

**Heart of Florida Via de Cristo
Secretariat Minutes
February 19, 2000**

Present: Bill Pohlad Bill Cattell Pam Hoepner
 Jerry & Carlene Lemcke Pat Linden Shirley Lokken
 Jim & Cherie Nocks Stan Leaf Rae Harris
 Sandy Moore

Excused: Pastor David Ludwig Pam Hoepner Diane DeMark
 Pastor Mike Stone Jerry Johnson Suzanne Cattell

Absent: Rick Hoepner

Stan Leaf opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of January 19, 2000 were accepted as submitted.

Pastors' Report: No Report. Bill Pohlad reported Pastor Ludwig has returned to Orlando and will keep the spring weekends in his prayers.

Lay Director's Report: Bill Pohlad reported things are going smoothly with both teams as well as the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: No Report.

Chair Reports

Pre Via de Cristo. Rae Harris presented two married women as prospective pilgrims. It was unanimously decided that one wait due to family situations. The second pilgrim lives in the Jacksonville area. It is likely that her husband will never be willing to attend. It was decided, with 3 abstentions, she would be allowed to attend with the stipulation the secretariat help her sponsor plug her into the Jacksonville community. It was further stated this decision is not setting a precedence for future situations.

Post Via de Cristo. Jim and Cherie have been updating the reunion group listings. Stan Leaf's reunion group is in charge of tonight's Ultreya.

Music: See Unfinished Business

Extended Palanca: The Cattells have been busy sending out letters. Bill and Suzanne Cattell suggest a reunion group may be willing to redesign the letter used for palanca to distant communities.

Leaders: Pat Linden presented a draft of a letter prepared for qualified rector/a candidates inviting them to attend a training meeting. A postcard included would allow for a choice of times the training would be offered. Leaders chairs would phone anyone not responding. It was

suggested the first paragraph of the letter state attendance at this meeting is a criteria for selection. Discussion points followed:

Try first and see what responses are received and what attendance results
Should the statement be weakened to “informal gathering of those qualified”?
Include “active in the community”, this may inspire community involvement.
Opening statement should state why they are receiving the letter.

It was decided to leave the letter as is but to add the statement stating why they were receiving the letter.

November 4th will mark Heart of Florida’s 15th anniversary of 25 weekends. Should we hold a celebration? Pat’s reunion group is in charge of this Ultreya.

Meeting 2000 of the Seven Secretariats of Florida was held at St. John on January 22. On March 11, 1:00-5:00 p.m., a meeting is scheduled in Cocoa to further plan for the national meeting. A spaghetti dinner hosted by the Indian River community will follow the meeting. Each community will be responsible for two palanca projects, for 200 people, for the national meeting. Pam Hoepner and Shirley Lokken will chair this project for the June Ultreya. We will need to organize transportation for our community to the meeting to support the serenade.

Local Palanca: Sign up lists will be available tonight for prayer chain and baking.

Physical Arrangements: Pam Hoepner said she has no response as yet from her article in the previous newsletter offering a “job shadow” opportunity for anyone interested in running for the Physical Arrangements chair. Job shadowing would offer an insight into the duties of the position during a weekend.

Bonnie Neuman will continue to make calls for food preparation and Brad will open and lock up St. John for the opening and closing for the weekends. Pam will be meeting with Dale Richardson regarding chapel set up. Meetings are scheduled with cooks and servers on each team as well as another meeting with outside servants. Coffee carafes will be purchased to place on tables during meals to avoid team and volunteer servers from “hovering” over tables. Four 8 foot tables will be purchased. Placed at each end of the dining room, these tables will allow seating for 44. Offers of donations have been received for the carafe purchases.

Outreach: No report.

Communications: Nikki Rach announced a March 1st as the deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter. Bill reminded her to include an article about the Easter Breakfast.

Unfinished Business

Easter Breakfast. Paul Ginzi will have staffed his committee by next week.

CCLI Music License. Stan Leaf further discussed CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing, Inc.) licensing as outlined in email correspondence received from him this week. It was asked who would have access to their web site. The web site password would be generic to secretariat members. He has the brochure that covers the complete program with rules regarding the

copyrights. Fees are \$93 annually, with a one time \$54 lifetime fee allowing downloading of lyrics. It was recommended weekends choose 15 songs per weekend. Three ring binders could be purchased for use in the community and for weekends.

Stan Leaf moved we approve the CCLI licensing. Jim Nocks seconded the motion. The motion carried. Approval was given for the expenditure.

New Business

Music Position Vacancy. Stan has no definite word as yet as to his military status. He has suggested the possibility of forming a music committee. He continues to consider who may take over his position.

Mentor Selection for Weekend #25. Jim and Cherie Nocks volunteered to mentor Weekend #25 Rector/a.

Since both Sandy and Rae are on the women' team, Bill Pohlad will call names at send-off for the women and prepare the roster.

The meeting concluded around the altar as ballots were lifted to God for selection of Rector/a for Weekend #25.

Upcoming weekends:

#24 March 2000

Men: March 23-26

Women: March 30-April 2

#25 October 2000

Men: October 12-15

Women: October 19-22

Next Ultreya: March 18th, Redeemer Lutheran Church. Secretariat at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.
Sandy Moore, Secretary