

Marin Cursillo Secretariat Meeting Agenda – Monday, August 26, 2019
Lucas Valley Community Church @ 7:00 p.m.
To Love, To Serve, To Bring the Good News, to Act as the Body of Christ

1. Opening Prayer

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Meeting opened with A Devotion for the Early Evening, from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 139, which was read jointly by all members. Janie stated that each month she will ask one member of the Secretariat to bring a favorite prayer to be read in lieu of a song to open our meetings. A card for Barb De Barros was passed around for well wishes, prayers and signatures.

2. Secretary Sign-in Report and Approval of Minutes of June 3, 2019, previously distributed by email and on www.marincursillo.com

John Pugh moved to approve June 3, 2019 minutes, motion seconded by Tom Brawley; June 3, 2019 meeting minutes unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report – Tina Pult – Approval of New Signatories

We have not sent a deposit to St. Vincent's for the September 14, 2019, retreat, so this amount has not been subtracted from the account balance. Tina discussed the balance sheets for fiscal year end June 30, 2018, versus fiscal year end June 30, 2019. We are at more of a deficit for F.Y.E. 2019 because of the 2 weekends in 2018-19 versus the 1 weekend in 2017-18. The F.Y.E. balance for 2018 was \$21,035,93 and the F.Y.E. balance for 2019 is \$16,662.71. It was noted by Randall Lee that the fall revenue for 2018 was greater than the spring revenue, this is due to supply carryover. The motion for approval of new signatories was tabled until the October 7, 2019, meeting because a head cook for the Men's spring team has yet to be selected.

4. Chair Report – Janie Burtch

Janie read a beautiful thank you letter to the Secretariat members thanking them for all of the support over the last year. She also stated that the next year for Marin Cursillo will be an important one, as we will be faced with many questions and the challenges of how to keep up with our rising costs. She gave an example of how effective the monthly pledge program currently in place could be, i.e., if 100 Cursillistas were to donate \$10 per month for 1 year, we would gain an additional \$12,000 of revenue, which is more than the total net profit of all of our fundraisers combined. Janie also noted that we need to listen carefully to each other and the community during the next year, and God will guide us.

5. Upcoming Events:

- "Staying Connected in Joy" Retreat – September 14 – Bruce Burtch

Bruce gave a very good and in-depth summary of the activities and time-line for the retreat. The timing for the day will be critical as there is a very full agenda. Bruce said no cell phones will be allowed in the auditorium as they would detract from the speakers and discussions. Alcohol will not be served and wi-fi **WILL NOT BE** available throughout the day.

- Golf Tournament – October 5

The invitations have been sent out, interested parties can sign up on the Marin Cursillo website; you do not have to play golf, there is a lunch-only option. Dick Rojas needs help with the BBQ.

6. Spring 2020 Weekends:

- Women's: April 16-19, 2020 – Linda Leach

Linda and John met to discuss team meeting dates, but the dates have not yet been finalized. Linda stated that her banner is in process and that she has already ordered the mugs. The mugs will match the banner but with a slightly different color variation. She has chosen the theme, "So Loved." She is still in the process of selecting a theme song. She has 26 team members and already has 15 candidates. She is waiting until after the fall retreat to select her last 3 team members.

- Men's: April 23-26, 2020 – John Pugh

John has not selected a theme for his weekend but has met with 4 previous rectors for thoughts and ideas. So far John has 2 committed team members and will hopefully have more soon. He will have an update to report at the October 7, 2019, meeting.

7. Definition of "Cursillista" – Ron Leach

Much discussion about what the true definition of a Cursillista is. If a candidate has to leave early due to a medical emergency or a death in the family and then is later told they must repeat the weekend to be considered a "Cursillista," will that be discouraging and turn people away? If a candidate misses part of a weekend they will not understand certain elements of Cursillo, thus precluding that individual from sponsorship of a candidate. Motion to select a concrete definition was withdrawn. Many scenarios discussed as to who has the authority to say if someone may or may not be considered a cursillista based on a case by case basis. The matter was finally tabled until the October 7, 2019, meeting. Larry Mazzotta will bring literature that further discusses some of these issues and Ron Leach will bring a written motion to the next meeting.

8. Research on 2-Night Cursillo Weekends – Larry Mazzotta

The July 2019 Rooster Booster newsletter discussed two-night weekends in depth. In order for a weekend to be considered a true "Cursillo" weekend all 15 rollos and all 5 meditations must be kept intact. It was reported that the two-day weekends were easier, caused less exhaustion for team members, and that they were attracting a larger number of candidates as well as younger candidates. Some of the other benefits were less cost with a savings of approximately 33% versus the longer weekends and less time off work for all involved, which seems to be beneficial for obtaining more male candidates. Some of the negatives are losing some of the weekend activities, and having less time to promote 4th days.

9. Church Representatives – Fleeta Matthews (report on June meeting)

Fleeta was not present so Janie spoke in her absence stating that the June meeting was full of great spirit and motivation and was attended by approximately 20 church representatives. There was a strong emphasis on church representatives trying to encourage new candidates within each of their parishes.

10. Marin Cursillo Website Updates – Maryellen Danehy

Maryellen will have a "vendor" booth at the fall retreat that will be located in the lunch room. She and Tom Egan will be answering questions and offering Marin Cursillo website demonstrations on cell phones and computers. Emphasis will be on encouraging the members of Marin Cursillo to pay with credit cards on-line for various events and donations. The site developer is looking into changing the order of entering information required to use a credit card on the website. There was much discussion regarding the use of .com or .org for the website. Using .com denotes a commercial business, while .org denotes a non-profit organization. No conclusion reached on what website extension Marin Cursillo will use going forward. Maryellen said she could use some help with photography for the website. Ron Leach suggested we show appreciation to Maryellen for all of her hard work for the last several years.

11. Old Business

Jean Nelson said that she and some other Cursillo members set up a table at the parent coffee for the first day of school at Our Lady of Loretto. People showed a lot of interest in Cursillo.

12. New Business

Richard Olive stated that there was an amazing tribute held for Dana Couey in Santa Rosa on Saturday night. Hamp Mauvais thanked everyone for their well wishes for Barb De Barros.

13. Closing Prayer – Rev. Jim Ward

The Lord's Prayer was recited by everyone. Meeting adjourned at 8:47.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2019
"Show to Each Denomination the Strength of Others"