

**Minutes of South Carolina Secretariat Meeting
Zion Lutheran Church, Lexington, SC
January 26, 2008**

Present: Jim Ullery, Merry Mulcahy, Denny Thomas, Dale Knight, Dale Peek, Mary Joan Gogel, Billie Lewis
Absent: Karen Hesselbart, Pastor Cedric Gibb, Sherry Fowler
Guests: Ron Redd, Ric Cosgrove

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Jim Ullery led us in devotion.

What should the Secretariat do as a body when someone that has attended a weekend has passed on to be with our Lord?

After discussion it was decided that we would keep it simple. We will keep a number of cards on hand in order that we may have one to sign at our next meeting and send it to the spouse.

Rector Reports

Ron Redd gave us a status of the Men's weekend. The team has 52 members. His team meeting dates are 2/23, 3/8, and 3/29. Ron gave us a list of the team.

Ric Cosgrove gave us a status of the Co-ed weekend.

Future Secretariat Meetings

February 16 – This meeting will be held at the camp in order to inventory the trailer.

March 15 – This meeting will be held at Christus Victor. It will be closed so that we can elect Rector and Rectora's for upcoming weekends.

Support of HOF-TEC

The Secretariat discussed how we might support their ministry.

- Attend future Hoot's
- Engage our community to work on their weekends (Memorial Day, Martin Luther King Day)

Upcoming Via de Cristo Gathering (April 4-5)

Vivian Knight sent registration forms and information to the Secretariat. Additional information is on the website events page.

Assignments of Lay Members:

Some of the assignments had been held in abeyance until this meeting. The following final assignments were made:

Lay Director	Jim Ullery
Treasurer	Denny Thomas
Secretary	Billie Lewis
Communication	Dale Knight

Pre-Weekend	Merry Mulcahy
Weekend	Karen Hasselbart
Post-Weekend	Dale Peek
Palanca	Sherry Fowler
Leadership	Mary Joan Gogel
Head Spiritual Director	Pastor Cedric Gibb

Contact information was collected for the new lay members.

Weekend Preparation

Karen has purchased new containers.

Next meeting is at the camp and the trailer will be reviewed.

Jim informed us that the banners have fallen. We will investigate alternatives for storage.

We will also consider developing a floor plan for the loading of the trailer.

We now have several sets of communion ware. We will probably begin to pass this along from Rector(a) to Rector(a) to avoid damage from the trailer.

Website Update:

Dale Knight reported that the transfer of the website has not been completed. We have two individuals that have expressed a desire to continue/join the website team. They are Wayne Lomax and Ric Cosgrove.

2008 Weekend Update:

Merry had one additional pilgrim for the Women's weekend. Current registered pilgrims include 1 for the Men's weekend and 1 for the Women's weekend.

The deadlines for the weekends (minimum of 9 pilgrims) according to the by-laws are:

- Men's – March 11
- Women's – March 25

Secrecy Surrounding the Upcoming Rector(a)s

It appears that some folks do not like the secrecy surrounding the upcoming Rector(a)s. After some discussion, it was determined that we will continue to hold this information until disclosure at the closings because of the following:

- People may decide not to serve on one weekend in order to serve on another because of the Rector(a) assigned to lead that weekend.
- People need to concentrate on the present weekends and not future weekends.
- The leaders are not selected until March and they are made known in April.

Financial Report:

Denny Thomas noted that we have turned the corner on our finances. He feels we are in good shape for the near future but should still practice good stewardship. A detailed document describing the financial status was handed out at the meeting.

In addition, the visiting rectors were reminded that we should continue to:

- Receive money from team members as soon as possible.
- Receive money from pilgrims before the weekend.

Engaging the Pastors

We discussed the situation to update everyone. We will continue to discuss this topic in the months ahead.

Training

Our new Leadership Chair discussed training and the need for it. A training plan is in the works.

Engaging the Community

We need to find out how people want to be engaged and to inform them of ways that they can become engaged (serenade, prayer, sponsorship, etc.)

National Delegates

We will discuss this at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Knight
Temporary Secretary