

Santa Rosa, Saint Ferdinand, Mary Immaculate
Tri-Parish ACTS Core
Tuesday, March 17, 2020 @ 7pm

March 2020 Meeting Minutes

ZOOM Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/568584611>

In Attendance: Patrick Hagan, Leticia Vidal, Paul Carrasco, Marcela Martinez, Noe Garduno, Estella Fahardo Pompa, Cece Moreno, Joseph Montoya

Not in Attendance: Ana Perez, Deacon Ricardo Mora, Joe Torres, Conrad Silva, Dennis Krummel

Guest: Lynn Fernandez (Co-Director, WRT)

- I. Opening Prayer Paul Carrasco
- II. Retreat Team Update Lynn Fernandez
 - Have met 5 times since starting on Mar. 6.
 - Planning to meet virtually for the next few weeks until end of March based on Fr Juan's direction to Parish Community.
 - Focus on reflections to continue with the formation of the team
 - Unable to do pulpit talks due to no masses and in person meetings
 - Lety suggested to Lynn that the leaders continue to work with team on Talks for retreat so that they are prepared
 - T-Shirt Orders – need to check with Ana
 - We need to be sensitive to collecting money from people at this time, so may need to hold off on any
 - Collected a little over \$1000 from deposits for retreat from Team
 - Team is down to 32 team members, a few have dropped
 - This Thursday 3/19 will probably not have a meeting, leadership team will meet to plan for the virtual meetings.

Lynn left the Zoom meeting and CORE team continued with CORE updates.

- III. Retreat Center Update Lety Vidal
 - Called retreat center today (3/17)
 - Retreat center has cancelled all March and April retreats, have not made a decision about May
 - Maria at retreat center has assured us if cancelled a future date will be given
 - Retreat center will be sold after September 2020
 - Retreat center promised that deposit will be refunded if cancelled
 - Lety has sent Fr. Juan an email requesting to meet with him to get his thoughts on how to best move forward given the current situation
 - We have received an email from ACTS Missions – they have cancelled their upcoming retreat, but leaving it to each parish and pastor to make their own decisions.
 - If May is ok for retreats, it gives very little time to prepare for retreat

What should we do about retreat/retreat center?

- At this time we just wait to see what happens and get direction from Fr. Juan
- We should look for other retreat centers for the future if the current retreat center is no longer going to be available (Marcela)
- In challenging situations other ACTS retreats have been held in the Parish Hall or at a Hotel (Joseph)
 - We will need to talk to Fr. Juan about using the Parish Hall in the event we do not have a retreat center available
 - For retreats held in the Parish Hall – other places have used sleeping bags and people have brought their own blow up mattresses
 - Convent across the street was to be remodeled – it needs several repairs which include the 2nd floor not being stable
 - No showers available – would need to upgrade restrooms to have showers
 - Would not want to send people home at night, so if we are unable to use the Parish Hall for an overnight stay, then the Parish Hall would not be an option
- Lety likes the idea of looking into Hotels as another option – would be approximately 40 rooms
- Other retreat centers: Pasadena and other areas, St. John Bosco (closed down)
- Marcela provided Lety a number to another retreat.
- Any university (i.e. LMU) – Lety will inquire about LMU – they do rent out their rooms during the summer
- We should consider a new date if we are looking for a new location
- Marcela to call the Airtel to inquire about rooms for retreat and also renting the banquet room for anniversary. Could they offer a discount since we are looking at multiple events for ACTS.
- We should still inquire about Poverello
- We need to make the Women's Retreat Team aware that there could be a cancellation
- There's a lot of things that we would be encountering coming out of the current COVID-19 situation
 - Less people able to attend the retreat due to work demands, lack of funds
 - More people in need for prayer and help

Do we think we will be out of this by May?

- Joseph believes that things will be better, we must stay positive and remain prayerful
- We do have the retreat center reserved for September, so another option would be to move Women's retreat to September, and have Men's retreat in the Spring.
- We should continue to move forward with retreat planning, not bring things to a halt.
- We must consider the retreat team's availability before deciding to move the retreat to September: we must consider that retreat leaders may not be available, having a gap in between may hurt the retreat team's preparation and may lose team members.
- We should present these ideas to Fr. Juan when we meet with him.

IV. Next CORE Meeting Friday, April 3rd

- For next meeting hoping we can review any information on the items discussed about new retreat centers and options given our research.

- We might not be able to meet with Fr. Juan in person during this time, will consider a phone meeting if possible and hoping to have more information from Fr. Juan through emails as he has been communicating until now.

V. Facilitator updates

- Patrick
 - No financial updates, waiting for information regarding bank transition from Fr Juan.
- Cece
 - Offsite location still booked, but no in person meetings.
- Noe
 - Will be sending out an email to the team with login information for Director's training.
 - Brother Joe was able to give Cece all the Director's manuals from the trailer and these have been delivered to the team by Cece
- Marcela
 - Bunco fundraiser cancelled, no new date set for the summer
 - Marcela has sent an email to Core team with summary of collections for Mission of 72- included last year and this year's collections
- Joseph
 - Will send notes from Core Team Retreat with ideas captured about Adoration, Community, Theology and Service

Closing Prayer

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Meeting adjourned after 1 hour and 30 minutes on Zoom