



Minutes of the SF/SM Secretariat meeting held February 13, 2024 @ 6:50pm VIA ZOOM

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

Vicki shared an opening prayer.

As there was not a quorum, the Approval of Minutes for the January 9th meeting was postponed to March. Vicki also shared that Chase Montara had her term expire, technically, and she has shared that she won't be able to join us again, for now. Phil's application to join us was mailed, so we will follow up on that next month.

Treasurer's Report & Team Finance Reports:

In Debra's absence, Vicki reported the account balances as of this date: Main \$6535.53; Fall Women's team \$3310.59 (with just one check still outstanding); Fall Men's \$350.00; the Winter accounts have their required minimum balances (\$350/\$520).

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.

Old/Ongoing Business

- **Report on Fall Weekend Ultreya** – Kevin shared how pleasantly surprised we all were at the attendance, noted as around 75 people, with 'De Colores' circling folks all the way around the room. He had 9 out of his 10 candidates present, and we were also blessed with several Cursillistas not affiliated with the teams. Four speakers blessed the crowd. **Phil requested some contact information so that he might invite those in his area to his fourth day group.** Lots of positive comments about the weekends and the Ultreya were shared.
- **Report on 'SFSM Friends'** – Vicki reported that the Board is scheduled to meet this Thursday but may need to reschedule and that a draft of a funds demand letter is in the works. The current balance in the account is \$3949.55. The required contribution statements were mailed in January (and are available any time, upon request). We are working on administrative tools like QuickBooks and Google Office, or something similar. We also hoped to hold an event on March 9, but the venue confirmation hasn't come through, so we might be wiser to wait until April. [Kevin interjected that he will be in town April 6-7, so perhaps that weekend might work well.] She will also be mentioning the coffeehouse concert idea, with musicians interested from Foster City, at their next meeting.
- **Follow-up on Women's application binder** – Lani says she hasn't heard anything yet from Ruby; **she will follow up.**

New/Current Business

- **Status of weekend development** – Discussion was held to confirm that before we can establish a weekend date, and confirm Rector(a)s, we must first focus on raising the funds needed to reserve the dates.
 - Lani shared that she and Don will be checking out a convent building adjacent to St. Paschal Baylon and will report back if it is at all feasible.
 - We noted that we do have Jocelyn Perlow as an approved Rectora, and other men who asked about applying, but they cannot commit without the dates, etc.
 - We also need to recognize that we need to plan to raise the fees (currently \$200) for each weekend to better cover expenses. We asked the recent team members to share their actual expenses, whether they wanted reimbursement or not, but few responded. **Kevin agreed to ask his team to respond with that information (again).**
 - Fundraising pledge drive idea – Jerilynn contacted Vicki regarding a plan to 4th day groups together and making phone calls with a plea for folks to pledge monthly donations. We have the option now, via PayPal, to accept recurring monthly contributions. A PayPal account is not required, they'd just need to provide their contact info and debit/credit card info. If people are willing to entrust us to make the entry, great, if not we will be able to text/mail them a link to do it for themselves. We just know that making a person-to-person contact is far more beneficial than a blanket email. In fact, if any of you are interested in doing so tonight, we will sign you up! **More details will be worked out and we'll share them when available.**
- **Volunteers** for next team meeting on March 12th @ 6:45pm... **opening prayer/Kevin and closing prayer/Robert.**

Prayerful thoughts were shared for...

† *For the soul of Jerry Donnellan; Lani shared that the church was full for a wonderful celebration of his life.*

† *For Victor Power in his recovery from a successful hip surgery*

† *For Lani's sister in her ongoing health struggles*

† *For Mary 'Sunshine' Wright is home in hospice care*

† *For the soul of Angelo Wong, for whom Dignity/SF is holding a Dignity/Cursillo Memorial on April 7 at 5pm in SF.*

Nolan led the group in a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Vicki Cummins, Secretary.