

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

April 23, 2007

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

Excused: Marty Collins, Bebs Winters

Absent: Diane DeMark, Jim Detzel.

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 March 19, 2007 meeting were deferred until May.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Lay Director: (Out of Order)

Sandy Moore informed the Secretariat that she will be retiring in August and moving to North Carolina. Since Sandy has only served one year of a two year term, the community will vote for her replacement in the September elections. The back-up for her is the Leaders position.

Spiritual Director:

Pastor Paula has sent letters to all the pastors on the list. She has received some postcards back. She will serve on both weekends in October. Please let Pastor Paula know of any other pastors that are not on the list. She said Jan Grindle suggested Pastor Sally Cook. She said we need to get pastors on the weekend so they can serve on the weekends.

Chair Reports:

Post Via de Cristo - Tammy Bryan said she will update the Easter Breakfast notebook to reflect any adjustments that need to be made (example – less time to cook the Strata). She said she asked newer Via de Cristo members to participate and suggested that we keep training them. It was suggested that perhaps Spirit of Joy could hold its own Easter

Breakfast next year. Tammy was commended for the excellent job she did as the Easter Breakfast Coordinator. Jim DeMark was thanked for his leadership on Easter Morning.

The next Ultreya will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2007 at Spirit of Joy. Tammy will give Sandy Moore the additional information.

Extended Palanca:

Nancy Cifuentes continues to communicate with other communities and sends posters for weekends. She will submit the names of future weekends in the upcoming newsletter so our community can pray for them.

Local Palanca:

Beebs Winters was unable to attend the meeting. However, she is working on an idea to involve the members of the community. More information will be coming later.

Communications:

Tammy Ortiz said the deadline for articles for the next newsletter is April 30, 2007. Only about 20 people indicated that they would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail. Tammy will check to see how this will impact the cost of mailing copies of the newsletter.

Other Business:

Karen Hanson informed the Secretariat that Northland has sold the Annex. Tammy Bryan will contact Sandy Boccuzzo about where future Ultreyas may be held instead. Karen thanked everyone for their prayers for her son, Mark.

Bill Pohlad said that difficult decisions are being made at St. John regarding the budget. Because of this, St. John is considering selling some of its assets. One of the items being considered is the selling of the Retreat Center. He said this should be resolved in the next 2 months. A committee is still looking into other locations.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting 2007** will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 26 – 29, 2007. Heart of Florida is entitled to 2 delegates. Tammy Bryan is planning to attend. Pastor Paula will be unable to attend.

A motion was made by Bill Pohlad and seconded by Jim DeMark to authorize \$400 a person for 2 delegates to attend the National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting. The motion passed.

New Business:

- 1. Nominating Committee** for September 2007 will consist of those members of the Secretariat whose terms will be over at that time: Jim and Diane DeMark - Leaders, Jim Detzel - Outreach, Bill Pohlad – Treasurer, Karen Hanson – Pre Via de Cristo, Beebs Winters – Local Palanca, Ken Raue – On-Site Physical Arrangements, and Joyce Whitehill - Secretary. Some of these members are qualified to run again.

- 2. Rector/a Vote**
Members of the Secretariat were given some information about those members of the community who were eligible and indicated a desire to serve as Rector/a. Members of the Secretariat gathered around the altar in the Sanctuary for prayer before voting.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Whitehill, Secretary