closed with his usual contemplative prayer.**

Meeting adjourned 8:41 PM.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CAME EARLY TO HELP SET UP, AND TO THOSE WHO STAYED TO PUT AWAY TABLES, CHAIRS.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 3, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

John Pugh, Secretary
November 6, 2018

“Show to Each Denomination the Strength of Others”