

SONBEAM VdC SECRETARIAT
Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2017

Members Present: Lynn Conlen, Denise Bentley, Jerry Brown, Tom Henderson, Wendy Kinka, Chris Klafs, Bobbi Lind, David Lind, Sue Miller-Cinelli, Jim Ryan, Kimberly Stauder, Pastor John Foster, Pastor Dick White

Members Excused: Leslie LaFleur, Ricky Neal, Pastor Mary Ashcraft

Guest: Jimmy Ashcraft

Meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm by Lay Director, Tom Henderson, followed by prayer given by Pastor Dick White.

- **FINANCIAL UPDATE: Bobbi Lind**
 - No activity since last report – fund remains at \$7,550.82.

- **SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS' UPDATE: Pastor John Foster**
 - NLS has not yet issued an anticipated distribution date for National Spiritual Director's guidelines.

- **CHAIR UPDATES:**
 - Communications – Sue Cinelli-Miller
 - Deadline for current Jan/Feb/March newsletter was yesterday.
 - Issue to be mailed to the 75+ who have indicated they wish to receive by mail.
 - Discussion was held as to how we can better communicate and restore interest in organization participation. Some suggestions were:
 - Give the pilgrims and team members a survey to complete shortly after their weekend to get their feedback.
 - Develop reunion group leader and church contact lists for stronger communication.
 - Review script to allow more bonding time during weekend.
 - Intentional effort to build relationships at Ultreyas.
 - Mail newsletter to all members active within last 5 years.

 - Local Palanca – Denise Bentley
 - Palanca sheets available at Ultreya.

 - Extended Palanca – Kimberly Stauder
 - Receiving many palanca letters from all over the country and the world.

 - Outreach – Chris Klafs
 - Meeting with Ocala groups and will meet with local pastor (member's request) as soon as schedule can be arranged.

 - Pre VdC – David Lind
 - No candidate applications received to date.

 - Prayer – Wendy Kinka
 - Yahoo group and Facebook working well. Just a reminder, when responding to email, to hit "**Reply**", not "Reply All".

- Purchasing – Jerry Brown
 - Seeking person(s) to train and take over responsibility. Reminder, this can be a shared position with two or more assisting.

- **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 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.
 - Secretariat Workshop – Town Hall Meeting
 - April 8, 2017 – 9 to 11 am
 - NW Presbyterian Church, 6330 54th Ave N, St. Petersburg
 - Secretariat members were asked to bring a breakfast item.
 - Tom Henderson to prepare survey to be sent to members prior to event.
 - Leaders Workshop
 - May 20, 2017, 9 AM – 1 PM.
 - First United Methodist Church of Pinellas Park, 9025 49th St N, Pinellas Park,
 - Jimmy Ashcraft distributed draft outline of new format.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Coed Weekends
 - Tom Henderson and Lynn Conlen to attend a Jacksonville coed weekend in late April as ‘renewal’ participants to observe the dynamics in the rollo room.
 - Jim Ryan moved **that the Secretariat cover the registration cost for those Secretariat members attending the Jacksonville coed weekend.** Chris Klafs seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm and closed with prayer by Pastor John Foster.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Conlen, Secretary

Next regular meeting is scheduled for August, 2017. Date and location TBD.