

**Heart of Florida Via de Cristo
Secretariat Minutes**

February 19, 2007

Present: Tammy Bryan, Nancy Cifuentes, Marty Collins, Jim DeMark, Jim Detzel, Karen Hanson, Pastor Paula Hepola-Anderson, Sandy Moore, Bill Pohlada, Tammy Ortiz, Ken Raue, Beebs Winters, and Joyce Whitehill.

Absent: Diane DeMark

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 January 15, 2007 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Pohlada passed out the Treasurer's Report. The report was accepted as presented.

Lay Director:

1. Sandy Moore welcomed Pastor Paula, Jim Detzel and Marty Collins.
2. Sandy has mailed letters to all previous Rector and Rectoras, and those qualified to be Rector and Rectora, asking them to return the enclosed postcard stating whether they are or are not willing to serve as a Rector or Rectora if called. She will have a report on the results at the meeting in March.
3. Sandy reported that 5 of the 7 Florida Secretariats were represented at the Grand Ultreya in Jacksonville on February 3, 2007. Fifteen attended from Heart of Florida. Those in attendance said the meeting was very uplifting. The Seven Secretariats of Florida have been asked to consider sponsoring the National Lutheran Secretariat Meeting in the year 2009. Sandy asked the members of Heart of Florida, Via de Cristo Secretariat to give this some thought. This will be discussed at the meeting in March. Jerry Lemcke will be invited to attend this meeting to give his valuable input, as he is the Treasurer of the National Lutheran Secretariat and has attended many meetings. There was a question about how much seed money would be required. Bill Pohlada will go back to the records and research this. If Florida decides to sponsor the NLS meeting, each of the Seven Secretariats will have responsibilities.

Spiritual Director Report:

Pastor Paula said she will be getting a letter sent to Pastors as soon as dates for the fall weekends are established; so, Spiritual Directors for the weekends can be secured.

Pastor Paula said it was good to have the Heart of Florida community at Zion for the Ultreya in January.

Chair Reports:

Outreach:

Jim Detzel said he was pleased to read Pastor Jeff Linman's article in the newsletter. He encourages Reunion Groups to reach out to those not in the Via de Cristo community. Jim was encouraged that some are already doing this.

Local Palanca:

Beebs asked about helping with the Easter Breakfast. She volunteered to help by selling tickets at various churches.

Beebs said she felt that the Grand Ultreya was very successful. Some, who attended, made Palanca on the way to and from the meeting.

Beebs suggested that Reunion Groups meet twice a year and make Palanca. Tammy Bryan said Palanca will be made at the Ultreya on June 16, 2007.

Extended Palanca:

Nancy Cifuentes will bring Palanca to each Ultreya to be signed by the community. It was suggested that the signing be done before the Ultreya, rather than at the end of the evening. It was also suggested that we send Palanca to local church weekends. Pastor Paula will get a list of Walk to Emmaus weekends coming up. Pastor Paula will talk with Sandy Moore about setting up a Yahoo connection.

Pre Via de Cristo:

Karen Hanson passed out a list of names whose applications she has on hand.

On-Site Physical Arrangements:

Ken Raue reported that the Alternate Retreat Center Committee (if the St. John Retreat Center is not available) has checked with several locations. The cost would be a least \$100 per person. Depending on the location of the retreat, there may be a single Send-Off or mini Send-Offs at different locations. Ken will develop a database of places for future reference.

Communications:

Tammy Ortiz reported that the newsletter is ready. After some discussion, it was decided that the next newsletter will be after Easter. Tammy will revise the schedule and send it to the Secretariat members.

Post Via de Cristo:

Tammy Bryan said the next Ultreya will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on March 17, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. David Ludwig, Jr. will grace us with his music. Three Reunion Groups will sponsor this Ultreya.

Unfinished Business:

1. Fall Weekend Dates

A motion was made by Bill Pohlad and seconded by Ken Raue that the Men's Weekend be held from October 11th – 14th and the Women's Weekend be held October 18th – 21st with the alternate dates of October 18th – 21st for the Men's Weekend and October 25th – 28th for the Women's Weekend if the first dates are not available. The motion passed.

Sandy Moore will call Ronna McFadden at St. John and request the dates for the Retreat Center. Pastor Paula will get the Spiritual Directors for the Weekends.

2. Easter Breakfast

Tammy Bryan volunteered to coordinate the Easter Breakfast at St. John. Beebs Winters will assist her. Since Tammy will not be available on Easter Sunday, Jim DeMark will take the responsibility.

Announcements:

- 1. Next Secretariat Meeting** – will be held on Monday, March 19, 2007.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Whitehill, Secretary