

Corrected May 19 minutes
**2017 ACTS Missions Chapter of Fort Worth
Spring Town Meeting**

St. Mark Catholic Church, Argyle

May 19, 2017

Present were Minerva Villanueva , Buddy Beauvais, Marjorie Looney , Mary Loehr , Carolyn Dempsey , Pat Laubacher , Greg Walterscheid and Barbara Cantu.

Absent was Michele Ovalle who was doing mission work.

A short board meeting was held before the Town Hall started at 7:00. After an opening prayer, the board was given the agenda to familiarize ourselves with. There was a brief conversation regarding possible future Chapter members and their qualifications. We closed the meeting reiterating that our main goal was giving the message of being Simple, Reverent and Catholic.

The Town Meeting started at 7:00.

We showed a welcoming message from Jose Manuel Banales from San Antonio.

Introductions

Chapter members introduced themselves told their roles and when their terms ended.

An opportunity was given for Core members to introduce themselves, tell their roles in their core and share how ACTS affected their lives. Parishes represented were St. Phillip in Lewisville, Immaculate Conception in Denton and St. Mark in Argyle.

New from ACTS Mission -San Antonio

As the director of the board, Minerva Villanueva presented any new (to our area) news.

- On-line ACTS Retreat Training and videos –fee of \$50
- Chapter training for both Core and retreats.- Although members still pay \$50 for the training it is put on by qualified trainers “up front and personal”, not on-line.
- New Logo-The reason for the new logo was given. It is our own logo created by San Antonio and legal without any copyright problems. We had a raffle at the Town Hall to give away new shirts and car stickers that carried the new logo.
- The **Simple, Reverent and Catholic** attitude. This philosophy is a new way to approach retreats from the beginnings of ACTS. Minerva explained that San Antonio needed to bring consistency to all of the ACTS parishes. She used the words simple, reverent and Catholic all evening emphasizing the importance of using this philosophy. We had good conversation and acceptance from our visitors

News from ACTS Mission Chapter- Fort Worth

- **Terms ending** this year are Minerva and Pat. This would leave several spaces to be filled, on top of the 3 openings now, so Minerva asked that Core assist us with giving applications of qualified people that might be interested in joining the ACTS Mission Chapter board of F.W. She also asked for applications for people in joining the Core at their parish.
- **Agapefest**-Minerva explained what this was and how the Fort Worth Chapter is planning on bringing this event to North Texas with the Bishops approval and blessings.

- **Mission Retreat** dates are:
 - St. Peter the Apostle /White Settlement Men's (English) Aug.17-20, 2017
 - St. Peter the Apostle /White Settlement Men's (Spanish) Sept.7-10, 2017
 - All Saints/Ft. Worth Women's (English) Oct.5—8, 2017
 - St. Peter the Apostle /White Settlement Women's (English) Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 2017
 - St . Peter the Apostle/White Settlement Woman's (Spanish)
- **Bishop's Initiative-** Minerva discussed the Bishop's concern with ACTS and confidentiality. After meetings with Minerva, Bishop Olsen clearly supports ACTS and what it brings to Parishes. If, however, a priest brings to him any issues, specifically dealing with confidentiality, it is his initiative to stop ACTS at any parish. With that said, she re-iterated the importance of training anyone involved with making a retreat. She also discussed the immense importance of having each Core support Chapter and decisions' made.
- **After ACTS-** Emphasis was made to the Core members that energy must be given in each parish to what happens after ACTS. One idea is that the priests or deacons of a parish attend the reunions and talk about the needs of the church. Ideas were given such as creating small church communities, Faith sharing groups, serving in the parish through the different ministries, community service and ACTS missionaries. Minerva explained that retreatants can join ACTS missionaries for \$24 a year to help with the cost of missioning. She also talked about Core's responsibility to tithe after each retreat. The cost is \$10 per person attending and the team.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Minerva followed by cake and the raffle.

Barbara Cantu
Secretary