

**ACTS Board Meeting
March 3, 2009**

In attendance: John Boddy, Sandy Nolan, George Watt, Kathie Brown, Maria Lisowski, Katie Benning, Caleb Benning, Marilyn Monagle
Excused: Frank Coenraad
Absent: Vincent Lew

I. The meeting opened with prayer at 6:30 p.m.

II. WACTS report - Jennifer Heidersdorf submitted a report to Sandy regarding the women's ACTS retreat planning. Their theme is "God's Love Overflowing" and their theme song is "Overflow." The team consists of 34 women, ten are new to team, and Sr. Marie Lucek, OP, and Janis Burns Buyarski are the spiritual companions. All of the speakers are lined up and will be announced soon to the team members.

The team has built a safe and secure environment for sharing. Their commissioning will be March 15 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Fr. Pat is unavailable for the return Mass so they've asked if we could arrange for another ACTS priest to preside. Some possibilities - Fr. Thomas, Fr. Scott, possibly Fr. Ken Hannon. Sandy will look into this further.

Bill Benning offered his services and Katie's services to coordinate Out Team.

Sandy emailed Karen Conrow and Tom Petersen from the ACTS Missions Board regarding follow up activities used in San Antonio and elsewhere. She hasn't received a response yet from either Board member but Fr. Ken told her there is a series of lectures by Ronald Rohlheiser, OMI, that have been used in Texas. More information will follow.

Locally there are no special groups meeting but we do have Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, and the existing women's faith sharing group and men's faith sharing group, in addition to Sr. Marie's once a month Saturday book club.

III. Stations of the Cross - Sandy asked the ACTS Board members if they would be willing to host this Friday's Stations of the Cross and soup and bread supper. George, Katie and Sandy will be our readers, Katie will bring Halibut Chowder and Marilyn will bring Minestrone soups, and Maria and Kathie will provide bread. Sandy will select a version for the members to use and George will bring his children to help carry the candles. Thank you, everyone!

IV. New Board members - Marilyn provided members with the names of those eligible for Board positions. In response to Kathie's question why her sister wasn't included - I checked the entire ACTS database today and had noted that Debbie had an immediate family member on the Board already so she was ineligible. Do we want to exclude spouses only, or continue with immediate family members? If the Board wishes to change that policy please let me know before I compile the list of teens eligible for the board. The Board decided to add two teen representatives and their names will be drawn at the next meeting.

Katie emailed Marilyn late last evening to correct something she had said during the meeting - Katie was invited to join the Board by Marilyn *in person* - not over the phone as she originally stated. She was asked in Marilyn's office. Thank you, Katie for the correction!

We drew names for the Board members after Sandy read Acts 1:23-26. The names and their order are not published in the minutes, but I can send members a list if they request. George is going to invite the first male name drawn and Maria will invite the first woman. They will let us know when they receive a response.

V. There are no new dates yet for 2010. In the past we didn't finalize dates with the Fredenburgs until early August, when we selected our new directors. George will ask if we can possibly move the men's back so they don't have to worry about snow removal. There was discussion about the pros and cons of a men's retreat in May - September, due to vacations, fishing, derbies, etc. We'll discuss this further when dates become available.

VI. Coffeemaker - Katie asked about the purchase of a coffeemaker. She found a Bunn online for \$250.00 but they are easily damaged. Other possibilities - Sandy will ask the Ahlgren's at Breeze In, Gottschalks carries large coffeepots, CJ Enterprises carries commercial coffeemakers and Heritage, Ebay, and Amazon are all other options. We'll need to order a pot by our next meeting to make sure we have it in time for the men's retreat.

Marilyn will be contacting Gary Horton about bus rentals since he is responsible for the installation transportation needs.

VII. Our next meeting is April 7 at 6:30 p.m. Maria will be absent and excused due to travel commitments with her job.