Cursillo Secretariat Meeting at St Thomas Lenoir City

In Attendance: Fr. Joe Brando, Dick Shriver, Lois Schering, Angie Feltz, Velma Burke, Dave Campbell, Baron Johnson, Lance Lyons, Mary Morrissey, Debbie Ferreri, Aurora, Dave Campbell.

Dick Shriver opened with a prayer; we did not group as we just grouped in School of leaders meeting.

Mary Morrissey read minutes from last meeting - Fr Joe made motion to accept- Dave 2nded - approved

Pre-Cursillo: Lance Lyons purged old names from Candidates list if they are over 2 years old, notifying them and their sponsor. We presently have 3 women and 2 men planning to go to spring English weekend for sure.

3<sup>-</sup> Day: Debbie unfortunately has to bow out for the set-up of weekends held at Foothills because it is so far for her to drive.. But she will be active in our Cursillo in other avenues. She confirmed that checks written for Spanish weekends will be given to Israel -made out to Catholic Cursillo- Diocese of Knoxville- Israel will get the checks to Baron. Debbie is preparing for Spanish weekends she is advising the Hispanic community and letting them take on more responsibilities. 4 hispanic Cursillistas attended the regional encounter and we are expecting good things.

Post Cursillo: Dave working on updating list of Ultreyas in our Diocese planning the Grand Ultreya – he needs names and contact info for parish reps (updated as well) and -he will get with Lois on Palanka.

School of Leaders: Velma has recommendations for future teams – ranked by SOL attendance – hoping for more. Velma visiting at least one parish in each Deanery with a School of Leaders message and hoping to have a permanent SOL in Chattanooga area that is separate from "ours". She noted that 60 people attended the picnic and 3 parishes from each deanery were represented- St Patrick having the largest group. Mary suggested talking up SOL at each parish Ultreya.

Baron said we have a \$4241 balance -he passed out a sheet showing expenditures. We are planning to pay for the food and books for upcoming womens Spanish weekend. Picnic expenses approx. \$425. We received approx. \$200 in donations.

OLD BUSINESS: We are forging ahead with plans for CdC in October. Applications are circulating. Angle said we presently have 27 attending, 4 out-of-town speakers with high travel costs.

Dave suggested Rectors/Rectoras call team members to encourage CdC attendance.

National Encounter experience was described by Dick as fantastic with inspired Clergy response. Well attended and much learned. Approximately 900 in attendance from around the world. Picnic was also a great event with boat rides and fellowship. Fr. Alex will be in attendance on Friday of the CdC weekend. Fr Iorio will Concelebrate Mass and music program is set for the weekend.

Dick said the moldy carpet issues at Foothills retreat center have been resolved. We discussed the pros and cons of using Foothills permanently for the English weekends. Lance made a motion to have foothills permanently for English Weekends. Dave 2nded- it was approved.

Cursillo Secretariat Meeting at Our Lady of Fatima Continued

New business: Mary Williams – visiting from Michigan to aid Fr Brando- gave us information on how they have grown their Cursillo attendance. They give 2 to 4 minute talks at weekend Masses throughout the Diocese to introduce Cursillo and have information and discussion after Masses. They have approximately 25 at each weekend.

We are looking at weekends of February 20- 23 and March 26-29 for English men & women –Fr. Alex Waraska is available then and so is Foothills. According to Diocese website events there is a High School age retreat in Chattanooga weekend of Feb 20 but should not affect us. March events are not yet on the Diocese website.....We will get attendance sheets from our Ultreyas to add to candidates list for Rector/Rectora ranking according to attendance.

We will be studying the Step by Step Program with Dick and his committee to present to Secretariat at a future date.

A Spiritual Advisor Workshop is being considered -possibly before the spring regional encounter-at no extra cost.

Sign-up for vigil palanka for the men's and women's Spanish Weekends on the website- remember to refresh the signup sheet to get accurate information and the most recent data.

Elections information for Secretariat positions going out to 4<sup>th</sup> day. Held in November. Positions open: Director, Pre-Cursillo, and 3- Day Cursillo

Father Brando made a closing statement about his upcoming retirement and desire to stay in the loop with Cursillo. Perhaps writing for Rooster Crows, and other input from him. He praised our hard work, ideas and ability to work together.

Father Brando closed the meeting with prayer and a Blessing.