

Heart of Florida Via de Cristo  
Secretariat Meeting Minutes  
December 11,1999

Members Present: Bill Cattell, Suzanne Cattell, Cherie Nocks, Diane Denmark, Jerry Lemcke, Carlene Lemcke, Bill Pohlad, Pam Hoepner, Rick Hoepner, Pat Linden, Stan Leaf, Shirley Lokken, Jerry Johnson, Rae Harris

Excused: Pastor David Ludwig, Pastor Mike Stone

Others Present: Dick Schneeberger

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Stan Leaf.

Roll Call: Please see above.

Post Weekend Critiques:

Bill Pohlad began the meeting by requesting Carlene Lemcke and Dick Schneeberger give the secretariat members feedback on the fall weekends.

Carlene Lemcke:

1. The issue of more time for altar visits was raised at the closing. Carlene said that the professors were told to take as much time as their table needed.
2. She called the team meeting "team training meetings" and focused a lot on making sure everyone knew their responsibilities. There were 8 meetings.
3. Critiquing went fine. Carlene made sure that the outside servants heard as many of the rollos as possible so that they would be praying in the chapel for the rollistas. There were a couple of rollistas who needed extra help.
4. The rector/rectora training was very helpful.
5. Team members were from 7 churches.
6. Carlene matched prayer partners by who was working together on the weekend. Rae Harris said it really worked well this way.
7. Carlene announced on Thursday evening that Jan Fry (a servant team member) was a nurse and would be the person to see for medical issues. We need to think about how to address this issue.

Dick Schneeberger:

1. He said it was a fantastic weekend. The process is very organized and easy to follow. The preparation is excellent. The mentorship process is an excellent idea.
2. He recommended that we consider letting new cursillistas give rollos when appropriate. Be more open to the spirit.
3. This was the most experienced team he was ever on....due to having to call more experienced men when others could not accept. All of the rollistas were experienced. Dick questions the requirement of limiting the numbers by church and experience. He did not like the "constraints".

- Liked the retreat for the team.
4. The weekend went very smoothly. Discussion began with the ideal rollo.
  5. The moment of silence after the rollos worked some times and some times did not work, it depended upon the rollo, whether it ended on a reflective or upbeat note. He tried different ways to bring the silence in after the rollos.
  6. Dick had two pilgrims bring Bibles into the rollo room and this had an impact on discussions and table sharing. There needs to be a clearer statement about this in rector/rectoras manual.
  7. A big discussion issue became when do you make the call for bad "severe" weather. How do we handle the need for emergency response for nursing issues, hospitals, or bad weather. The people at the retreat were safe but were concerned for their families.
  8. There were distractions from people from the community.

Bill Pohlad thanked Carlene and Dick for all of their work and the critique.

Pastor's Report: None

Lay Director's Report:

Correspondence: Linda Becker has had to resign from the newsletter position due to health problems in her family.

Jane and Bill put out the newsletter and will continue to do so until Linda's position is filled. Bill asked for the 2000 ultreya schedule for the next newsletter. Newsletter articles are needed at January secretariat meeting. Sandy Moore will be picking up database from Bill.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry reported that we will end the year in an operating deficit. Jerry believes that there needs to be more emphasis on team/pilgrim funds. There were 2 major checks, one of which was used to purchase the walkie talkies that were used on the weekends.

It was suggested that there needs to be follow-up at the weekend reunion/ultreya about the money needed to put on a weekend, The community should be asked to be a Weekend Pilgrim Sponsor. Envelopes should be available at that time.

There was a discussion on the dedicated accounts in the treasurer's reported. It was recommended that accounts 04/02. Move 03 to general expenses. Leave 05. 07 will then be \$0.

The budget for 2000 was differed until the January meeting. Each secretariat position should come up with budget for activities for the year.

Music: Stan Leaf announced that he has applied to go into the military and hopes to be leaving soon. There are copyright opportunities for blanket coverage for any music we use. He will have the information by the end of January.

Outreach: No report.

Leaders: Pat Linden reported that some small changes in the sponsors meeting at the end of each send off made the meetings very meaningful. (She will put this in the newsletter article.) The first training for Rae

and John will be in December with the 2<sup>nd</sup> training in January with the head servants. Shirley and Pat plan to work on the team manuals over the holidays.

Physical Arrangements. Pam gave Bill Pohlad the detailed expense report on the last 3 weekends. Bill asked Pam to summarize for the newsletter so that the community can understand how much it cost to put on weekends. Pam is concerned with other groups are using our cots. Pam has gotten last minute calls regarding other groups using the cots and she is concerned with this. Pam (retreat caretaker) has a key to the storage shed and has let people use the cots. After some discussion, Jerry Johnson said he would look into purchasing some cots for St. John. The VDC cots should be kept for use on the weekends.

Post-Via de Cristo: Cherie announced that her committee had met and the theme for the 2000 ultreyas would be "Prepare for the Third Millennium of Christ". She will get the ultreya schedule to Bill. Dave Ludwig will be leading a musical ultreya at Prince of Peace in January.

Pre-Via de Cristo: Rae Harris said that she had 2 new applications, 1 male and 1 female. Sandy and Rae suggested a change to some wording on the letter to candidates regarding the waiting list. This was discussed and agreed to. There will be 1 men's and 1 women's weekend in the spring because there is not a long waiting list. Rae will look at the old applications with Sandy and come back with recommendations to the January meeting.

Distance Palanca: Bill Cattell reported that this was a slow time of year and few requests have been received.

#### Unfinished Business:

1. Bill Pohlad announced that he will be the mentor for the rector and Sandy Moore will be the rector's mentor.
2. Bill announced that Dale Richardson has volunteered to head up the agape tent for the women's weekend. We need a volunteer for the men's weekend.
3. NLS 2000 Meeting:

Pat reported that she, Diane, Jerry and Carlene had attended a state meeting in St. Petersburg at Eckerd College in December. Plans are moving ahead on the 2000 meeting, which will be held at Eckerd from 2/27/2000 to 7/30/2000. Pat proposed that there be a \$400 line item for members to attend the meeting. She suggested that 8 people could attend with each getting \$50 towards the \$140 fee. She also suggested that we put into a newsletter a "millennium wish list" as a fund raiser with one item being \$280 for our spiritual leaders attendance at the 2000 NLS meeting. Discussion followed.

Pat Linden moved and Diane DeMark seconded a motion that "\$400 be allocated in the 2000 budget so that 8 representatives from the Heart of Florida secretariat could attend the 2000 NLS meeting; and Jerry Lemcke be named the Heart of Florida NLS 2000 representative." The motion passed unanimously.

#### New Business:

1. The Easter Breakfast was discussed. Bill Pohlad will contact the AAL representative for a sponsorship because LB has already sponsored that fund raiser for the last two years. Pam Hoepner said that a chairperson was needed. Bill Pohlad will talk to Paul Ginzl and ask if he would chair the breakfast. Jerry Johnson will discuss with Ronna how much assistance she can give.
2. Bill Pohlad said that a member of our community was interested in putting together a cookbook as a fundraiser for Heart of Florida.

Carlene Lemcke moved and it was seconded that “A cookbook with recipes from Heart of Florida weekends and community recipes be approved as a fundraising project.” Motion passed unanimously.

3. Cherie said that Paul Wheelhouse, a pastor in Ocala, is interested in the ministry.
4. Rae Harris asked if there was the possibility of having evening serenades on the weekends for those in the community who cannot attend on Sunday mornings. This will be discussed in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10.