

SONBEAM VdC SECRETARIAT
Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2017

Members Present: Lynn Conlen, Tom Henderson, Chris Klafs, Jim Ryan, Kimberly Stauder, Pastor John Foster, Pastor Dick White

Members Excused: Denise Bentley, Jerry Brown, Wendy Kinka, Leslie LaFleur, Bobbi Lind, David Lind, Sue Miller-Cinelli, Ricky Neal, Pastor Mary Ashcraft

Guests: Jimmy Ashcraft and Lynn Ryan

Meeting was called to order at 2:20 pm by Lay Director, Tom Henderson, followed by prayer given by Pastor Dick White.

- **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**
 - Report from Treasurer Bobbi Lind was distributed showing balance of all funds of \$7,550.82. Chris Klafs **moved to accept report as submitted**; Tom Henderson seconded. Motion carried.

- **SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS' UPDATE:** Pastor John Foster
 - National VdC has revised the Spiritual Director's guidelines and we are waiting for distribution.

- **CHAIR UPDATES:**
 - Extended Palanca – Kimberly Stauder
 - Receiving many palanca letters from all over the country and the world.
 - Outreach – Chris Klafs
 - Meeting next week with Lay Director of the disbanded organization in Ocala and others from that community.
 - Also meeting with gentleman from St. John's church in Orlando.
 - Have a request from a local member to meet with their pastor.

- **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - Social Media Committee
 - It was agreed that communication about meetings and cancellations, etc. on Facebook and Yahoo needs to be posted several times to ensure everyone is advised. Telephone communication will continue for those who have notified us they do not have computer access.
 - NLS 2017
 - July 27-30 in North Carolina
 - Secretariat members should advise Lay Director if interested in attending.
 - NLS 2018
 - Being held in West Palm Beach
 - It was suggested Sonbeam VDC determine what area our organization will be willing to serve - such as monitoring the "signing" room or coordinating the 24/7 prayer schedule.

- Location Committee – tabled
- Secretariat Workshop – Town Hall Meeting
 - April 8, 2017 – 9 to 11 am
 - NW Presbyterian Church, 6330 54th Ave N, St. Petersburg
 - Open forum – Secretariat
 - is seeking input from community with ideas on how we can become a stronger organization,
 - will answer questions, and
 - discuss concerns
- Leaders Workshop
 - May 20, 2017, 9 AM – 1 PM.
 - First United Methodist Church of Pinellas Park, 9025 49th St N, Pinellas Park,
 - Jimmy Ashcraft to coordinate program with new format:
 - Attendees will hear all presentations
 - Volunteers will be recruited to speak on each team position
 - Each speaker will give a 10 minute overview of the position noting the important highlights and the reason why things are done the way they are in that position.
 - There will be a Q&A period following each speaker.
 - Sponsorship, community service and serving on Secretariat will also be presented.
- Web Palanca sheets online – tabled
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Coed Weekends
 - Jim and Lynn Ryan, who experienced a similar transition in their VDC organization in Indiana, shared their thoughts.
 - Suggestion is to have one set of weekends become coed while the other remain men/women.
 - Jacksonville VDC is holding a coed weekend in late April and has extended an opportunity for members of our Secretariat to shadow team members or be candidates (as a renewal experience). Jim Ryan to follow up with Jacksonville as there was an interest from several members to attend.
 - Next Ultreya – March 11, 2017, location to be announced.
 - Annual Meeting to be held in August.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm and closed with prayer by Pastor John Foster.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Conlen, Secretary

Next regular meeting is scheduled for March 11 at 2:00 pm.