

**Heart of Florida Via de Cristo  
Secretariat Minutes  
March 19, 2007**

**Present: Karen Hanson, Sandy Moore, Bill Pohlada, Ken Raue, Beebs Winters, and. Pastor Paula Hepola-Anderson, Tammy Bryan, Diane DeMark, Jim DeMark, Marty Collins**

**Absent: Jim Detzel, Nancy Cifuentes, Tammy Ortiz, Joyce Whitehill**

**Guest: Jerry Lempke**

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 February 19, 2007 were accepted as presented.

Jerry Lempke showed us the new VdC video for outreach and indicated that he also used it as tool when sponsoring new pilgrims. He suggested that it be used at the Easter Breakfast if possible. Tammy Bryan agreed to make copies of video for distribution to some of Secretariat members. Jerry also presented information about the National Lutheran Secretariat and encouraged HOF to help pay for some Secretariat members to attend the national meeting held in July each year. Jerry indicated that there are 45 Lutheran Secretariats as part of National and that number continues to grow. He talked about election of officers, terms of office, number of meeting per year (4), and possible paid position for outreach and fund raising to allow for the paid position. Jerry indicated that HOF Florida now has 2 delegates to the national organization and that the Seven Secretariats of Florida may want to consider sponsorship of National meeting in 2009.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bill Pohlada passed out the Treasurer's Report. The report was accepted as presented. It was moved and seconded that the small amount of funds in the songbook fund be moved into the gift appeal fund. Motion approved.

The Easter Breakfast has been approved by the St. John Lutheran Church Council. \$1600 in matching funds has been approved by Thrivent and volunteer hours for work prior to and at breakfast will need to be kept. \$474.00 in tickets has been sold to date.

**Lay Director:**

1. Sandy Moore indicated that weekend dates have been set and are October 11-14, 2007 for the men and October 18-21, 2007 for the women.

**Spiritual Director Report:**

1. Letters and labels are ready to go out to all pastors and Pastor Paula is plugging the weekend as a renewal. She indicated that she could serve on both the men's and women's weekends in October. She would like to know

if any of the Secretariat members knows of anyone else who might also like to serve on the weekends with her. Pastor Carolyn and Pastor Ludwig were mentioned as possibilities. Pastor Paula also indicated that she would like to borrow the banner book.

**Chair Reports:**

**Leaders Report:**

Leaders to check storage and let Tammy know if there is syrup stored there from previous breakfasts.

**Post Via de Cristo Report:**

Tammy reported that March 17 was an outstanding ultreya and that both Pastor Ludwig and his son David participated. 31 folks attended and reunion groups are being used in churches and will be used to host the ultreyas. The May Ultreya will be at SOJ and hosted by reunion groups from that congregation.

**Music Report:** None

**Physical Arrangements:** None

**Pre Via de Cristo:** Karen Hanson had to leave the meeting early and no report was given.

Question of how many candidates should be included to make a team and was vote held on this issue? Ken Raue felt that we should choose a rector and rectora ASAP for the next weekends. Discussion was also had around the issue of eligibility for rector and rectora and the criteria was reiterated that a person should have given two rollos and served as a servant. If a person had given two rollos but they were the same eligibility requirements have been met. Ken Raue is one of the persons who meet those criteria but is not on the rector/rectora list. Motion was made by Jim DeMark and seconded by Diane DeMark that Ken and others with similar situations be eligible to be rector/rectora. Motion passed. Research will have to be conducted to see if anyone meets those criteria.

Pastor Paula will contact the previously chosen rector to advise him of weekend dates for the fall.

**No other reports given.**

**Easter Breakfast Report:**

Tammy Bryan reported that Jim DeMark will serve as co-chair of the breakfast as she has to be in North Carolina on the day of breakfast. Bill Pohlrad is the pancake person. Jim Detzel is the strada and sausage person. Rick Hoepner, Dan Rousseau, and David Wahle will set up the hall, Diane DeMark will be the decorations person, Bob Blasberg will be silver ware and plate person, Beebs Winter will be the dining room person and Nancy Cifuentes will be serving coordinator. All of those persons participating who are Thrivent members will log their times so that we can get matching funds for the breakfast.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Respectfully Submitted, Jim DeMark for Joyce Whitehill, Secretary