



## Minutes of the SF/SM Secretariat meeting held November 14, 2023 @ 7:01pm VIA ZOOM

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

Fr. Marty shared an opening prayer.

Approval of **Minutes** – The minutes of the October 10th meeting were approved as submitted.

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

Vicki reported the account balances as of this date: Main \$2453.51; Fall Women's team \$3147.37; Fall Men's \$5812.58 (returning \$5252.58). The women's team has another \$2500 +/- to be deposited, and expenses to follow the weekend.

*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**

#### • **Fall Weekend Updates –**

- **Men's Weekend/Oct 12-15/Kevin Kain, Rector** – Kevin extended gratitude to the group for their presence and support during the weekend. He commented on the various ways the team adapted to sudden needs; had 10 candidates begin, but one went home, and the remaining 9 loved the experience. The online 'bridge meeting' that a team member pulled together, to accommodate the new Cursillista at home in Kansas City, was well attended, and everyone intends to be at the Ultreya in January. Robert shared his thoughts on the wonderful responses they gave at the close of the weekend, and gratitude for participating. Nolan added that this was his best time on a weekend he's experienced; he shared what a powerful connection he felt to Angelo, in-person during formation and in spirit over the weekend.
- **Women's Weekend/Nov 16-19/Ruby Pleasure, Rectora** – Ruby shared some thoughts on the journey thus far, and how it's taken faith to overcome obstacles, etc. She's humbled by the kindnesses shown to her. She's proud that we, too, are adapting to last-minute issues, including some folks with Covid. She's terribly excited *and* anxious! We are expecting 11 candidates.
- **Plans for Team Dinner, 11/16** – Yolie shared that she, her husband Robert, and Debra are taking lead on the team dinner; they'll be serving chicken and cheese enchiladas with rice, salad, and dessert. They welcome volunteers to help with set up, clean up and supporting the team.
- **Progress Report on 'SFSM Friends'** – Dana reported on the Board meeting held on 11/9, wherein there was a discussion, according to the bylaws, to determine a nominee for the now vacant position of Vice-President of the Board. She shared that the Board voted unanimously to nominate Robert Geesey for the position. A motion was seconded and passed to elect Robert to the position of Vice-President. Great thanks were expressed!
  - Dana also shared that a discussion had been held about the excitement of the team and new Cursillistas from the men's weekend, and the need to formally introduce the nonprofit to the community, and from that discussion came plans for a **Cursillo Christmas Potluck Party**, including a Dessert Sale/Auction. The event is open to all Cursillistas and their families and will be held Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 11-2pm at St. Aidan's on Gold Mine in San Francisco's Diamond Heights district. Along with a short presentation introducing the nonprofit, we'll also hold a short 'Cursillo 101,' for folks who need some reminders on how things work, and host a boutique table for anyone who'd like to contribute their wares with proceeds going to Cursillo. She also shared that the pastor at the church is very excited to host Cursillo events with the hopes of revitalizing the movement in their parish. **Vicki shared that the flyer will be ready to publish in the next day or so (hopefully with copies to share at the close of the women's weekend).**
  - Discussion was also held about the next steps in securing facility dates, leaders and funding and it was mentioned that we cannot see hosting another weekend until later next year and beyond, based upon the funds available and time needed for formation. **Dana asked that the current leaders and treasurers reach**



out to identify what some actual costs would've been, regardless of if the items were planca'd or not, so that we might better develop a true weekend budget. Margie mentioned that we should continue to host in-person events throughout next year to keep the community interested and growing; everyone agreed.

### **New Business**

- **Rector/Rectora Development / Status of the Queue** – Lani reported on no new applications received, but she's spoken to at least one potential rector. She also reminded that Jocelyn Perlow, who has moved out of the area, is still interested in leading, once she knows the dates to plan for.
- **Volunteers** for next team meeting on December 12 @ 6:45pm... **opening prayer/Robert and closing prayer/Dana.**

*Prayers offered...*

- † *for Jerry Donnellan on his continued journey with cancer*
- † *for Deacon Brian Bromberger who was hit by a car and suffered significant injuries*
- † *for Debra and all those missing their parents*
- † *for Ruby's brother and his surgery scheduled for tomorrow*
- † *Nolan also shared an update and thanks for the prayers for his friend's son who is recovering from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.*

Nolan led us in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

*Respectfully Submitted, Vicki Cummins, Secretary.*