

MINUTES OF NATIONAL SECRETARIAT OF CURSILLO IN CHRISTIANITY  
HELD AT ALDRIDGE ON SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2016

APOLOGIES:

- **Brother Andrew,**
- **Anne Pearson,**
- **Veronica Ramsey**

PRESENT:

- **Father Michael (National Spiritual Director)**
- **Chris Sykes (National President)**
- **Terry Mortimer (Acting National Secretary)**
- **Austin Corcoran,**
- **Elizabeth Corcoran,**
- **Fran Hopkins,**
- **Bernard Daley,**
- **Georgie Burrows,**
- **Joanne Morris,**
- **Jenny Maguire,**
- **Joan Murdoch,**
- **Mary Lewis,**
- **Clare Ashton**

MATTERS ARISING:

**Some grammatical errors noted and amended. Joanne raised a number of points concerning the history of the National Logo; those will be added and circulated)**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**There was no report but Chris read out a note from Kevin concerning 'Gift Aid' to the effect that we cannot claim gift aid on the paying of an individual's payment toward the cost of a 3 day Cursillo. Fran made the valid point that those attending are requested to make a donation. In the case of Liverpool the 'cost' of the weekend was met from their Cursillo bank account, and she felt that the 'donations' should attract repayment through the 'gift aid scheme. It was resolved that further clarification would be sought**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**Chris presented her report and she again asked for a volunteer to take on the permanent role of National Secretary**

## DIOCESAN REPORTS:

### BIRMINGHAM

**Brother Andrew's report was considered and it was noted that groups continue to meet in Oxfordshire and efforts were being made to re-establish groups in Birmingham. Potential candidates were to be invited to attend Shrewsbury Cursillo's 3 days experience.**

### HALLAM

**Terry presented the report and was pleased to state that Hallam may be holding a Cursillo in October 2017(since confirmed). This would be the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual Cursillo following the decision to restart Cursillos. A retreat relating to 'Franciscan Spirituality' would be held in March 2017. Austin was pleased to confirm that Jean-Pierre, a new addition to our Cursillo was travelling to Sheffield for group reunions despite moving to Bradford with his employment.**

## LIVERPOOL

**Joanne presented an action packed report from Liverpool encompassing Formation weekends, Cursillo, Days of Reflection, attendance at Northern Catholic Conference, attendance by Georgia at World Youth Day in Krakow, a sponsored run by Jenny and Beth Kamalu, meetings with Archbishop McMahon and other clergy. The forthcoming Cursillo will be led by Georgie, seconded by Hector Cruz with Spiritual Direction by Bishop Tom, Father Tony and Father Tom.**

**They also gave sound advice on the approach of help from the clergy and Chris thanked them for their constructive advice.**

## SHREWSBURY:

**They are busy preparing for their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Cursillo (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> October 2016) There are 6 participants. Concern at the increased costs at retreat houses may lead them to look elsewhere than their normal venue in Crewe, Groupings continue in Crewe, Upton and Nantwich. Their Ultreyas in West Kirby continue to meet on the last Saturday of alternative months.**

**It is hoped to have a day of reflection in the future. Fundraising schemes are to be arranged.**

**Mary announced that her time as Lay Director ends next year and she will stand down in January 2018**

## WEBSITE REPORT:

**Clare Ashton presented her plans for a renewed website. It will enable each Diocese to input their own contributions and details of events. It would be a generic site and the potential is truly amazing. Clare was thanked for her expertise and input**

## COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

**Elizabeth gave a verbal update on communications and encouraged us to attend the World Ultreya. She also reported on the recent National Anglican Cursillo Ultreya in York.**

## NATIONAL LEADERS WORKSHOP

**Terry advised that owing to a lack of numbers the event in September was postponed until February 17<sup>th</sup> 2017. It clashes with an event in Liverpool but Jenny promised to encourage members to attend the rearranged event in February. Terry distributed application forms. Jenny asked for electronic copy for circulation (done)**

## WORLD ULTREYA May 2017

**Chris gave details of the Ultreya event in Fatima and Santiago de Compostela 2-7<sup>th</sup> May 2017, and advised that Anglican Cursillistas had already booked. We need 25 for the party rates and 13 had booked thus far.**

**This topic led to a very constructive discussion concerning our own National Ultreya; an event last visited at Launde Abbey about 7 years previously. There was a collective enthusiasm for a renewal of the event and Father Michael would make enquiries as to the availability of St. Chad's Cathedral for 2018; it was suggested that one representative from each of our Cursillo Dioceses form a planning committee**

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**There was no other business**

## DATES TO RECORD

- **4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 National Annual General Meeting and Secretariat Meeting**
- **8<sup>th</sup> October 2017 National Secretariat Meeting**

**Both at St Mary and the Angels, Aldridge, Walsall**