



Minutes of the SF/SM Secretariat meeting held October 10, 2023 @ 7:00pm VIA ZOOM

Members Present: Nolan Apostle, Lani Borges, Cindy Conway, Vicki Cummins, Yolie Esparza-Snodgrass, Robert Geesey, Kevin Kain, Chase Montara, Dana Morgan, Ruby Pleasure, and Debra Telles

Excused: Margie Wolcott **Absent:**

Ruby shared an opening prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report & Team Finance Reports:

Debra reported the account balances as of this date: Main \$2650.64; Fall Women's team \$2192.99; Fall Men's \$3652.00.

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 Business

- **Report on Commissioning** – Cindy offered great thanks to Dana and Arletta for helping to prepare and present the commissioning for the fall teams.
- **Fall Weekend Updates** –
 - **Men's Weekend/Oct 12-15/Kevin Kain, Rector** – Kevin reported on his Sponsors' Night meeting on Monday and reflected on the many changes in his team formation, including folks who have passed away and others who have sadly been ill; overall 15 of the 24 team were original, and he's grateful for them all. He has 10 expected candidates. He's tired already, though.
 - Vicki added her thanks to Robert for helping to print some of the "worldwide" palanca that has been received (via a contact Vicki made on a Facebook group page because the 3dayonline.org site has been shut down) and that the poster that some of the group reviewed has been posted in that group and sent to some folks directly.
 - The news was shared that Darold's mom has just recently passed away. It was also confirmed that the Jesus statue has been kept with Darold, after a discussion with Joyce de Soto years ago who was concerned about the risks of damage in the storage unit. Plans are in the works to get it picked up for this weekend. Vicki also shared that according to Paul, who spoke with Angelo, Darold and Anna have offered to keep it in their living room and make it available for the women's weekend, **unless we have another option to consider.**
 - **Checking in with Robert (HC)** – He's feeling the stress, both in planning the weekend and his job, but he's glad that Jesus was found and just needs to be picked up tomorrow. He's glad that one of the candidates is his good friend, and that Dana and Vicki are helping with agape. Dana offered to pick up the Jesus statue tomorrow night, and others offered to bring crock pots for him, too.
 - **Women's Weekend/Nov 16-19/Ruby Pleasure, Rectora** – Ruby thinks things are still moving along reasonably well; candidates are still mere rumors at this point; she's realizing she isn't privy to all the details, but she knows that Corie (HC) is a far more organized person, so she has faith.
 - **Plans for Team Dinner, 10/12** – Lani shared that she'll **be shopping at Costco on Thursday** for the chicken/salad dinner, as the crock pot dish idea didn't quite work out.
- **Progress Report on 'SFSM Friends'** – Dana reported that the checking and savings accounts have been opened, so now we are able to receive contributions; we will work on setting up Venmo and PayPal connections, as well. The Board meets on October 16th and will talk about accounting software and other business that needs attention. Vicki also added that the determination letter from the IRS labeled us as a 509(a)(2) instead of the expected 501(c)(3) that we expected; both are legit for our purposes, but we will get some clarification on why that was assigned. Vince suggested making sure our contribution acknowledgments indicate the detail. Dana added that we will be working on creating templates for thank you letters and funding requests.



- **Report on Sponsorship Workshop** – Vicki reported that the response to the invitation was minimal with only 3-4 people responding. Two ended up participating and a nice visit was had by all, so reconnecting was a plus. Apologies for the misunderstanding about Nolan wanting to participate. Vicki is happy to host another one so that those who had to back out, and anyone looking for the refresher before the women’s weekend, we just need to pick a date.

New Business

- **Rector/Rectora Development / Status of the Queue** – Lani shared that Jocelyn has moved out the area but is waiting for confirmation that we can afford to schedule new weekends; a firm commitment is pending. There are no men in the queue.
- **Community Concerns/Other topics** – Ruby shared a special welcome to Fr Marty as it was great to see him in our meeting tonight; Nolan asked about any fundraising meetings scheduled and Dana reiterated that she’ll be calling a meeting together after the fall weekends. Fr. Marty asked about Ruby’s group using the Gullah sticks (which were used for communication and music when slaves weren’t allowed instruments or books etc.) that we started working on decorating back in 2019 but were somewhat forgotten and Chase ended up offering to finish decorating the ones that remain; she’ll connect with Ruby directly.
- **Volunteers** for next team meeting on November 14th @ 6:45pm... **opening prayer/Chase and closing prayer/Vicki.**

Cindy shared prayerful thoughts about Jerry Donnellan, who Kevin referred to earlier, who has received a late-stage diagnosis and the prayers that he and his family continue to need.

Nolan led us in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Vicki Cummins, Secretary.