



**Our Lady of Guadalupe
ACTS Core Meeting Notes
July 18, 2007**

The meeting opened with a prayer/scripture reading led by Art Cardenas and song led by Carlos Gonzalez

Members Present: Mary Guerra, Olivia Montez, Eric Villarreal, John Adams, Art Cardenas, Carlos Gonzalez, Evelyn Escobedo, Kathleen Kreth, and Jim Castro

Members Absent: Isabel Torres, Ralph Briceno, Coby Ramirez, Margaret Garcia

Guests: Letty Perez, Leticia Cisneros, Lucio Guerrero, Henry Palacios, Herb Mokarzel and Edie Merla

Updates on the Women's and Men's Spanish Retreats

- Letty Perez, Director of the Women's Spanish Retreat said that Sergio Tamez had agreed to play at Candlelight for free. He had initially asked for donation of \$500 which cannot be paid. He later said that he would play for free and asked if he could sell his CD's before candlelight begins. Mr. Tamez is the gentlemen who translated "Behold" for David Kauffman, which in Spanish is "Mirad". Carlos told Letty that Core would vote on it and get back to her.
- Lucio Guerrero, Director of the Spanish Men's Retreat, indicated that approximately 14 men from San Antonio had come to the last team meeting. He is very optimistic about the retreat now that he has the support from San Antonio. Henry asked the question about the budget for the retreat, Kathleen told him that he has a budget of \$1,300 for the retreat and that they can spend the money how they feel it needs to be spent. In addition, they will be given \$700 to purchase food; however, the Thursday evening meal and the Sunday reception comes out of their \$1,300
- Herb Mokarzel, Director of the Teens Retreat, indicated that they needed someone to help with music for Candle Light. They are also looking for the signs for candlelight. Mary said that the last time she was in the inventory closet she had not seen the signs.

Retreat Budgets – Art indicated that he felt that we should get people to sponsor different meals for the retreats in order to conserve funds. Team felt this was a good idea and explored ideas on how this could be done. It was felt that the communications committee could get the word out.

Core Retreat – Art Cardenas gave an update on Core Retreat scheduled for August 18th. The Oblate Center was booked that weekend. He also contacted Cedar Brake in Belton, which is the retreat center run by the Diocese of Austin. They currently have that date available. Art will contact them to confirm the date.

Fundraising

- Carlos shared his idea about what a fundraising event could and should do for ACTS. He feels that ACTS is about community and he wants to see more of the ACTS community be a part of all the activities. There are many ACTS brothers and sisters who are not involved in Small Faith Communities or any of the other ACTS activities. He wants everyone to have to opportunity to serve.
- Art said that he liked the idea of the Teen Dance; however, felt that it needed to be larger in order to raise more money. If the hall holds 300 people @ \$6 per person, that would only be \$1,800. His suggestion is to open it up to take the entire parking area and have different activity stations. He also shared his hope to have the event shared with the Centennial celebration.
- Eric stated that he would like to see the Teens be involved in the planning and fundraising aspect of the event.
- Kathleen raised the question of approval, would the OLG office have to approve the event. Evelyn indicated that it would, and that there has to be a form filled out and sent to the Pastor and Business Manager for their approval. After that it needs to go to the Finance and Pastoral Council. Art indicated that in the interim, the Pastoral Council had been disbanded until Fr. Francisco comes on board. With all this, there would not be enough time to have the fundraising event held in mid-September as presented by Ray Saldana and his committee.
- It was decided that we would have to wait on the fundraiser, and also would like to find out what other ideas the fundraising committee had.
- Kathleen and Olivia said they would invite Ray to a meeting to further discuss fundraising ideas/plans with him.

English Men's Retreat – Mary Guerra provided the team with available dates in 2008 at the Cursillo Retreat Center. The first retreat that Core decided on was to have the Men's English Retreat. Dates of January 17-20 were voted on. Eric volunteered to be the team liaison and that he would notify Ramon Gomez, the Retreat Director of the date so that he can begin team formation. Eric also said that he would first find out if the Super Bowl was not being played that weekend.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m. with a prayer. The August 1st opening prayer will be led by Kathleen.

Evelyn Escobedo
Secretary