

Heart of Florida Via de Cristo
Secretariat Minutes
February 23, 2002

Present: Rae Harris, Jerry Lemcke, Shirley Lokken & Pat Linden, Sandy Moore, Sheila Bender, Steve & Denise Beumer, Rick Hoepner, Pam Hoepner, Pastor Bob Bear, Dale & Anna Richardson and Marty Collins

Excused: Linda Becker, Pastor David Ludwig, and Dale Nelson

Absent: Olynn & Jackie Gorbutt

Marty Collins opened the meeting with prayer.

Correspondence: Jerry Lemcke asked if everyone was receiving “Connexiones”. The Application for the NLS annual meeting is included in the current edition. Jerry encouraged those who were able to attend.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 19, 2002 meeting were approved as submitted. The minutes of the February 10, 2002 meeting were approved as corrected. Page 2, line 1 was not a not a motion but a consensus by the Secretariat.

Treasurer: Pam Hoepner reported that the current bank balance is \$5639.40. Of this amount \$3726.74 is in general funds, the remaining balance in dedicated funds.

Old Business

1. Weekends #27

Report from Pre Via de Cristo. Rae Harris reported that currently there are no men and 9 women applicants. One woman is married. Rae suggested we consider a weekend for single women including those women whose spouse would not be attending. Rae Harris moved and Denise Beumer seconded **to modify the allocation of slots for the women’s weekend #27 only**. After discussion, Rae and Denise withdrew the motion. Jerry asked would we be changing the rules, just to fit a weekend in? Rae stated that beginning team meetings with nine women still offered the hope of more applications. She would hate to turn away the nine women at this point on the basis of not having 20. Beginning men’s team meetings with no men’s applications however is a shaky proposition. Sheila Bender stated that it was not the teams responsibility to solicit applications. Pat Linden asked are we willing to have a women’s weekend with out a men’s weekend. Pat Linden moved and Rae Harris seconded **to postpone the men’s weekend with only one applicant and no confirmations**. Bob Bear stated that it seems early to decide this. Pat Linden stated that typically the Secretariat decided whether to hold the retreats one month prior to the men’s weekend. Bob Bear stated he believed a decision at this point was premature. Steve Beumer suggested we would not want to decide prior to the Ultreya at Pastor Ford’s church in Winter Haven. We would not want to exclude anyone interested in attending from his congregation. Rick Hoepner told us that we had until 30 days prior to the weekend to cancel the reservation of Retreat Center. The next meeting would be within the time frame. It was suggested that if it was not, and we

had only a women's retreat, the Secretariat could use the men's time for a Secretariat retreat. The motion failed. Steve Beumer moved and Bob Bear seconded **to review the number of applications at the March meeting and determine whether to continue.** They then amended the motion **to review the number of applications at the March meeting and determine whether to continue and to open up slots for more flexibility.** The motion passed with one opposing vote.

2. Ultreyas (Out of order) Jerry referred to the his statement on the agenda. We have a plan for the year. Let's stick to it. Let's follow the guidelines suggested by the NLS and work towards building up our community.
3. On-Site Physical Arrangements. Pam Hoepner informed the Secretariat that Dale Richardson would be leaving Off-Site Physical Arrangements to serve as coordinator of the set up/tear down committee under On-site Physical Arrangements. There is someone considering the position of On-Site Physical Arrangements chairperson. We look to Plan B for the spring weekends and divided up some responsibilities. Anna Richardson will remain in her position as Off Site Physical Arrangements. Dale Richardson and Shirley Lokken will take care of Inventory and Clean up. Pam Hoepner will seek someone to work with the menus and team training. Shirley will ask Larry Lokken to move the trailer into position at the Retreat Center.
4. Easter Breakfast. We will again be receiving matching funds. Paul Ginzl is chairing the kitchen team and Diane DeMark will be handling dining room decorations. At the Ultreya this evening volunteers will be sought to serve as hosts/hostesses and ticket sales.

New Business

Sheila Bender stated that she feels we need to talk about our community before we bring in new pilgrim to the community. We don't get people excited about the community and groom and train them for leadership. It is very important to maintain their excitement. She believes we should have leadership classes and training. That Rector/a should be picked several weekends ahead and we need to focus on make a friend, be a friend and bring your friend to Christ. Pat spoke of the excerpt from an NLS report she mailed she sent us. This captures some very relevant points to the health of a community. Pam Hoepner stated we need to fix ourselves first. She asked whether there are job descriptions for secretariat positions. There seems to be confusion on the responsibilities of the different chairs. Sandy Moore said she thinks she has copies of some descriptions. Pastor Bob Bear again suggested a retreat for the Secretariat.

Chair Reports: Tabled

Spiritual Directors Report: Tabled

Pastor Bob Bear closed the meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Moore, Secretary