

Minutes of the Secretariat meeting held March 16, 2013
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Columbia, SC

In attendance: Gina Shuey, Cheryl Paul, Pastor Jim Glander, Pastor Patti Sue Burton-Pye, Jim Ullery, Vic Milejczak, Tom Ramsey, and Weezy Kimbrell.

Secretariat members gathered with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church members, friends, and Bishop Yoos for kickoff to Water Mission International Walk for Uwanji.

The meeting was called to order 10:05 am.

Prayer requests were submitted.

Devotions were offered by Weezy Kimbrell.

Order of Business-

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Co-ed #13 Update-

Tom asked if there was a rule about the number of Pilgrims that can take part in the weekend from one church. There is none. Right now there are 7 Pilgrims from Messiah. Anne confirmed that there are 4 Pilgrims listed on the website who were on the waiting list who are planning on attending the weekend.

Secretariat approved Tom's selections for Head Cha, other Head Cha positions, and three Spiritual Directors for Co-ed 13 weekend. Tom would like to have a fourth pastor. Several names were suggested for pastors for Tom to contact. We have found out that the kitchen at Nazarene Camp will not be done until after the weekend. In the future someone on the team will have to be certified in Food Preparation. Jim will look further into this to see what needs to be done.

The team meetings will be at Zion Lutheran Church and will be held the following dates:
July 27, August 10, August 24, and September 14. The Head Cha meeting will be at Tom's house on July 13.

Messiah Lutheran Church will provide the dinner for Saturday night of the weekend. Tom will leave a Silent Professor chair open for the next Rector(a). That person will be voted on in April.

Leadership-

Jim and Weezy stated that there will be a Newcomer's Meeting about VDC on June 22 at Nazarene Camp. Their idea is to set up the Rollo Room from beginning to end, walk throughout the camp to visit the four main areas of the camp-Rollo Room, kitchen, chapel, and the dorms, discuss the progression of the weekend from Thursday through Sunday, have time for music, prayer, and meditation, etc. Jim discussed bringing in lunch from Shealys and asking for a love offering to cover that cost. The thought was to open this up to everyone who wants to attend, involve Secretariat in covering several areas, and

have it go from 10 am-3 pm. Weezy will design the flyer to send out to the community. Some issues to take care of before then is moving the trailer from Camp Kinard to Nazarene and buying new poles and tables.

The National Lutheran Secretariat Meeting will be held in Miami July 26-29. Usually VDC pays for the registration. Weezy brought up the concern of the travel expenses to get down to Miami. We decided to table this until the next meeting. Weezy will send out an invitation to the community about it to see if others are interested in going.

Utreya-

The Utreya on April 20 is at Messiah Lutheran Church. Even though 'Operation Inasmuch' is going on with some churches, it was decided that the Utreya should still go on as planned. Pastor Tim Bupp will preside over the Utreya. Music will be led by Gina and accompanied by Weezy, and others.

Weekend-

Vic went to the Catholic shop to check on the crosses. They have them for \$5. The chains vary in length and cost an additional amount. A 24" chain with a cross is \$6.30. The turnaround is 1.5 weeks. We also need service cards and sheets. There are plenty of the pilgrim guide books left. Tom will add the service cards and sheets to the list for the Head Cha to do.

Pastor Ginger at Mt. Horeb in Chapin has inquired about VdC. We have offered to send a delegation to Mt. Horeb to make a presentation, but she has not returned Vic's calls about when to do it. Vic will continue to try to meet with her face to face to talk about a time and a date.

Vic looked into the poles and tables needed for the Rollo Room. The cheapest that he found was at Sams for \$99 each for a 60" round table. We can let the community know of the need for financial contributions to pay for this. Secretariat approved the expenses. The PVC pipes can be replaced in May when we meet at Camp Kinard for our May meeting.

Discussion of Future Weekends-

Cheryl checked with the Coastal Retreat Center about future dates that we could hold weekends. They had Sept. 11-14, 2014 that they could hold for us for the same terms and the same price as COED 12. We will need to let the director know soon. Jim will contact the Methodist Church to make sure that we can use their facilities as we did during the last weekend. One question that we had was whether we owe them a deposit for those dates.

Songbooks-

25 more song books have been purchased.

Communication-

Jason will build the website. Our question was to ask who would maintain it. We can ask Dale what he needs for help. Dale built the page, is the webmaster, and is the data guy. Don will clarify with Jason what he will do. It needs to be updated with the new Secretariat information. Team applications should be sent to Pam.

At past Synod Assemblies we have had videos running and/or brochures to give out to others about VDC. We have paid \$120 for a booth. Those who man the booths are usually not delegates. Having someone there present ensures that questions can be answered one on one. The booths need people there from beginning to end- 8am – 4pm. The concern is that usually the older people are the ones to take those shifts and we really want to bring in younger people into VDC. There was discussion that the younger

generation does not communicate with a brochure. Having a Facebook page would be the next step for SCVDC. Gina will see that the booth is manned during the Synod Assembly.

Spiritual -

Pastor Jim is still trying to set a date to bring pastors together to talk about Via de Cristo. He will contact others via email to see what dates might work for those pastors.

Wrap-up

Secretariat went into closed session for discernment on the next Rector(a). We need a quorum at the April meeting so that we can vote.

Closing prayer was offered by Gina.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be held April 20 at Messiah Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Weezy Kimbrell
Stand in Secretary for Pam Creasy