



## Minutes of the SF/SM Secretariat meeting held January 9, 2024 @ 6:58pm VIA ZOOM

**Members Present:** Nolan Apostle, Lani Borges, Cindy Conway, Vicki Cummins, Yolie Esparza-Snodgrass, Robert Geesey, Kevin Kain, Dana Morgan, Ruby Pleasure, and Debra Telles; Dn. Vince Jang *Excused:* Chase Montara, Margie Wolcott *Absent:*

Cindy shared an opening prayer.

Approval of **Minutes** – The minutes of the December 12th meeting were approved as submitted.

### **Treasurer's Report & Team Finance Reports:**

Debra's reported the account balances as of this date: Main \$7407.43; Fall Women's team \$3413.60; Fall Men's \$350.00; the Winter accounts have their required minimum balances.

*The group present was reminded to 'pass the hat' and were reminded of the Venmo (@SFSMSecretariat) and PayPal links (paypal.me/sfsmcursillo) and the mailing address of SFSM Secretariat (payee) PO Box 5615, San Mateo CA 94402 and asked to send a contribution to support the Secretariat's expenses.*

Some clarifying discussion was held regarding how to set up a monthly automatic payment through personal bill-pay programs at each person's bank/credit union.

### **Old Business**

- **Fall Weekend Upcoming Ultreya –**
  - Saturday, 1/13, from 11am-3pm at St. Paschal Baylon, 3700 Dorisa Ave, Oakland (Vicki will send out a copy of the flyer with the minutes of this meeting). Kevin has two speakers from their class of new Cursillistas, Ruby has one confirmed and a second invited. There are some tentative plans for hosting a Super Bowl Pool, and we'll try to remind folks about the new non-profit.
- **Report on 'SFSM Friends'** – Dana reported that the Board will meet at the end of this month and the next best steps regarding the funds held in the old non-profit will be at the forefront of the agenda. Vicki and Debra are working on getting year-end donation acknowledgements sent out. *She also plans to get some potential dates put together for brain-storming about fundraising in the next week or so;* the hope is that folks will gather together in-person (and via zoom) just to generate ideas that can be fleshed out by the Board/Secretariat members.

### **New Business**

- **Looking Forward (Free flowing) Discussion / Rector(a) Development Queue Status**
  - The frequency of our weekends might be considered, perhaps aiming for one set for now, which is the most practical to date. Focusing on developing leaders for the weekends is also a priority; the idea of a leadership workshop weekend or a single rector/a development day was also shared. The importance of gathering in person wherever possible and getting back to foundational things that have been forgotten over time and absence, such as mentoring, the leader guidebooks (aka the binder\*), etc. were all mentioned. Dana also mentioned that the direct call to ask/invite someone to consider being a leader is far more effective than a general call as so many are not sure that they're qualified. \*Debra has a binder that we can revise and build from.
  - Lani shared that she has been searching through the men's application binder to seek out folks that are qualified, or close to qualified with required team experience. Nolan shared thoughts about the younger folks that have blessed us by getting involved; he thinks we should look at including newer ways of communicating (texting, renovating the website, etc.). *Ruby says she has the latest women's application binder (that we tried rebuilding in the last few years), but she needs to search for it in her home.* Dana mentioned about a questionnaire that used to be shared with folks at the end of a weekend or Ultreya that asked directly about what folks might be interested in doing/learning more about; the Sermon on the Amount/Pay it Forward talk was used for that often, but not always.
  - We also wanted to ensure that we're developing more Fundraising/Community Building Ideas, and folks



in the community are interested in helping with coffeehouse concerts, and grand Ultreyas, etc. Vicki will reach out to Paul to see if he's spoken with those folks (Foster City 4<sup>th</sup> Day musicians). It will also be something that we will revisit at the SFSM Friends meeting. Yolie has offered to book her clubhouse room where she lives in Fremont for any day-long events we might like.

- **Volunteers** for next team meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45pm... **opening prayer/Vicki and closing prayer/Nolan**. Ruby shared that she has concert commitments starting next week and so her attendance will be less than consistent for the next few months.

*Prayers requested...*

- † *For the soul of Jerry Donnellan, and his family and friends*
- † *For Victor Power in his recovery from hip surgery*
- † *For Lani's sister in her ongoing health struggles*
- † *For Mary 'Sunshine' Wright in her ongoing health struggles*
- † *In Thanksgiving for the birth of Denise Hood's grandson, Leo Dalton Adin*

Dana led the group in a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

*Respectfully Submitted, Vicki Cummins, Secretary.*