

**Heart of Florida Via de Cristo**  
**Secretariat Minutes**  
**May 17, 2003**

**Present:** Sheila Bender, Marty Collins, Artie Grindle, Rae Harris, Pam Hoepner, Jerry Lemcke, Pat Linden, Sandy Moore, Jim and Cherie Nocks, Jane Pohlrad and Pastor Bob Bear

**Excused:** Pastor David Ludwig

**Absent:** David Lipman

Artie Grindle opened the meeting with prayer.

**Minutes:** The minutes of April 12, 2003 were approved as corrected. Added to Unfinished Business: "A discussion was held as to whether to go ahead and call teams for the fall weekends or to follow the previously adopted motion for Weekends #28. This will be visited at the May meeting."

**Spiritual Director:** Bob Bear referenced contact received from Cursillistas from other ministries who have moved into our area. He suggested we consider ways of integrating them into the community. We might brainstorm ways to help "sponsor" new people and connect them with reunion groups.

**Lay Director:** Jerry confirmed the dates for the fall weekends, set up, send-off, closing and the Reunion Ultreya have been booked.

**Treasurer:** Pam Hoepner reported a current balance of \$6896.08. Of that amount, \$5061.83 are spendable monies.

**CHAIR REPORTS:**

**Leaders:** Pat Linden reported that although "The Next Step" presented on May 3<sup>rd</sup> had low attendance, 16 people, 10 of which were presenters, the program was good with active participation. Pat outlined the program for the Secretariat and said that comments on the evaluations that were filled out will be incorporated in future workshops. In the future this will be scheduled for a month after the reunion Ultreya and will probably be shortened to three hours, from 9:00 to 12:00.

Pat recommended that the community archive rollo copies from only the past ten weekends. She explained that rollo copies were collected for emergency purposes for the weekend. Copies of three rollos are given to each rollista to use as examples and then re-collected. Bob Bear suggested we think about this. There is historical value in the material. It was also suggested they could be scanned and saved on CD's. Because there are privacy issues concerned, the Secretariat was asked to think about this and the subject will be revisited. The Leaders Chair does maintain historical archives in minutes and newsletters.

**Pre-Via de Cristo:** Rae Harris reported that there was no change in pilgrim applications. There are currently 3 men and 4 women.

**Post-Via de Cristo:** Jim and Cherie Nocks said that the June Ultreya will be at Prince of Peace. David Ludwig will lead in songs and praise. The July Ultreya will be the first ever “virtual Ultreya”. An outline and instructions is included in the newsletter.

**On-Site Physical Arrangements:** Artie Grindle said that the storage trailer is in good shape and that the missing pie plates have been located and returned.

**Off-Site Physical Arrangements:** Vacant position.

**Local Palanca.** Present. No report.

**Music.** Present. No report.

**Communication:** Jane Pohlad reported that the newsletter is completed and ready to mail.

**Outreach:** Not present.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

1. Easter Breakfast. Easter Breakfast income was \$1234.26. We are approximately \$365 short to the hoped for \$1600 in matching funds from Thrivent. It was hoped donations would be made at the Ultreya. If not, Thrivent funds would still match the first \$800.
2. Secretariat Retreat/Workshop. Pat suggested that since the Lay Director would be unavailable in August and several members did not respond to the dates offered, that January would be a good month to schedule this. Old and new Secretariat members would be included with only the new members having a vote. Pat will email new date suggestions. Please respond.
3. Nominating Committee. Pat reported that the nominating committee has nominees for 6 of the 7 open positions. Jan Fry has agreed to accept the position of Extended Palanca. This is a currently open position. Pat Linden moved and Jim Nocks seconded that **Jan Fry be appointed to the position of Extended Palanca immediately.** The motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Weekend #28. Jim Nocks moved and Artie Grindle seconded to **rescind the previously adopted motion and to proceed with plans for the fall weekends and to call teams.** The motion passed with one opposing vote. We are reminded that St. John must be notified by September 20<sup>th</sup> if weekends are cancelled.
2. Serenade. Rae Harris said she would like to see a change in the serenade. She reported that nationally it is done on Saturday night. She believes there will be more community involvement. She suggests returning to Saturday evening or at least try it once. She said it is difficult, if not impossible to get babysitters at 4 or 5 in the morning. She also commented that it is not practical to bring children to the serenade.

They don't know what is going on. Jim suggested dinner could be served in the rollo room with those serenading circling the room. Negatives: Sunday is community day. Saturday evening would create a time scheduling challenge for the teams. It would remove the flexibility of Saturday evening. If the rollo room was used, extra work would be required by the team to set it up for dinner and then clear it for the decuria. It could detract from the depth of sharing at the evening decuria. Where would those serenading gather in inclement weather? It is more spirit filled on Sunday morning and is truly a gift of palanca. This will be visited at the next meeting.

3. NLS. Jerry encouraged every one who was able to attend the NLS meeting in July. Pat Linden moved and Sheila Bender seconded that **Jerry Lemcke be named the delegate from Heart of Florida.** The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandy Moore, Secretary

Next Ultreya: June 21<sup>st</sup> at Prince of Peace.

Upcoming Weekends: #28, Men's Oct 30-Nov 2. Women's Nov. 6-9

Future Actions.

Brainstorm ways of connecting cursillistas to our community.

Rollo copy archives.

Serenade.