

**Heart of Florida Via de Cristo**  
**Secretariat Minutes**  
**April 28, 2001**

**Present:** Linda Becker, Sheila Bender, Steve & Denise Beumer, Diane DeMark, Rae Harris, Rick Hoepner, Jerry Johnson, Sandy Moore, Bill Pohlad, Dale & Anna Richardson, Pastor Bob Bear

**Excused:** Marty Collins, Jerry & Carlene Lemcke, Shirley Lokken & Pat Linden

**Absent:** Pastor David Ludwig

**Others:** Jane Pohlad

Pastor Bob Bear opened the meeting with prayer.

**Correspondence:** Bill Pohlad reported he has responded to the NLS request for the Secretariat Roster and an Annual Survey. A letter was received requesting comments on Leadership Training 101 and 102 presented at the last NLS meeting. He has forwarded this to Pat Linden and Shirley Lokken to complete. Bill read notes from Pastor Mike Stone and Charlie Maybeck.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the January 20, 2001 meeting were approved as presented.

**Pastors' Report:** Bob Bear reported he has touched base with all the ELCA pastors in the area and most of the Missouri Synod pastors. He will forward names and address to the secretary to be added to the mailing list.

**Lay Director's Report:** Bill Pohlad said the topic for this evenings Ultreya is an early look ahead. At the end of this meeting we will brainstorm ideas.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jerry Johnson reported a current balance of \$7394.59 in the bank (statement distributed). Of this balance, \$2356.80 is in the cookbook account. The cookbooks have been received and a first payment of 55% is due at a smaller amount than this balance. The net income from the Easter Breakfast, including the LB grant is \$1898.55.

**Chair Reports:**

Pre Via de Cristo. Rae Harris reported there are currently 10 women and 9 men on the list for the weekend in the fall.

Post Via de Cristo. Steve Beumer said he hoped everyone received their postcard in the mail about tonight's Ultreya. It was meant to be an attention "getter." The Beumers are seeking another couple to help with the July Summer Social arrangements.

Music. No Report.

Extended Palanca. Sheila Bender reported that she sent out 62 letters last quarter. March was a busy month. She is considering a palanca project for the Bolivian weekend. She will contact the NLS to obtain additional information and mailing address.

Leaders. No Report

Local Palanca. No Report.

On-Site Physical Arrangements. Rick Hoepner reported he is ready for the fall weekends.

Off-Site Physical Arrangements. No Report

Outreach. No Report.

Communications. Linda Becker requested newsletter articles be turned in as soon as possible.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Cookbook Report. (Out of Order) Sheila Bender and Jane Pohlad reported that the cookbooks are here. Now they need the communities help with selling them. As part of the promotion, they were sent copies of book “Helpful Hints” that we can do whatever we wish with. Diane DeMark moved and Rick Hoepner seconded that **we sell the book “Helpful Hints” for \$5 per copy, plus offer 1 free book to each person who buys or sells 10 cookbooks.** The motion carried. It was further suggested that the cookbooks could be passed out on consignment to sell at other churches. Jane Pohlad has contacted Christian bookstores. So far she has had no success. Denise Beumer suggested day care centers. The Secretariat thanked the Cookbook Committee for all the work they have put into this project.
2. NLS Annual Meeting Banner. The NLS is looking for the banner that is used at each meeting. It was thought that possibly the Lemcke’s have knowledge of its whereabouts.
3. Easter Breakfast. Total number of tickets sold for breakfast was 259, 214 adults and 45 children. Of those tickets, 147 were presold. That means 777 pancakes were made! Diane DeMark noted that we aren’t giving the person taking on the coordinating of the Easter Breakfast all the information they need. A lot of work and organization goes into this. Even though there is a manual, perhaps some one who has done this previously could sit with the chairperson and go over some key issues. Ed O’Brien did a great job.

### **New Business**

1. Weekends. Fifty Weekends! Where do we go from here? Bill Pohlad passed out some points for us to consider. Attached to these minutes are discussions points brought up as we brainstormed ideas.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandy Moore, Secretary

2001 Weekends

Weekend #26 - Men's: Oct. 11-14

Women's: Oct 18-21

Next Secretariat Meeting: May 19th, at 5:00 p.m. at Redeemer

Ultreya at 7:00 p.m. "VdC Jeopardy"