

SONBEAM VdC SECRETARIAT
Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2019
Grace Connection Church, St. Petersburg

Members Present: Jerry Brown, Lynn Conlen-Henderson, Jan Foster, Tom Henderson, Bobbi Lind, David Lind, Dave McConnell, Jim McConnell, Jim Ryan, Lynn Ryan, Michele Spears, Christy Wilson

Members Excused: Chris Klafs, Marilyn Moore, Dorene Reardon, Pastor Mary Ashcraft, Pastor Dan Long, Pastor Dick White

Meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm by Lay Director, Tom Henderson, followed by prayer given by Pastor Jan Foster.

- **SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR UPDATE:** Jan Foster
 - Spiritual Directors experienced a good weekend – Grace talks flowed well.
 - Prayers requested for Pastor Mary’s surgery on July 16th and Pastor Dick’s health.

- **FINANCIAL UPDATE: Michele Spears**
 - Checkbook balance for all funds – \$6,823.11.
 - Jerry Brown **moved to accept report as submitted**; Jim McConnell seconded. Motion carried.

- **CHAIR UPDATES:**
 - Communications/Data Base – Bobbi and David Lind
 - Data Base:
 - Has been set up on a separate laptop gifted to Sonbeam VdC which will be available to be passed along as Communications Chair changes.
 - Has been updated with team updates and candidate information with exception of entering team weekend positions (to be completed soon).
 - Banners:
 - A photo of each banner through Coed Weekend #1 has been taken.
 - Retired banners are posted on website and are available for anyone to claim. They will eventually be disposed of or given away.
 - Active banners will be posted on separate page on website.
 - MailChimp:
 - Tom is currently sending individual emails to approximately 800 members. Of these, only 200 have signed up for MailChimp.
 - David attempted to enroll the remaining 600 members unsuccessfully as MailChimp requires members to individually subscribe.
 - Extended Palanca – Jim and Lynn Ryan
 - Received 45 letters for the weekend and continue to send out letters to other movements.
 - Prayer On-Line Sign Up:
 - Very few community signed up; contacted Babe Chicks from past 2 weekends and personally asked them to sign up and contacted ‘Inky’ movement. Both responded and schedule was filled.

- Those who signed up were sent a confirmation email and also a reminder 3 days before their signup date. They were also sent a link to a video to give them some guidance as to how to pray during this time.
 - Leaders – Jan Foster
 - More training is required before the weekend;
 - Initial meeting with Rector/a and BU Rector/a soon after calling.
 - Boot camp for Core Team before calling the team
 - More training during team meetings.
 - Suggestion was made to hold a ‘weekend preview’ training session – an abbreviated day at camp. Team members would perform their assigned duties with guidance and explanation of why they do what they are asked to do.
 - Discussion was held concerning the lack of community spirit ‘behind the scenes’ during weekends.
 - Local Palanca – Dorene Reardon - absent
 - Outreach – Jim McConnell
 - Immediate need for contact person (ambassador) at each church to:
 - Open the door for Jim to meet with their Pastor
 - Gather updated information – addresses, reunion groups, etc.
 - Meet with reunion groups to encourage sponsorship of candidates and attendance at ultreyas and at camp during weekends.
 - Hand out newsletters and reminders of upcoming events.
 - David Lind to send list by church to Jim; Jim, Tom and Dave M to review and begin process.
 - Explore a clergy experience – if not a weekend, possibly a one-day experience.
 - Physical – open position
 - Post VdC – Christ Klafs - absent
 - It was suggested to hold an activity for community excitement – social, picnic or silent auction, for example.
 - Pre VdC – Christy Wilson
 - No activity at this time.
 - Prayer Line – Marilyn Moore - absent
 - Purchasing – Jerry Brown
 - Spent \$1805.01 (\$32.23 per person) Coed #2 weekend (see report).
 - Reported we can no longer return food items for credit at Sam’s.
 - A suggestion was made to locate a church in the camp’s vicinity that will be willing to come by camp on Sunday afternoon and take all leftover food items. Christy Wilson to check with her church.
 - Continue to seek replacement for position.
- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 5 Year Plan—tabled
 - Members were reminded to review the goals.

- Weekends 2020
 - Discussion was held concerning number of weekends to be held and number of candidates necessary for weekend dynamics.
 - Jim McConnell moved and Jan Foster amended: **Sonbeam Vdc to make a non-refundable \$500 deposit to the camp for Spring 2020 weekend. If we have a total of 20 candidates for Coed Weekend #3 by cut-off date of October 24, 2019, we will hold the Spring Coed #4 Weekend. If less than 20 candidates, the Spring weekend will be canceled. The community to be asked to intentionally pray for discernment for our movement, the upcoming Fall team and weekend, and sponsoring the candidates God has chosen for the Fall weekend.** Lynn Henderson seconded. Motion carried.
 - First choice of dates for Spring Weekend - April 23-26, 2020.
- Purchasing Process – tabled
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Relocation of Vdc Trailer – Tom reported that due to thefts in the trailer’s current location, he has been advised to find it another home. Lynn Ryan made a motion **to move the trailer**; Jan Foster seconded; motion carried. Tom to oversee relocation to another member’s property.
- **GENERAL:**
 - Ultreya Suggestions:
 - Should another day be considered – Sunday afternoons?
 - Picnic in park alternative or other ‘social’ activity.
 - Silent Auction to raise funds
 - Work day at camp combined with potluck Ultreya
 - NLS – July 2019
 - Attending: Tom and Lynn Henderson, Jim and Lynn Ryan, Bobbi and David Lind
Delegates to be assigned at a later date.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Conlen-Henderson, Secretary

Next regular meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2 pm. Location to be determined.