

Men's Ministry Group  
April 13, 2010  
Minutes

Opening Prayer: Victor Mocarzel

Attendance: Adrian Rodriguez (and son), Vincent DePaz, Eloy Menchaca, David Gomez, Clarence Torres, Robert Herrera Jr., Benito Perez, Victor Mocarzel, Maly Cisneros, Andy Maldonado, David Barrientos, David De La Garza, Enrique Saenz, Santos Moreno Albert Banda, Paco Contreras and Leo De La Garza.

Guest: Susie Pyle, Brad Toups, Alan Graham, Wife Tresha, Friar Francisco, Deacon Billy Akin, and Rosie Banda.

God Stock: Susie is requesting 3 adult chaperons, truck and trailer, and some scholarships. Group voted to contribute \$680 to the event. Susie was very happy and appreciated the donation. -(We had not transferred funds for the previous DCYC event \$500 – so total contribution to kids has been a total of \$1,180).

Introduction of new members: David Gomez and Paco Contreras, and Robert Herrera, David Barrientos .

Homeless Community: Billy presented the idea of providing a catholic mass hosted at OLG for the homeless community. Three reasons:

1. Proximity ---OLG is central to Salvation Army and other homeless programs.
2. We have a pastor who brings a true passion to helping the homeless.
3. We cannot afford not too....some 100 years ago our Church was founded to help the poor and helpless Mexican rejected by other churches.

Plan: April 25th at 2:30 pm (Sunday)...have a weekday type mass..and makes it meaningful with fellowship.

Alan discussed his project...mobile loafs and fishes, founded out of a vision given to Alan (Christ Renews out Parish)...it is a comment mission for the Catholic Church. He goes wherever he finds the broken and battered. In the past 12 years he has contributed, there has been no one Roman Catholic Minister on the streets....there are a lot of Catholic homeless individuals being shepherd by other ministries and faiths. He has been looking for a full time priest to commit to the people on the streets, and has met with the area bishop to get support. In the meantime our Church can contribute by providing a Catholic mass on April 25th (Friday). We will partner with our brother Secular Franciscan (Brad Toups).

We have a welcoming parish and would like us to accept this challenge and embrace our homeless brothers and sisters. Seeing them as a human being and sitting down and having a conversation. Alan described his families mental illness...his mother and brother who continues to have issues but seeing him in a different way....Radical nature of who God is...seeing our brothers and sisters without all the issues / disorders / problems. No Children are really living on the streets...CPS and other agencies will take

responsibilities for these kids...so our issue is with Adult men and women and will be the ones participating.

Brad discussed how to proceed and how to help out and hope to bring faith to the homeless population...we do not know what can become of this initiative. If we can reach out to others, others will bring opportunities to others to find Christ. The details will be worked out as we proceed.

Minutes of March 9, 2010 were approved....1<sup>st</sup> Andy and Adrian 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved.

Financial Update: \$3,436.74 total at present...Eloy contributed the left over dollars from the fishing trip on March 26, 27, and 28<sup>th</sup>. Total contributed to the account was \$680.

Victor discussed the Friar's birthday dinner...total cost was \$115.73 (bottle and food and margaritas). FYI

Summer GuadalupeFest will be on June 6, 2010.

Victor reported he made public comments at the pastoral council meeting last week...April 8<sup>th</sup>. Friar's backyard was a jungle and Victor and Joe Rocha provided the yard clean-up work. Victor proposed that we design a meditation center or garden to help transform his backyard into a nicer place. Need a plan.....Eloy will take a lead.

Benny's Mother's House: Eloy will take lead and make it happen...the porch will be a small area to help Benny's mother enter and leave her house....it will have a ramp as well. Eloy will bring receipts for the project.

OLG beautiful Day Project: will be this Saturday (April 17<sup>th</sup>) all is invited. Victor requested a wagon or small trailer for the riding mower.

Passing of the Candle for the Women's St. Catherine's team will be this Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am...here at OLG.

Members introduced themselves to the new members.

Open Forum: Send off for the Women's ACTS Retreat will be on Thursday (April 13, 2010). Need drivers and women cooks. Please show up and support the retreatants next week.

Mural of roses for the sidewalk walls discussed by Robert.

Closing Prayer: Rosie Banda. Next month will be provided by Santos, Benny and David DLG.