

**Heart of Florida Via de Cristo  
Secretariat Minutes  
August 21, 2004**

**Present:** Sheila Bender, Bob Blasberg, Rich Buhl, Diane DeMark, Jim DeMark, Artie Grindle, Del Harriman, Martha Harriman, Jerry Lemcke, Pastor David Ludwig, and Joyce Rodriguez.

**Absent:** Marty Collins, Jan Fry, Pam Hoepner, and Jane Pohlada.

The meeting was called to order by the Lay Director, Jerry Lemcke.

Members of the Secretariat joined together in Come Holy Spirit.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June meeting were not available.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was not available.

**Lay Director:** Jerry Lemcke reported on the Via de Cristo National Convention. He said there are some Constitution and By-Laws changes that will need to be ratified. He was heartened by the response given to Linda and Ron Becker who are instrumental in beginning the Via de Cristo movement in Seattle. A lot of help is also being given by many others. The weekend will be for both men and women.

Jerry Lemcke was elected Treasurer of the National Secretariat. He has attended the last eight Conventions and has served for those eight years on the Finance Committee.

**Leaders:** Diane and Jim DeMark reported that two Training Sessions have taken place with Rector, Steve Beumer and Head Servant, Don Bonesteel. Rectora, Sue Maguire, and Head Servant, Daisy Mansbach, have also been trained.

Jerry Lemcke said he would contact Sue Maguire to give her the names from the Willingness to Serve forms of women who had volunteered to serve on the Women's Team. Jerry will also share these names with the Secretariat.

It was noted that Jan Grindle was unable to serve as Rectora at this time. Her name will be placed back on the list of those eligible for the position of Rectora. Our condolences and prayers are with both Artie and Jan Grindle. Artie's Mother passed away recently and Jan's parents are not doing well.

**Physical Arrangements On-Site:** Rich Buhl reported that food items for the weekends will be looked at to see if changes can be made to lower the carbohydrates. After some discussion, it was decided that the food items should not be drastically changed at this time. It was suggested that the snacks be changed to include the use of more fresh fruits and vegetables. Other changes in menu items will be reviewed at the Secretariat Workshop.

Jerry Lemcke brought up a concern about electrical power at the Retreat Center for Motor Homes. It was suggested that Jerry Johnson be asked what it will take to supply adequate power. It was further suggested that the Managing Commission at St. John be contacted to see if it would be worth the money investment. It was decided if no motor homes are available; the weekends will still go ahead as usual.

**Local Palanca:** Sheila Bender reported that the kitchen at St. John is reserved for Cooking Day on Saturday, October 9, 2004, from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**Physical Arrangement Off-Site:** Del and Martha ask if an announcement could be placed in the bulletin at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for a van and a van driver for the upcoming weekends. Jerry Lemcke recommended that they call Connie, the church secretary, at Prince of Peace. Some names of drivers were suggested as well.

**Pre Via de Cristo:** Artie Grindle shared a letter from Charlie Maybeck, a former Lay Director of the Heart of Florida Via de Cristo. He also passed out a list of Pilgrims for October weekends. He has been working diligently on contacting Pilgrims. Please continue to submit applications to him.

It was suggested that each church arrange to have a Temple Talk (Mission Minute) to acquaint church members with this very valuable ministry.

**Spiritual Director:** Pastor David Ludwig said he and Pastor Ford will be the Spiritual Directors for the Men's Weekend. He is in the process of securing Spiritual Directors for the Women's Weekend.

He said it is a blessing to have members of the Secretariat that have been a part of the Heart of Florida Community for a long time. He said it is a "walking history lesson".

Pastor Dave shared with us Biblical perspective related to natural disasters, such as the hurricane that we have just experienced. It is not God's will. He said we struggle along with all of creation. He said: we, like Paul, sometimes do not know how to pray or what to pray for, but the Holy Spirit intercedes for us. We always have hope. Because, we know how the story ends; after Good Friday comes Easter.

**Post Via de Cristo:** Bob Blasberg announced the next Ultreya which will be held at Northland on Saturday, September 18, 2004. The election of officers will be a part of that meeting. The Team/Pilgrim Reunion, Covered Dish Dinner and Ultreya will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2004. Bob will be working on the scheduling of Ultreyas for 2005.

Bob needs more help with set-up, clean-up and refreshments for Ultreyas. It was suggested that Reunion Groups be asked to take responsibility for one Ultreya.

It is hoped that more Community members and Sponsors will be involved in the Next Step Workshop to be held in January.

**New Business:**

1. It is with deep regret that we accept the resignation of Tim Maguire, Outreach. According to the Constitution, this position will be filled by appointment.

**Unfinished Business:**

Sheila Bender presented the Nominating Committee's slate of officers:

Lay Director	Sandy Moore
Post Via de Cristo	Bob Blasberg
Music	Jill Heroux
Physical Arrangements Off-Site	Del & Martha Harriman
Extended Palanca	Jan Fry
Communications	(Open)

If you know someone who would take the position of Communications but does not have the necessary software, the Secretariat will provide the needed software.

**Announcement**

1. Jane Pohlad is working on the next newsletter. Please e-mail your article to her if you have not already done so.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Pastor David Ludwig.

Respectively Submitted,

Joyce Rodriguez, Secretary