

Santa Rosa, Saint Ferdinand, Mary Immaculate
Tri-Parish ACTS Core
Father Simone Center
January 21, 2020

January 2020 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start Time: 7pm

Attendance: Noemi Castaneda, Lety Vidal, Cece Moreno, Ana Perez, Marcela Martinez, Dennis Krummel, Paul Carrasco, Joe Torres, Noe Garduno

Unable to attend: Patrick Hagan, Estela Fajardo Pompa (medical leave)

Opening Prayer: Deacon Ricardo

Visitors: Introductions

Ricardo Mora – Deacon at St. Ferdinand's Sta. Rosa

Luli Calvo – St. Ferdinand – Director, Women's Retreat 2020

Lynn Fernandez – St. Ferdinand – Co Director, Women's Retreat 2020

Laura Ascencio – St. Ferdinand – Spiritual Companion, Women's Retreat 2020

Joseph Montoya – ACTS Community Member

Conrad Silva – St. Ferdinand – invited to consider joining CORE

Announcements – Noemi Castaneda

- Donations received in lieu of Flowers (Noemi Castaneda – Mom's Funeral) – 2 checks total \$400 – to be recorded as donations for Mission of 72. Marcela will send out a receipt.
- Prayer Life Workshop starting in February
 - Santa Rosa – Thursdays, starts Feb. 13th @ Father Simon Center
 - St. Ferdinand – Wednesdays, starts Feb. 5th @ St. Ferdinand

Approve Meeting Minutes –

- Director of Communication role in transition from Noemi to Ana
- Ana will prepare minutes from December 2019 meeting notes taken and will make available for review at next meeting.
- Binder was picked up from Noemi last Thursday, Jan 16th
- Ana will review Meeting Minutes from prior meetings to understand format

Director's Report: Women's Retreat - Luli Calvo

- Contacted Father Juan – pending a response

- Met twice – discussed theme “Let All the Earth Cry Out to God with Joy” (Psalm of return mass) – will be basing the whole retreat on the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)
- Have not Identified a Music Director
- Made a list of all the Women to be considered for Team
- Chose the retreat song: “Shout to the Lord”
- **Next Steps – Lety Vidal**
 - Must present the list to Father Juan for blessing of list.
 - i. Provide the list to Deacon Ricardo – Deacon to review the list and talk to Father Juan about it
 - ii. Email copy of list to Lety – provided a hard copy
 - iii. Will call last year’s retreatants first
 - Budget
 - i. Need to review budget with Director – we should be ok with current budget.
 - ii. Need to order crosses for Team to be given at commissioning mass – Lynn Fernandez will go ahead and place the order, crosses found for ~\$1.50 ea.
 - iii. Mondays are best for Luli to meet, Lety will coordinate with Luli to review budget
 - Need to set a date for the Commissioning Mass
 - i. Laura asked, “Can we reach out to Mary Immaculate to host the Commissioning Mass?” Laura offered to reach out, if its ok. Lety responded that it is too soon to reach out to Mary Immaculate, need to discuss with Fr. Juan about Tri Parish and how we expect to continue now that Oblates are leaving Sta. Rosa. It would be fine to reach out for pulpit talks,
 - ii. Fr. Abe was very excited about ACTS last year, just not as involved.
 - 1st team meeting is Feb. 6th – commissioning mass is after 1st team meeting, could be a couple of weeks after 1st team meeting. Cece was tasked to schedule a date at Sta. Rosa for the commissioning mass
 - Retreat Weekend: May 14 – May 17
 - Need to set inventory date – Lety recommended it is best to only have leads do inventory not the entire team

Conrad asked what is happening with Tri-Parish now that both MI and SR do not have Oblates?

Joseph Montoya (Originally from ACTS San Antonio)

- Fr. Juan’s questions are around having the Tri-Parish; Per Joseph, there is a signed contract between CORE, the pastors and ACTS Missions. Some Parishes have joint communities because one parish does not have enough people to serve on CORE and Retreats. There are also Coalition of parishes that sometimes are formed to sustain ACTS.
- If its tri-parish, we should be in the three parishes, strengthening the parishes, acting in the parishes and supporting ACTS in all three parishes.
- This year will mark the 10-year anniversary, this is part of growth and each must pray individually, then come together as CORE
- All parishes and CORE must come to a unified vision – what is CORE and the community going to do for all three parishes. ACTS is intended to strengthen the parishes. This requires a lot of prayer and consideration, this is part of an ACTS parish maturity.

- ACTS Missions as an organization has grown and changed significantly and has dealt with their own set of challenges.
- ACTS Missions, CORE, Parish Pastors must come together in agreement.
- Need to talk to Father Juan first as the current pastor. Need to gather Father Juan's thoughts.
- Original mission of ACTS is to build up the Parish, therefore having commuter retreatants it is difficult to pair them up with the Parish communities and difficult to serve them within the Parish.
- Lety shared that Fr. Juan has expressed ACTS may have already ran its course in the Tri-Parish. ; Brother Joseph confirmed the same message from Fr. Juan.

Messages from CORE to Directors - Lety

- The number of retreatants is not to be of concern, the people that sign up are the people that are called to be there. In past years it seems the focus is on meeting the numbers and getting as many people to the retreat and some have come from far and out of state to attend as well, this is not strengthening the parish community if people are from other cities or states.
- When there is a conflict or a question – must consult with CORE prior to making any decisions

TAQUIZA Update - Marcela

- Total \$800 raised, cost for Rosemary;s Catering is \$375 - \$425; \$350 is to be donated to St. Ferdinand Parish (Marcela, I spoke with the caterer and she told me the correct amount. So I just went ahead and put in the new numbers)
- Deacon Ricardo drew name for Taquiza winner = Joel Vargas (ticket sold by Blanca G.)
 - Winner to be posted on Website and Social Media
 - Lety will contact the winner to notify him

Mission of 72 – Marcela

- \$460 received in donations + \$200 submitted at last meeting

CORE Retreat – Lety

- Re-scheduled to February 22nd, 4pm to 8pm at the Convent. Lety confirmed that it is available any date and time.

Lenten Workshop – Paul

- St. Ferdinand Parish Hall reserved from 10am to 12pm on **Saturday, February 29th**
- Paul as Lead, Joe to assist. Dennis as Music Coordinator Music (?)
- Paul to reach out with agenda: request help from Joe and Deacon and rest of CORE team
- Cece will follow up to confirm parish hall availability

Fundraising – Lety

- Lety asked Marcela to help with fundraising and guide Dennis to help as well. Marcela has canceled the turnaround and is recommending a Bunco night.

Recruiting CORE Members - Lety

- We are losing three people that will complete their 3 year term this year
- We need to recruit more members
- Conrad was invited by Joe and Paul
- Cece, Joe, and Patrick will continue thru May 2020, after Women's Retreat
- Need to do blessing ceremony for new CORE Members including Ana. Will do this at the retreat. One more CORE meeting before the retreat
- Paul – on inviting people to CORE, when you place that call – remember when you were invited to the retreat - If the person is called to serve they will say YES in that moment.
- Lety reviewed criteria for new CORE Members: Need to have attended the retreat, served in a minimum of two leadership positions: one on retreat team and one outside of the retreat.
- Conrad meets the requirements - Lety invited Conrad and Joe Montoya to pray about joining core. They can sign agreement at next meeting prior to retreat.
- Our current purpose is to promote ACTS within the Tri-Parish
- Time commitment on CORE – sometimes may require additional meetings outside of Monthly meetings, especially around retreat time.
- CORE is the leadership and will have to make difficult decisions.

Other Reports:

- Our Next Core meeting is February 18th
- Deacon Ricardo expressed thanks for being invited to CORE. Don't be discouraged, don't think that we don't hear your concerns, ACTS is a very important part of the Parish. Will do our best to support you, me as Deacon and with my fellow Priests. Fr. Juan and Fr. James are both very supportive of ACTS.
- Bank Account is another item to be resolved – it currently sits at Santa Rosa, so may need to separate given the situation with Oblates.
- Cece emailed Santa Rosa about send off and plaza area rather than the hall and Maria at St. Ferdinand for return mass
- Commissioning mass – Cece will email Ofelia about Monday, 7pm mass at Santa Rosa.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm

Closing prayer – Deacon Ricardo