



Santa Rosa, Saint Ferdinand, Mary Immaculate
Tri-Parish ACTS Core, January 16 – 7:00 PM
Father Simon Center

January 2018 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Fr. Jack, Lydia, Henry, Joe, James, Rafael, Cece, Patrick, Noemi, Ofelia Ruiz, Lety Vidal, Paul Carrasco, and Kathleen Greulich

Not present: Edgar

- 7:00 – 7:15 Opening prayer – Rafael Sanchez
- Approval of November 2017 meeting minutes – Previously approved and uploaded to the SFV ACTS Website
- Open floor for Non-CORE Members:
 - Kathleen Greulich sat through Core meeting
- Father Jack announced he would need to step out to another meeting within an hour

Lydia reported:

- Regrettably, Sister Alicia Mejia had to resign from her Core assignment due to her new job and time-conflicting work schedule.
- Sister Lety Vidal accepted the invitation to join Core and was welcomed her at this meeting. She will be leading off-site support team for the Women’s retreat.
- Brother Paul Carrasco also accepted the invitation to join Core and this was his first meeting.
- A ceremony will take place at a later date for the new Core team members.

Director’s Report:

Sister Ofelia Ruiz reported:

- Retreat Theme is “Remain in me as I remain in you” from John 14:4.
- First team meeting took place on Saturday, January 13 with 33 of the 36 team members present.
- The meeting was held in a small room at the Father Simon Center but it was too crowded for the number of people in attendance. They are seeking a larger room. All meetings are currently scheduled to take place at the Father Simon Center, except for February 10 and March 24 meetings which will be held at Sister Melissa Hernandez’ home since the Fr. Simone Center does not have rooms available on those dates.
- “Yes” agreements have been signed (Lydia suggested that these be revisited at a later date in the team formation).
- Lydia and Cece were present at this first meeting and Cece will continue to attend meetings and will be responsible for collecting retreat payments from team.

- Commissioning Mass has been scheduled for January 28 at Mary Immaculate at 10:00 A.M. The ACTS Men's Choir is scheduled to sing at this Mass.
- There will not be a meeting on March 31st, the Saturday of Holy week.
- Passing of the Candle will take place on April 14 from 10:00 to 10:30 AM.
- The team's mini retreat will take place on April 21 from 8:00 A.M. to 12 Noon at Sister Bea Ruli's home.
- Sister Ofelia reported she is still missing binders to distribute to various team leaders. Also missing is the Father Ken video.
 - Lydia reported she will be taking a trip to the trailer to look for these, and Cece reported Brother Carlos Martinez is almost done putting together some new binders for distribution to the team leaders
 - Noemi suggested we develop a checkout and return system to distribute and collect binders and other key items needed by directors for team meetings.
 - James agreed to look into the DVD's
 - Noemi to provide Sister Ofelia with a standardized Roster format to be used to collect Team and Retreatant data that will allow for easy uploads into the SFV ACTS Website's master list.
- Sister Ofelia reported that ACTS Brother Joel Javan will be holding a fundraiser, "Four acts for ACTS" at Vincenzo's Pizza on April 21st. He is working on a flyer to include the details of this event.

Father Jack & Sister Ofelia leave the Core meeting. Meeting remains open to non-Core members. Sister Kathleen remains for the duration of the meeting.

- Lydia revisited the previously discussed proposal to have Brother Ricky Jones offer training on building Small Faith Communities. A discussion centered on understanding the goals for the Small Faith Communities, finding out if the groups and ministries that were established by ACTS community members continue to be centered on the principles of our Catholic faith/teachings and that Core should know their format for this very purpose.
- Lydia suggested that Ricky be given a stipend for this training in addition to purchasing the books for the training.
- Lydia is to call ACTS Missions to inquire about how their small faith communities continue to GROW or if they have evolved into other ministries.

Communications

UPDATES:

- **Communications – Noemi**
 - Sister Cissy Barragan requested to have an announcement posted on the ACTS Website about 25 volunteers being needed to serve as Eucharistic Ministers at the upcoming SCRC Conference (Core approved the inclusion of this announcement)
 - Will include information about the Mission of the 72 being headed by Brother Henry.
 - Will include a reminder about volunteers being needed at the Food Bank at St. Ferdinand's.

- **Financial – Patrick**
 - Provided an update on our financial status. We have a balance of \$5,889.00.
 - A deposit has been to the Poverello Retreat Center for the Woman’s Retreat.
 - Will prepare a tithing check to send to ACTS Missions in San Antonio.
 - Lydia reported that the “Sermon on the Mount” talk was not given at the last Men’s Retreat and because no funds were collected, we would have to send tithing money from our current balance.

- **Spiritual – Rafael**
 - Proposed a Lenten Reflection to take place on February 17.
 - There would be four speakers (from Core)
 - Light snacks to be provided
 - A planning meeting to take place the following Tuesday, January 23 at Sister Noemi’s home at 7 PM.

- **Retreat Support – CeCe/Joe**
 - Will order “Coming Down the Mountain” books
 - Will order Ichthus (fish necklaces)

- **Social – Henry**
 - Brought envelopes to distribute for the Mission of the 72
 - Brother Joe Torres suggested that each Core member reach out to six ACTS families/brothers/sisters to support us on this mission as it would be easier to send reminders about payments etc. It was agreed that each Core member will be responsible for six including ourselves.
 - Will support Joel in the Four Acts for ACTS fundraiser
 - Alicia Mejia will get us started in a new Turn Around fund raiser and Henry and Leticia will carry it out.

- **Closing Prayer - Joe**