

**SONBEAM VdC SECRETARIAT**  
**Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2016**

**Members Present:** Denise Bentley, Jerry Brown, Lynn Conlen, Tom Henderson, Bobbi Lind, David Lind, Ricky Neal, Sue Neal, Jim Ryan, Kimberly Stauder, Pastor Mary Ashcraft, Pastor John Foster, Pastor Dick White

**Members Excused:** , Wendy Kinka, Chris Klafs, Leslie LaFleur, Sue Miller-Cinelli,

**Guest:** Doug Fogh

A quorum was present. Meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm by Lay Director, Tom Henderson followed by prayer given by Pastor Dick.

- **FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Bobbi Lind
  - Ending balance of all funds: \$5,733.49
  - \$5,750 has been issued to Jerry Brown for weekend purchasing.
  - Revised report for September 10, 2016 was discussed. Funds were redistributed between line items; final balance did not change
  - David Lind **moved to accept Financial Report as submitted;** Jim Ryan seconded. Motion carried. (Motion was made, seconded and voted electronically subsequent to the meeting)
  
- **SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS' UPDATE:**
  - Jan Foster passed her ordination review with official ceremony forthcoming.
  
- **CHAIR UPDATES:**
  - Communications – Sue Miller-Cinelli (absent)
    - Data Base – John Foster
      - Finalizing record keeping for upcoming weekends
  - Leaders – Leslie LaFleur (absent)
  - Local Palanca – Denise Bentley
    - Reviewed forms and material passed along by previous chair; updated information station.
    - Available to train Palanca Chas for upcoming weekends.
  - Extended Palanca – Kimberly Stauder
    - Contacted NLS and Three Day organizations to update contact information
    - Sending and receiving palanca letters
  - Outreach – Chris Klafs (absent)
    - Residents of 'The Villages' have expressed an interest to attend next set of weekends.
  - Physcial – Ricky Neal
    - Larry available to transport trailer for upcoming weekends.
    - Seeking large plastic bins to store kitchen items
    - Asked if camp would be willing to store large altar on-site. Tom and Jim plan to meet with camp officials in the near future and will ask at that time.

- Pre VdC – David Lind
  - Completed applications in hand for Weekends #67:
    - 4 men; 9 women
- Post Vdc – open position
- Prayer Line Coordinator – Wendy Kinka (absent)
- Purchasing – Jerry Brown
  - Purchasing on hold until weekends are definitely happening
- At Large – Sue Neal
  - No report
  
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - Social Media Committee – David Lind
    - 232 Facebook subscribers
    - Making sure communications are passed back and forth between Facebook and Yahoo.
  - NLS 2018 – Jim Ryan
    - Recommended members of Secretariat consider attending NLS 2017 in North Carolina to see the requirements first hand to help when assisting NLS 2018 in WPB, FL.
    - Seed money contribution needs to be identified as donation or loan at the time it is given.
  - Location Committee
    - Sue Neal to contact Katherina Crowder to obtain data on previous search.
    - List of minimum requirements needs to be established.
    - It was determined that while there was no urgent need to find a new camp location at this time, it was prudent to pursue in case the need does arise.
  - Leaders Workshop
    - Continuation of Leaders Workshop was discussed.
    - A new format needs to be created when re-established.
    - In the meantime, Leaders chair or a member of Secretariat to be assigned to ensure sufficient training is being given at team meetings. Both teams for Weekends #67 have Secretariat members serving on the team.
    - It was recommended to continue 'Core Team Workshop' once core teams were selected and before teams were called.
  - Web Palanca sheets online – Tom Henderson to meet with Mike Schreiner
  - Lead SD – tabled
  - Weekends – Coed and frequency -- tabled
  
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - VdC Community Participation:
    - Discussion was held as to why overall participation in VdC activities was down.
    - Suggestion was made to reach out to other movements (Chrysalis, Walk to Emmaus)
      - Leaders reach out to leaders

- Community to serve on their teams
- Weekend #67:
  - Discussion was held whether to hold weekends due to low number of applications.
  - In a vote 6 to 3, it was decided to extend the application timeline to 4:00 pm Friday, October 28, 2016 and reduce the required number to 12 candidates for each weekend. Announcement would be made at the Ultreya and placed on social media.
- Jim Ryan read and distributed 'Position statement regarding ELCA sexuality issue and other controversial topics' as prepared by Via de Cristo: *"Via de Cristo strives to be an effective ministry for all Christians, regardless of their denomination or church affiliation. As such, controversial issues serve only to distract from the core purpose of the 72-hour weekend and are strongly discouraged. The NLS has consistently taken a position of neutrality and strongly discourages injecting controversial topics of any sort into the content of the weekend talks and discussions. As a governing body the Secretariat endorses the position statement of the National Lutheran Secretariat – Via de Cristo on these matters."*

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Conlen, Secretary

Next meeting is scheduled for December 3 at 2:00 pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 4545 Chancellor Street, N.E., St. Petersburg, FL