



**Our Lady of Guadalupe
ACTS Core Meeting Notes
August 15, 2007**

The meeting opened with a prayer/scripture reading led by Jim Castro

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

Members Absent: Ralph Briceno

Guests: Letty Perez, Herb Mokarzel, Natalie Villarreal and Connie Cardenas

Resignation of Core Member Art Cardenas

Art Cardenas read a letter to Core Team advising them of his resignation. Core accepted the resignation and thanked him for his service to ACTS and to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Minutes from last meeting:

Eric motioned that we accept the minutes from the last meeting; however, that we strike the sentence that Core had agreed to let Sergio Tamez sell his CD's since this hadn't been formally voted on. Olivia seconded – minutes were approved with the amendment.

Report on Teen Retreat

Teen ACTS has been suspended for now. Carlos advised core that the goal is to fix the dilemma that we have with the TEEN ACTS Retreat. One issue is that the Director's manual needs to be looked at.

Updates on the Women's Spanish Retreats:

Letty Perez, Director of the Women's Spanish Retreat attended this last meeting before the retreat. She has closed registration at 28 people; Letty explained the reason on that decision because of the bed situation. With many of the beds being top bunks and not knowing the physical limitations of the participants she felt it was better to do this. Liability for the church is always a concern so Core expressed their approval of this. Letty was asked to adhere to the candle policy, when she said she was doing. Letty announced that she had a Spiritual Director, who will be coming daily to the retreat center. Send-Off, meal preparation and drivers were also discussed. All areas are being Handled. Letty is aware of no alcohol policy. She also so went more into the issue of Sergio Tamez selling his CD's at Candle Light. He is currently on the team for the Men's Spanish Retreat, he will have no banners the table will be in the big hall, and it will all be very low key.

Voting on selling of CD by Sergio Tamez

- Kathleen was concerned about setting precedent about selling CD's; Jim said that this was his concern also.
- Coby felt that this wouldn't be setting precedent and that Core would have the last say so, Evelyn expressed that right now the Spanish retreats are unique in that we don't have the musical accompaniment that the English retreats have. Kathleen asked if this was because the Spanish choir members had not been on retreat yet. It is felt that getting them to the retreats is a slow process, and that we haven't had a Men's Spanish Retreat yet.
- John moved that we allow Sergio Tamez to sell his CD under the condition that no retreatant is around while he is mentioning the sale, that there are no banners and that he doesn't "hawk" the sale during the entire service. Eric seconded the motion. Motion passed with Kathleen not voting. Evelyn will advise Letty of the decision

August 25th Core Retreat

Retreat date is set for the 25th of August. With Art no longer being on Core, we weren't sure if we should still have the retreat. Everyone agreed that we should go on with the retreat. John said that he would contact Art and get all the particulars regarding the retreat. He will call Evelyn so that she can get an e-mail out.

Selection of Two (2) new Core Team Members and other business:

Evelyn expressed concern that we have a lot of business that doesn't get addressed such as the election of new core team members (2 vacancies and defining the roles of the liaison's, etc. John suggested that rather than having a meeting where everyone works on this that the committee heads get together and come up with their recommendations – then these recommendations can be voted on. Carlos agreed that this would be the best way to handle this. Next business meeting will be devoted to the selection of the two new members and talk about committee being assigned the tasks of developing a better description of the committees.

Selection of Vice President:

Evelyn nominated Eric for Vice President, Mary seconded the motion. Jim nominated John Margaret seconded. Team voted Eric as Vice President

Next meeting:

September 5, 2007

The meeting closed at 9 p.m. with a prayer. The September 5th opening prayer will be led by Olivia

Evelyn Escobedo
Secretary