



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

February 2018 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Paul Carrasco, Lydia Carrizosa, Noemi Castaneda, Henry Castillo, James Forbes, Patrick Hagan, Cece Moreno, Ofelia Ruiz, Rafael Sanchez, Joe Torres, Lety Vidal, and Francisco Villalva

Not present: Edgar Gonzalez, Father Jack Curran

- 7:00 – 7:15 Opening prayer – Rafael Sanchez
- Approval of January 2017 meeting minutes – Previously approved and uploaded to the SFV ACTS Website

Director's Report:

Ofelia Ruiz

- 35 team members are serving on this year's Woman's Retreat – including leadership team.
- Four planning meetings have been held.
- All meetings take place at the Father Simon Center but this location is not available on February 10 and March 10. The February 10th meeting will take place at Ofelia's house.
 - Cece to look into procuring alternate locations for these two dates
- Ofelia shared the team list with Core
- The team is planning on holding a fundraiser at Applebee's Restaurant in Northridge in order to subsidize some of the retreat expenses and offer some partial scholarships.
- At this point Applebee's management have offered two dates that are open to hold the fundraiser: **April 8 or April 22**
 - The goal is to sell 100 tickets at 10.00 per ticket for a buffet-style breakfast.
 - 50% of sales would go to support the Woman's ACTS Retreat.
 - Ofelia expects to receive confirmation about one of the two dates within a week.
 - Each team member will be asked to sell a minimum number of tickets.
 - *(Ofelia was reminded that funds raised through any fundraiser must go through ACTS and that the tickets must specify that \$5.00 of the \$10.00 sale will be going to ACTS. Additionally she was informed that we now have access to the 501C through Santa Rosa.)*
- Ofelia reported she had purchased string for rosaries, journals, and other supplies. She will be submitting some receipts for reimbursement at the next Core meeting.
- Thus far she has collected 8 applications for the retreat along with required deposits.
- She has received some scholarship requests and these will be presented to Father for approval.
- She will be calling the tri-parishes to arrange dates for pulpit talks.
- Ofelia presented Core with copies of the Retreat Registration form.

- It was reported that the mini retreat will take place at Bea Rulli's house
- Francisco reported he will be providing samples of shirts for those sisters who need to order.

UPDATES:

SOCIAL - Henry

- The Four Acts for ACTS has been approved and information can be uploaded on to the ACTS Website.
- Joel, who is leading the fundraiser is asking the community for basket, and or gift card donations for additional fundraising at the event.
- Made box to be placed at the Santa Rosa Church office for any envelopes received for "The Mission of the 72".
- Provided envelopes addressed to Santa Rosa ACTS for Core members to distribute to those who have committed to this mission.
- Reported that we have received information for the 501c tax ID.
- The turnaround fundraiser will take place after the Women's retreat.
- Lydia reported that Rosie Cardenas suggested a rummage sale as a possible fundraiser for ACTS.
- Henry reported he needs a template of a roster to keep track of The Mission of the 72 and Noemi agreed to create one and email it to him.

OFF-SITE SUPPORT – Lety Vidal

- Lety is coordinating the Off-site activities and has been reaching out to community to lead the various off-site activities.
- Diane Villalobos will be leading the Passing of the Candle along with her co-director Francisco Villalva.
- Ana Perez will be leading Candlelight.
- Michael Marquez has agreed to assist with Send-off and Lety will identify a Director for this off-site activity and Michael will serve as co-director.
- She is still seeking out someone to lead the gathering after the Return Mass.

Lydia provided updates:

- She has spoken with members from "JAM", "The Upper Room", "Fishers of Men", Mario Murillo's "Alpha Omega" ministries, "OREMOUS", and "Living Waters", and they are all willing to meet with father Juan about keeping with the format of the Small Faith Communities and the Catholic faith.
- Wants Ricky Jones to provide training before he moves to Utah by the end of March and reported that Ricky feels the training can be carried out in one session.
- She would like to reach out to two of the most recent past Directors (Jose & Helen) about providing training to the table leaders and other team members so they can reach out to retreatants and establish Small Faith Communities as prescribed by ACTS Missions.
- Need to schedule a Core retreat and training on a Saturday – March 17 or 24th location to be determined.

- Will be meeting with Sister Mary Jesus regarding the retreat dates and will provide updates after the meeting.

RETREAT SUPPORT - Cece

- St. Ferdinand Hall has been reserved for the Return Mass/Community gathering on April 29 from 10 AM to 2:00 PM.
- Passing of the Candle was scheduled for a small room at the Father Simone Center - a discussion took place about procuring alternate space since the room would not be able to accommodate the team and community. There was a suggestion that Passing of the Candle could be held at St. Ferdinand's patio in front of the statue of Our Lady.
- Will be collecting orders and monies for shirts from the women.

COMMUNICATIONS – Noemi

- Minutes from last meeting were uploaded along with announcements about the new Website's "newsletter format", and other events including "The Mission of the 72", the upcoming "Lenten Reflection", the need for volunteers to serve as Eucharistic Ministers for a Spanish Mass at the upcoming Catholic Conference in Anaheim, and OREMUS.
- Received two applications for the Women's retreat through the website and these were forwarded to Ofelia for next steps in reaching out to them.
- A request to post information about an event related to the Knights of Columbus came in through the website but since it was not ACTS related it was not posted.

FINANCIAL - Patrick

- Disseminated and discussed financial report.
- A deposit was sent to Poverello for the retreat a while back. He will begin sending additional monies to Poverello as we begin to amass retreat fees.
- Shared that the final balance of total retreat cost is to be submitted to Poverello before the date of the Retreat.
- Will send a tithing check of approximately \$1000.00 to ACTS Mission.

SPIRITUAL – Rafael

- Core discussed final details of the upcoming Lenten Reflection taking place on Saturday, February 17 at Father Simon Center
- Will share information about during pulpit talks
- Reviewed outline for the schedule for the day
- Will hold a final a final meeting at Noemi's house on February 17 at 7:00 PM

- **Closing Prayer - Joe**