

Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo Annual Meeting
September 24, 2023
held at Church of Resurrection, Hamilton
In person

Attendance: 31 persons in total.

Secretariat members present: Renée Anderson, Tim Standish, Karen Galligan, Brian Galligan, Rita Predon, Carol Summers, Blanche Mills, Shirley Kitchen, Pat Hyslop.

Cursillistas present: Eva Standish, Margaret Wilding, Susanne Adams, Rosaline Simmons, Kathy Parker, Jessie Peach, Ann Veyvara-Divinski, Susan Little, Colin Shutt, Jan Collinson, Chris Levett, James Gould, Anne Gould, Janice Toth, Rev. Patty Dobbs Luxton, Edith Dyoson, Fred Predon, Shirl Christian, Richard Summers, Jesse Johnstone, Marion Bailey, Kathy Beattie

Regrets: Ann Mulvale

Meeting opened at 3:10 pm with a welcome by Renée and opening prayer by Brian.

Brian named all those who have gone to their 5th day including:

Rev. Deacon Jane Rokeby, Brian Rathbone, Cecil Johnstone, Bob Bailey, Matt Brown, Bill Harris, Denis Hearst

Renée introduced the **2022-2023 Secretariat** and spoke a few words about each member:

Brian Galligan – Spiritual Director

Carol Summers – Weekend Chair

Pat Hyslop – Secretary

Colin Shutt – Pre-Cursillo Chair

Karen Galligan – Music Chair

Blanche Mills – Communications Chair

Melanie Bray Brown – Continuing Education Chair

Rita Predon – Palanca

Tim Standish – Treasurer

Ann Mulvale – Member-at-Large

Renée Anderson – Lay Director

Dr. Emily Hill – Liaison to Bishop of Niagara

Minutes of Last Annual Meeting – Correction to the name Patti Troughton (was Broughton in minutes). Motion to accept minutes as corrected made by Susan Little, seconded by Jan Collinson. All in Favour – CARRIED.

Business arising – We will continue to promote the Ten Parish Module for Cursillo Weekend.

Reports of Secretariat – as distributed in Rainbow Newsletter

Lay Director – Renée Anderson

Renée expressed her gratification for the ability to work with Brian Galligan for these past years. Renée announced she is leaving this position. Renée recommended that everyone should consider serving on the Secretariat. She also mentioned that Weekend fees will be looked at for each Weekend and will be revised if necessary, depending on Secretariat's ability to subsidize.

Spiritual Director – Brian Galligan

Brian mentioned how each Weekend we speak about the problems of each Weekend but we need to focus on what Jesus wants us to do for him – and not for us. We need to trust Jesus as Jesus' plan is always different than ours.

Weekend Chair – Carol Summers

Carol gave her sincere thanks to Secretariat for their confidence in the past Weekend – and especially Brian. Carol announced the next Weekend (#57) will be held at Mt. Mary on April 12-14, 2024, and a trip will be planned to review the set up at Mt. Mary. Renée also mentioned she has brochures regarding Cursillo, if anyone would like some to promote Cursillo.

Pre-Cursillo – Colin Shutt

Colin has felt blessed to be part of the Secretariat but is stepping down from this position. Colin will continue to promote the Weekend in his church and the Diocese of Huron.

Fourth Day – Shirley Kitchen

Shirley wants to start Regional Ultreyas again. Shirley also plans to initiate grouping by Zoom.

Music – Karen Galligan

Karen felt it a privilege to serve as the Music Chair and has grown a bigger appreciation for our musicians. Karen would like to see more in-person events but recognizes all the work to set up the technology for the musicians.

Communications – Blanche Mills

Blanche sustained the learning curve with the new laptop computer. Blanche announced she is leaving this position after serving for 4 years, and will also be stepping down as Registrar for Cursillo Weekends after holding this position for 25 years.

Continuing Education – Melanie Bray Brown

Renée mentioned that the Day of Deeper Understanding scheduled for November 4, 2023 at Grace Church in Milton, will need to be rescheduled as that is the same date as the Niagara Diocesan Synod.

Motion to approve reports made by Eva Standish, seconded by Shirley Kitchen. No Discussion. All in Favour – CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report – Tim Standish

Tim reported that as of Year End – June 30, 2023 our bank balance was \$17,979.94 but three weeks later there was a payment of \$12,000 for the Weekend #56. Brian Galligan asked how many people are donating on a regular basis and Tim responded that there are 13 regular donors. Carol Summers spoke about medicine vials used to be use at groupings to collect coin which was then donated to Cursillo and then Carol presented a donation of toonies. Jess Johnstone also came forward to present a donation from her grouping friends.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Tim Standish, seconded by Jan Collinson. All in Favour – CARRIED.

Tim then presented the 2023-2024 Budget as was published in the Rainbow Newsletter. The Budget does show a deficit of \$10,785.00 and the reason being is that the Summer Weekend #56 was paid for in July which shows in the 2023-2024 budget but it was really an expense for 2022-2023. Jan Collinson asked if we can change our fiscal year end so income and expenses show in the proper year. Renée said we will always have years where there will be an overlap (expenses paid in one year but budgeted in the next year). Renée said that Secretariat will take this into consideration. Renée also mentioned that Secretariat did purchase a trailer to store all the Weekend supplies and transport to each Weekend location.

Motion to accept Budget made by Tim Standish, seconded by Rita Predon. All in Favour – CARRIED.

Announcement of Appointments by Bishops

Lay Director is Tim Standish

Spiritual Director is Rev. Dr. Shirl Christian

Treasurer is Janice Toth

Brian thanked Renée for her time as Lay Director. He expressed it was a joy to work with Renée and how Renée was very dedicated and her goal to bring unity between Huron and Niagara Dioceses. Renée commented how she appreciated serving on Secretariat.

Call for Nominations for Positions on Secretariat

Education Chair – Ann Mulvale allowed her name to stand. Renée asked for any further nominations from the floor. Susan Little moved nominations be closed. By Acclamation – Ann Mulvale is Education Chair.

Pre-Cursillo Chair – accepting nominations from the floor but there was none. Carol Summers asked for the job description. Renée explained the job is to promote Cursillo and the Weekend and reaching out to past Cursillistas who may not be active.

Communications Chair – Renée Anderson allowed her name to stand. Any further nominations from the floor. Susan Little moved nominations closed. By Acclamation – Renée Anderson is Communications Chair.

Member at Large – asking for anyone to let their name stand.

Renée commented that we need a strong Secretariat to keep moving forward. James Gould asked how often the Secretariat has a meeting.

Other Business

Bronwen Bruch, St. Simon's, is taking over as Registrar for the Cursillo Weekends.

Rita Predon announced that Pre-Covid, she used to send out Palanca Posters for Cursillistas to sign. She is looking for members to sign up as part of Palanca team to send Palanca for any Weekend.

Anne Gould gave her message from CACS, which have been meeting by Zoom three or four times a year. CACS will be meeting in person in Calgary in a couple of weeks.

Upcoming dates include the Triennial on June 14-16, 2024 and Weekend #57 on April 12-14, 2024.

Presentation of Secretariat Pins made by Brian Galligan to Colin Shutt, Blanche Mills, Melanie Bray Brown and himself.

Commissioning the New Secretariat members – Tim Standish, Renée Anderson, Janice Toth and Shirl Christian by Brian Galligan.

Closing prayer by Brian Galligan.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm and followed by Ultreya and Potluck dinner.