



Santa Rosa, Saint Ferdinand, Mary Immaculate  
**Tri-Parish ACTS Core, November 7, 2017 – 7:00 PM**  
Father Simon Center

## November 2017 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Fr. Jack, Lydia, Edgar, Alicia, Henry, Joe, Rafael, Cece, Patrick, Noemi, Ofelia Ruiz, and Jose Cardenas

Not present: James

- 7:00 – 7:15 Opening prayer – Joe Torres
- Approval of October meeting minutes – All Approve
- Open floor for Non-CORE Members:
  - Lydia reported on behalf of Rosie Cardenas –
    - Plans for the Friendsgiving Dance/Fundraiser are going well
    - Need additional donation of baskets to raffle off – those wishing to contribute a basket should reach out to sister Norma Jimenez
- Father Jack announced he would need to step out to another meeting within an hour
- Lydia introduced Ofelia Ruiz, our new Director for the 2018 Women’s Retreat
  - Ofelia thanked everyone for her nomination and for being selected as the next Director for the Woman’s Retreat. She said she feels humbled and honored to have been called to serve and asked Core for support and prayers as she begins to plan and prepare for the retreat.
  - Ofelia reported that Jessica Rosas and Maty Ascencio both accepted her invitation to serve as her co-directors.
  - Ofelia reported she has asked Deacon Ricardo to be the Spiritual Director and that he had a question before he could say yes to this commitment. His question included:
    - If it is mandatory for him to be there the whole weekend as he has a prior commitment for a few hours on one of the evenings of the retreat weekend. It was determined by Core that this would not interfere with any of his commitments during retreat.
    - Deacon Ricardo will be available to attend all team meetings except one.
  - Ofelia reported her team will start meeting the first weekend of the New Year.
  - Lydia suggested for José Cárdenas to go with Ofelia to Poverello where the last Men’s retreat was held to get her acquainted with the facility in preparation of her planning.

- **Director's report:**
  - José Cárdenas presented a general report of the Men's retreat including all the positive aspects including the transformation of hearts as well as areas to keep in mind as the new Women's Director begins to plan for the next retreat at Poverello. Overall, Jose reported it was a great weekend. A full written report was submitted to Core Facilitator, Lydia Carrizosa for review.
- Lydia shared with Core some of the feedback she received on the retreat as well as her own observations including:
  - One person on the outside to communicate with one person on the inside.
  - There needs to be a cut-off date for the acceptance of applications to the retreat because of the challenges it presets when receiving last minute applications. Those submitting late/last minute applications should be placed on a waiting list for the next retreat.
  - We must communicate clearly as to who has been approved for scholarships prior to Send-Off.
  - Lydia asked about Sermon on the Mount money as this will be used for tithing for ACTS Missions – It was reported that Joseph Montoya has this information - Lydia agreed to reach out to him about it.
  - Lydia announced that Alicia will be leading the Off-Site teams for the next Woman's retreat and that other Core team members may assist her on this.

**7:59: Father Jack steps out for another meeting**

**Meeting closes for Non-CORE members to address the following:**

**UPDATES:**

- **Lydia Carrizosa –Facilitator**
  - We must continue recruiting people for Core
  - We are three people short
  - For December meeting each Core member is to submit two names of potential Core members
  - Both Alicia and Lydia will be going to MI to meet with Sister Elizabeth to establish communication with Core and increase participation in ACTS from parishioners.
  - Possibly look at the list of women nominated for director and consider them for Core.
- **Edgar Gonzalez – Co-Facilitator**
  - Reached out to get pictures to post to San Antonio
  - Will set up dates for men's retreat to lock in dates
  - Will coordinate a bit more closely with San Antonio
  - Will set up dates for retreat at Poverello

- Will make arrangements to give stipend to ACTS Mission
  - This year the Men's retreat was at the end of September because Poverello was not available sooner.
  - Need a facilitator to guide and set up the Lenten Event- probably a week before Ash Wednesday. Rafa volunteered to assist with the planning.
  - Will set up the Core Day Retreat. Will be reaching out to Deacon Ricardo or Ricky Jones about leading us in this retreat. Planning on April 17 as the target date for this Core retreat.
- **Communications – Noemi**
    - Provided an update on the meeting/training provided by Ricky Jones who updated and designed the new website look.
    - Shared the advantages of the new updates including a monthly calendar that is now available through the website.
    - Events, news, and information will be easier to access through the updated features.
    - Noemi will input any news, events, updates once per month.
    - Community wishing to announce ACTS related events must submit information for approval to Core and once approved, these will be posted along with Core Meeting Minutes and other monthly events.
    - A new feature is now available for community to submit a request for posting of information/event.
    - Ricky has done a great job at incorporating these new features.
- **Financial Coordinator – Patrick**
    - Provided and submitted a report on our financial status.
- **Cece Moreno and Joe Torres – Retreat Supplies Coordinators**
    - Joe and Cece went to the ACTS trailer to do an inventory and made a list of what is available and what is needed.
    - The only things they found missing are binders – but these were turned in today by José Cárdenas. It was reported by Joe that Carlos Martinez was putting together some binders.
- **Alicia Mejia – Retreat Support Coordinator/Social Coordinator**
    - Will be reaching out to community in order to build the off-site teams.
- **Lydia – Core Facilitator**
    - Lead a discussion on the terms of some of the ACTS Coordinators and stressed the importance of recruiting more members for Core.
    - Reported that she, Alicia, and Rafa will be completing their term at the end of 2018.

- We need to pick additional three people
  - Suggested that we have a Christmas gathering for Core on December 9 at Alicia's and spouses are to be included.
  - We will have a gift exchange –price limit is to be \$20.00 and will have a sign- in sheet to note what we will bring.
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- **Henry Castillo – Social Coordinator/Music Coordinator**
    - Will be working on the Mission of the 72
    - This includes Core and the current directors
    - Funds raised will go towards trailer insurance, fees for Website, scholarship, and other retreat-related expenses.
    - Every year a new set of 72 (individual, couple, or family) will be started.
    - Researched information on a projector which we need to purchase
    - Made recommendations for the best price
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- A projector was found in one of the boxes provided by José Cárdenas and there was some discussion as to whether this belonged to ACTS.

Closing Prayer: Rafa