

ACTS MISSIONS CHAPTER of FORT WORTH

BOARD MEETING

June 18, 2016

The monthly Chapter meeting of the ACTS Mission Chapter of Fort Worth was conducted along with the annual Town Hall meeting. Those in attendance were Richard Kaminski, Minerva Villanueva, Barbara Ballard, Jim Myrick, Greg Walterscheid, Pat Laubacher and Buddy Beauvais.

Guest Speaker Carol Hunsberger
Adriana Elizondo-Brandt from St Bartholomew
Drew Nichols from St Philip

Town Hall- Recruiting

Carol Hunsberger is a college professor in public speaking and communication expert. Carol addressed the issue of recruiting for ACTS retreats. Persuasion is a process of changing someone from a stand they have taken. The easiest aspect to change in someone else is their attitude. One of the ways to change someone's attitude is through multiple exposures and the influence of friends and family. Testimonials could be considered first exposure to ACTS and then the problem is there needs to be further communication for persuasion. Communication is a process that is more than one step. A short survey of yes/no questions could be used to get feedback. A survey could also be used to communicate additional info about ACTS. The next steps in the process would be evaluation and implementation. Carol advises that testimonials have three ingredients, logic, emotion and audience centered. "ACTS Sundays" could occur one or two times a year. ACTS volunteers could all wear their t-shirts and be invited to turn to their neighbors to answer questions. Encourage all ACTS members to wear their bracelets and crosses. Hold information sessions with receptions for longer testimonials. Introduce ACTS at Catholic conferences and pass out flyers at conferences to get names and numbers of those interested in attending. Approach different groups within parish to ask for time at meetings to recruit for ACTS and the group. The best method of persuasion is the induction method which allows others to believe change was their idea. Recruiting at seminars and RCIA was suggested. Commissioning of teams during Masses was suggested

Retreat Reports-

There were no mission retreats held in the past month. The second All Saints Men's English mission retreat will be Nov 17th to 20th at Camp Crucis. St Thomas has Spanish retreats scheduled for next year.

Director's Report-

Chapter members will assist all COREs in reviewing their Charters and ensure that all Core members have signed both the Charter and the Yes Agreement. Also, Cores will be told that a representative must attend the quarterly meetings. On line leadership training is still not available.

Co-Director Report-

Next training sessions are set for August 6th (Leadership) and August 13th (CORE) at St Philip and these dates are posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report- Pat

Operating Account balance is \$5,022.05 and Missions Account balance is unchanged at \$4,384.26.

Meeting Minutes- Barb

Minutes for May 21, 2016 were reviewed and motion to approve was made by Jim Myrick and seconded by Buddy Beauvais.

Trailer

Greg continues to try to find a new location for parking the Chapter trailer.

Meeting was adjourned

Barb Ballard

Barb Ballard, Secretary