

South Carolina Via de Cristo
Secretariat Meeting
St Stephen Lutheran Church, Lexington, SC
August 21, 2010

The meeting was opened with Come Holy Spirit led by Ric Cosgrove.

The Devotion was given by Ron Redd.

Communion was given by Pastor Christi Pursey.

Present: Ric Cosgrove, Ron Redd, Dale Peek, Billie Lewis, Christi Pursey, David Armstrong, Sharon Crout and Vivian Knight.

Absent: Pastor Kathy Harris.

Pastor Cedric Gibb resigned from Secretariat per Email to Ric.

Clifford Lewis sent the Men's Team Books, radios and the Cross for the Men's Weekend by Billie. Ron Redd took the books, which he volunteered to return to the trailer. He also took the radios and will bring them to the camp for Sharon to use on the up coming Coed Weekend. The Cross was given to Ric until our next Rector is named.

Rectora's Report:

Sharon wants the Dedication of Crosses done at send off.

She wants clarification of age limit for participation on a weekend. If the Pastor and Sponsor agree the pilgrim is ready and already active in his church, is it okay for him to attend the Coed Weekend (he is under 21 years of age)? After much discussion it was decided to let him attend. His Pastor will be in touch with Hoff Tec. Ric volunteered to help with readings at night Chapel. Jim Ullery will also be asked to help with this. Sharon wants to know how strict the dress code is for professors. Do they have to wear suits, ties and dress shirts? Discussion followed and it was agreed a jacket is not required but a nice shirt and tie is acceptable. Is it okay for Professors to work in other positions and come in to give a Rollo? Yes, they do not have to be in the Rollo Room the whole time. The next Rector will be invited to the weekend to sit at the table with the Pastors and Sharon, to observe how the weekend progresses. Sharon still needs about five more people to serve on the team and Secretariat was asked to let our churches know. She has a music team, Serenade has been taken care and the Prayer Banner is posted and ready for volunteers.

Dale Peek has planned an Ultreya in Columbia on November 6, 2010.

Ric is developing information books for Regional efforts (facilitators, trainers and speakers). He wants our input about what will be different and positive to add to this information. What are the problems and what do you see as solutions. At our September

meeting we will discuss this, have it in place by the November meeting and send it out to the community.

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Treasurer: Denny Thomas is stepping down as treasurer and would like a replacement in place by November when the new members join Secretariat. David Armstrong made a motion – second by Ron Redd as follows: Treasurer will be a non voting member of Secretariat. He suggest we send an Email to the community asking any professional Bookkeeper or CPA if they would be willing to volunteer in this capacity. They would be responsible for paying all bills, having an independent Audit done each year and sending the appropriate tax forms in. Two members of the community were suggested and they will be contacted by Ric. He will give us the results of those phone calls at the September meeting.

We discussed the Web Site renewal and Ron Redd made a motion with a second from David Armstrong that we renew the website for a two year period. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Ron has made a list for purchases for the upcoming weekend and asked Sharon to let him know if they have any needs. Ron also sent out sponsor and pilgrim envelopes for the weekend. Ron also wants to know if we want him to get available dates for weekends.

Pastor Johnson has purchased two pods for the camp and has given us access to one for our supply storage.

Vivian gave a report on the National Meeting she and Billie attended. During several meetings concerning helping weekends grow the following points seem to be problem areas that need our attention:

1. After a Professor gives a talk they cannot serve again for 2 years
2. You should only sit on Secretariat 1 term
3. Remember this is GOD's Weekend and HE is in control, we are not
4. A must is that you are in a Reunion Group if you serve on Secretariat

The next National Secretariat will be held in Charlotte, NC next year and they have asked for our help. It is a lot of work and they need a lot of volunteers. So start now talking to your Sisters and Brothers in Christ about going to Charlotte and helping where we can.

Our next meeting will be September 18

Kathy Harris will do Faith Sharing

Ron closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Billie S Lewis, Secretary