

**Heart of Florida Via de Cristo
Secretariat Minutes
September 14, 2006**

Present: Bob Blasberg, Diane DeMark, Jim DeMark, Karen Hanson, Martha Harriman, Sandy Moore, Tammy Ortiz, Ken Raue, and Joyce Whitehill.

Absent: Excused: Tammy Bryan, Jan Fry, Del Harriman, Pastor David Ludwig and Bill Pohlad.

Guest: Beebs Winters

The meeting was called to order by Lay Director, Sandy Moore.

Members of the Secretariat joined together in *Come Holy Spirit*.

Minutes:

The minutes for August 17, 2006 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Sandy Moore reported that as of August 31, 2006, there was \$4681.85 in "spendable" monies. Bill Pohlad relayed that as a result of the newsletter, a \$100 contribution was received, plus a \$65 scholarship for the next weekends.

Lay Director:

1. **National Lutheran Secretariat Report** – Sandy Moore reported on the National Lutheran Secretariat meeting in July. She thanked the Secretariat for the opportunity to attend. She said it was a valuable experience. She told the Secretariat about the forums she attended. She reported that they are trying to establish region to region interaction. Florida is the model of this, since the Seven Secretariats of Florida have been meeting annually for many years and are now holding a Grand Ultreya each year hosted by one of the Secretariats.
2. **Spiritual Directors' Outlines** – Sandy reported that the new manuals for Spiritual Directors are on the website, www.viadecristo.org/share

Chair Reports:

Off-Site Physical Arrangements:

Martha Harriman is still securing drivers for the weekends. She will be making arrangements for Communion after the Send-offs.

Post Via de Cristo:

Bob Blasberg told the Secretariat about the Ultreya on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at Northland Annex. The theme is Patience Is Love Waiting. There will be a pot luck dinner at 6 o'clock.

The theme for the November 11, 2006 Ultreya is Kindness is Love's Mercy.

Post Via de Cristo will be working on the schedule for next year's Ultreyas.

Pre Via de Cristo and Leaders:

Karen Hanson passed out the current information on Pilgrims for Weekends #33. She had a possibility of 7 women and 3 men.

Diane DeMark said the Rector and Rectora have received a lot of training. Carol Detzel has a full women's team. Don Bonesteel was moving forward with a half team.

A decision needed to be made concerning the Weekends. After a lengthy discussion about the application count, retreat center costs, Spiritual Directors, and men's servant team, it was decided by the Secretariat that 9 applications with deposits for each weekend needed to be in hand by the Ultreya on Saturday, September 16, 2006 to go forward. Diane DeMark will contact the Rector and Rectora. Sandy will call St. John.

A suggestion was made to hold a retreat for Secretariat members. Karen Hanson said she knows a couple of people who would do an excellent job of leading the retreat.

Communications:

Tammy Ortiz said the next newsletter will be the last one of this year. The deadline for articles will be October 23, 2006.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. **Election of Officers** - Officers will be elected at the Ultreya on September 16, 2006.

Lay Director	Sandy Moore	Steve Beumer
Post Via de Cristo	Tammy Bryan	
Extended Palanca	Pending	
Off-Site Physical Arrangements	Pending	
Communications	Tammy Ortiz	
Music	Marty Collins	
Outreach	Pending	
Local Palanca (one year)	Beebs Winters	

2. **Ballots for Election** – Ballots will be made by Joyce Whitehill. Joyce and Karen Hanson will count the ballots
3. **Pastors' Luncheon** – Luncheon will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at noon at the home of Jim and Diane DeMark.
4. **Weekend Spiritual Directors** – At this time there is one for each weekend.

New Business:

1. **Treasurer – Changes with IRS.**
2. **Pilgrim/Team Reunion** – Will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2006 at St. John.
3. **Grand Ultreya** – Will be held in Jacksonville on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 2:00 P.M. Child Care will be available.
4. **Food Prep Day** – Will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2006 at St. John.
5. **Next Secretariat Meeting** – Will be held in November.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Whitehill, Secretary