



Minutes of the SF/SM Secretariat meeting held April 8, 2024 @ 7:00pm VIA ZOOM

Members Present: Cindy Conway, Vicki Cummins, Robert Geesey, Kevin Kain, Dana Morgan, Debra Telles and Margie Wolcott; Fr. Marty Mager

Visitor(s): Mark Mueller **Excused:** Nolan Apostle, Lani Borges, Yolie Esparza-Snodgrass, Ruby Pleasure **Absent:**

Cindy shared an opening prayer.

Cindy welcomed our guest, Mark Mueller, who is the lay leader of East Bay Anglican Cursillo.

- Mark shared some history about the East Bay group and how they were established back in 1978; now in 2024, folks are older, and their numbers are smaller. They have about 15-20 active people (about 77 on their lists) and they've struggled to find a facility and candidates to hold their own weekends, especially with bay area costs being as bad as they are. Their group is looking at rejoining with our Secretariat (or Marin) so that the active folks can continue to participate. He also shared about the last weekend that they held as a two-night event, instead of three; they felt it was successful, and they accomplished that by 'cutting out the fluff,' shortening rollo times, etc. A brief discussion ensued with sharing about our common struggles to find younger folks to get involved and how we need to find what's most appealing, like music and fun energy in the community, to welcome new candidates. Mark was encouraged to share a welcome invitation with his community, encouraging them to attend these meetings and to join us for the community gatherings, too.

The **Minutes** of March 2024 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report & Team Finance Reports:

Debra reported the Main account balance is \$6983.29, with the recent payment of the insurance premium for the year, and the ongoing monthly storage fees. Vicki advised her that the receipt for the post office box payment was received. The QuickBooks Online account has yet to be purchased and set up.

The group present was reminded to 'pass the hat' and were reminded of the Venmo (@SFSMSecretariat) and PayPal links (paypal.me/sfsmcursillo) and the mailing address of SFSM Secretariat (payee) PO Box 5615, San Mateo CA 94402 and asked to send a contribution to support the Secretariat's expenses.

Current/Ongoing Business

- Review of Saturday's Spring Fling Ultreya hosted by the Friends of SFSM Cursillo – Cindy, Marty and others shared that they thought it was a successful event, and appreciation was shared. We had about 50 people in attendance, including several new Cursillistas and their sponsors. Out of town friends were wonderful to see. Dana emphasized the importance of inviting folks outside of the nonprofit Board, and outside of the current Secretariat membership to become involved in the preparation and programming of the events. She commented that it's that outward glance and invitation that will help us to pull more into the fold.
 - Ideas for a June/July event included: Country-themed Spaghetti/chili meal with C&W dancing; an outdoor event sounded good, too. Vicki shared that Paul restated his willingness to create some Coffeehouse Concerts. The best dates in June were June 1st or 8th (the 15th was busy, and the 22nd is Mary Wright's memorial); July would be better (date to be confirmed).
 - Suggestions for a venue with good weather included the park (again) in Castro Valley, or the park in Concord where a group of us had done the Hope Walk. Fr. Marty will



check out availability at Woodside Priory as well. Transportation considerations are also appreciated for our non-driving folks.

- Rector(a) / Leadership Development:
 - In Lani's absence, Dana shared some thoughts on trying to find ways to get back to basics, to remind ourselves of forgotten role expectations and to encourage folks who haven't had the experience to fulfill leadership roles. To that end, we think a Leadership Workshop (day or weekend, ideally) is needed as a part of our efforts to ramp up into the next team formations. (i.e. remembering whose job it is to do 'blank;' and what happens at this facility that is 'new' to so many, etc.). We'd like to add the idea to a future agenda so that we can find a venue and dates that we can all participate.
 - We know of at least one past Rectora who is interested in submitting a new application, and one or two men interested as well. Dana spoke on the Secretariat's role in actively developing opportunities for participation in core teams, etc. For instance, there was someone who spoke up and said they think they'd like to work their way up to Rectora, but she'd only ever been a cook; it's on all of us to do all we can to get her the opportunity to serve as a table leader, and to do so confidently.
 - As an aside, we'd love to develop a digital version of the Application to Serve and send the link to our mailing lists to encourage all who are still interested in serving to complete the form asap so that we can rebuild 'the binders' for the next Rector/a to recruit from.
- Friends of SFSM Cursillo: Dana Morgan
 - Pledge Drive sign-ups – Vicki shared that to-date 11 people have signed up to make monthly donations, with one more who said they would. She encouraged the members of the Secretariat to do the same. She said the postcards with the donation information are available and she'd be happy to mail them out to anyone who has an in-person fourth day or fellow parishioners who might be interested.
 - Fundraising brain-storm session – at the close of the Ultreya, ideas shared included using Benevity.org, or a brokerage account (for stock donations), and even bingo/game or paint nights; Cindy shared an idea about a recent 'clothing swap' event that the church used as a fundraiser. Dana said they'd be scheduling a follow-up meeting since she heard more ideas after the meeting.
 - Dana noted that we're working on pulling together the costs for the San Anselmo facility and will be talking about all of these ideas at the next Board meeting on Tuesday.
- Facility Option Feasibility: Ralston White Retreat Center, Mill Valley
 - The website says overnight lodging capacity is 35, which would be too small for a Cursillo weekend, but might be feasible for a team overnight, or a leadership workshop. Meals would be provided via their (off-limit to guests) commercial kitchen.

Volunteers for next team meeting on May 14th @ 6:45pm... **opening prayer/Robert and closing prayer/Nolan.**

Debra led the group in a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Vicki Cummins, Secretary.