



Minutes of the SF/SM Secretariat meeting held December 12, 2023 @ 7:01pm VIA ZOOM

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

Robert shared an opening prayer.

Approval of **Minutes** – The minutes of the November 14th meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report & Team Finance Reports:

In Debra's absence, Vicki reported the account balances as of this date: Main \$2287.52; Fall Women's team \$3661.34; Fall Men's \$5812.58 (returning \$5462.58). The balance (over the minimum) from the men's account will be transferred into the Main soon. The women's account will remain active until after the Ultreya in case there are more expenses to reimburse.

Vicki also asked if the group would like to elect to have future 'pass the hat' contributions changed from the Secretariat main account to the Friends of SFSM Cursillo account(s) instead. This way we'll be working towards raising the funds to make facility deposits when the time comes. The Secretariat will also have the option of sending funds from the main account to the nonprofit when the time comes to help cover those expenses. After some discussion and recognition that there are only three people putting funds in the 'hat' every month, we will leave it the same and simply leave it to the donors to donate where they see fit.

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 –**

- **Women's Weekend/Nov 16-19/Ruby Pleasure, Rectora** – Ruby shared that she is delighted with the weekend; it was intimate with 10 candidates, which was a good balance with the 23 team. She acknowledged that the team worked really hard but appreciated the spaciousness in places like the dining room. Our eldest Cursillista (age 92) enjoyed herself and kept up quite nicely, even at a slower pace. She feels everyone got what they were supposed to get out of the experience. Flexibility and adaptability were key to making it all work. Ruby also added praise for Deacon Jennifer and our new Roman SD, Jack Lau.
- **Ultreya (1/13/24)** – the group was reminded of the gathering next month and encouraged to participate and bring their fellow Cursillistas; Kevin mentioned that he's invited two speakers from their class of new Cursillistas, which served as a reminder for Ruby to do the same.

- **Report on 'SFSM Friends'** – Vicki reported that the organization's development is moving along nicely. Next administrative steps include getting a discounted QuickBooks program now that they're set up with TechSoup.org and changing over the BARB Facebook page to the new non-profit. The Board will meet again on January 25th and do have on the agenda the next best steps to take regarding the funds held by the Foundation (BARB). Funds on hand are about \$2036, and with the income from the Christmas Party, will be approximately \$2875. Dana will be scheduling a brainstorming meeting, including volunteers who signed up during the party, that will look at community-building and fund-raising opportunities in the coming months.

- **Christmas Potluck Party (12/9)** – Vicki also reported that the group is happy with the kick-off at the Christmas Party, comments included positive feedback (and some explanation) about the sing-along (12 Days of Christmas, in particular), the turn-out of nearly 50 people, including some folks who have not yet experienced a weekend, the dessert auction success, and the presentation by Dana to introduce the new non-profit. The event garnered \$838.08 for the *SFSM Friends*. Vicki added that she will include the donation platforms on a flyer that will be sent out with the minutes from the meeting.



New Business

- **Rector/Rectora Development / Status of the Queue** – Lani will be following up with the interested Rector(s).
- **Volunteers** for next team meeting on January 9th @ 6:45pm... **opening prayer/Cindy and closing prayer/Dana.**

Prayers requested...

- † *for Jerry Donnellan on his continued hospice journey...*
- † *for Yolie's mother-in-law who is hospitalized and for the family facing end of life decisions...*
- † *for Lani's sisters in Santa Barbara who are struggling with health challenges and caretaking, respectively...*
- † *for Jacob, an 8-year old child known to the Pleasures, who was born with a heart defect that brings ongoing health struggles...*
- † *for young Felix who is still healing from an accident and its ongoing complications...*

Cindy adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Vicki Cummins, Secretary.