

Heart of Florida Via de Cristo
Secretariat Minutes
May 18, 2002

Present: Sheila Bender, Jerry Lemcke, Shirley Lokken & Pat Linden, Sandy Moore, Dale Nelson, Steve & Denise Beumer, Pam Hoepner, Jane Pohlada and Pastor David Ludwig

Excused: Rae Harris, Pastor Bob Bear, and Anna Richardson

Absent: Marty Collins

Others: David Lipman

The meeting was opened with “Come Holy Spirit”.

Communications: A card was signed to send to Mary Hoover.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 26-27, 2002 Retreat meeting were approved. The Retreat Notes, page 5, item e will be changed to remove the names listed and add Outreach. It was noted an agenda item be added to the next meeting to determine decisions regarding Weekend #28.

Treasurer: Pam Hoepner reported that the current bank balance is \$7554.77 as of May 18, 2002. Of that amount, \$5720.52 is spendable monies. Currently there is a profit of \$1779.62 from cookbook sales. The Easter Breakfast realized \$1272 after expenses but before matching funds.

Spiritual Directors Report: Pastor David Ludwig encouraged us to celebrate the birthday of the church with enthusiasm!

Chair Reports:

On Site Physical Arrangements: No Report

Leaders: Pat Linden reported the Leaders committee would meet next week.

Communications: Jane Pohlada reported that Charles Shugart has advised he is happy to work with her on developing a web page. Jane said 593 newsletters were mailed for the month of May. The newsletter was printed at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. The church has not yet advised her of the printing cost. Jane suggested that the June and July newsletter be combined. The Secretariat concurred. Jane was complemented on the great job she did on the May newsletter. Great Job! She asked whether Secretariat members wanted their email addresses included on the newsletter. The response was no, except for secretary who does the email correspondence and maintains the database, Jane Pohlada, Jerry Lemcke and Pat Linden. This may facilitate address changes, etc. David Lipman asked whether the pastors of the churches represented by the community received newsletters. That will have to be researched. (Lutheran pastors visited by Pastor Bear are on the mailing list)

Post Via de Cristo: Steve Beumer has prepared a brochure to advertise the future Ultreya schedule for the balance of the year. He reported that Pastor Mike Stone has agreed that Via de Cristo could share in the activities of Wednesday evening (Stephen Mark Pasch concert), August 21st with information in the Narthex and gathering for questions and prayer afterwards in the Sanctuary. Steve also shared the information about the June Ultreya trip to The Holy Land Experience. The email notice will be sent by June 5 with instructions that tickets at the group rate must be pre-purchased. Reservations can be made by calling or emailing Steve or Denise.

Pre Via de Cristo: No Report.

Music: No Report

Extended Palanca: Sheila Bender reported she has sent forty nine palanca letters to other communities. The letters available for signing at the May 18 Ultreya have been revised. She has been working on the post weekend letter for new pilgrims and sponsors. Her committee will meet during the third week of June.

Local Palanca: No report

Outreach: Dale Nelson said he has visited four churches.

Off-Site Physical Arrangements: No report

Unfinished Business

1. Elections. (Out of Order) The Nominating Committee will meet to nominate for the position of Local Palanca. The Secretariat elections will be announced in the June-July newsletter.
2. Bylaw Revision (Leaders). Tabled
3. National Secretariat Meeting. At this time, Bill and Jane Pohlada, Carlene and Jerry Lemcke, Nancy Plotnikoff, and possibly Pat Linden plan on attending. Sandy Moore moved and Pam Hoepner seconded **that Jerry Lemcke be appointed delegate from Heart of Florida.** The motion passed. It was decided that \$300 be set aside to help defray travel costs for Secretariat members.
4. Pilgrims. There has been no change in applicants.
5. Reunion Groups. The Reunion Group list has been updated and will be available at the Ultreya.

New Business

1. Newsletter. Jane Pohlada suggested we consider a new name for the newsletter. Everyone will think about it until the next meeting.
2. VdC Suitcase Shop proposal. (Out of Order) Steve Beumer outlined some concepts for our "Suitcase Shop". Several items were selected by the Secretariat: polo shirts, canvas bags, notebooks and t-shirts. The Secretariat recommended that he move forward since time was needed to reproduce the artwork. The selected items will be presented to the community at the Ultreya and asked to indicate interest. The estimated cost would be around \$1050. Pat Linden will investigate the availability of Via de Cristo crosses from National.
3. Agenda Items. Jerry asked that agenda items be forwarded to him prior to the next meeting.

Pastor Ludwig closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Moore, Secretary

Ultreyas: June 15, The Holy Land Experience, July 20, Family Picnic