

Minutes of the Secretariat meeting held September 19, 2015

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Lexington, SC

In Attendance: Tom Ramsey, Bobbi Burns, Gretchen Neff, Don Lybrand, Dale Peek, Dee Glander, Ron Redd

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome: Tom Ramsey

Prayer Requests: Prayers for healing for those battling illness. Prayers for those in hospital and for those anticipating surgery. Continued prayers for those who have been released and recuperating at home. Prayers for nominees for Secretariat.

Devotions: Gretchen Neff – "Praying for Big Things"

Minutes from August Meeting where not available since Pam Creasy was not in attendance.

Financial Report was not available since Pam was not in attendance.

a. Camp Kinard status: Pastor Tommy Lineberger sent the Secretariat a text explaining why there is no way Camp Kinard can help us bridge the \$1000 gap between their price and that from Camp Nazarene. (See Attached) After a lengthy discussion about Reunion Groups furnishing some of the meals to help defray the cost, it was decided that Tom would bring the issue to the Community at the Ultreya on October 17th.

Duties of Secretariat:

a. Pre-Weekend – Revision of the wording of the Pilgrim application was discussed and Bobbi rewrote the application with Secretariat input. Baggies for Pilgrim and Team phones and watches would be distributed at check-in.

b. Weekend - Jamie Lynn was bringing his golf cart and Don was renting (\$200) another one from Art's Carts. Don had purchased six walkie-talkie sets with rechargeable batteries for the weekend. They will have a frequency up to two miles. Don spent \$90 and said he would donate them to SCVDC if they worked as expected.

c. Post Weekend/Ultreya – The Ultreya will be held on October 17th 2015 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church beginning at 10 a.m. Everyone is to bring a dish to share. The Lay Talk will be given by Don Dukes followed by sharing at the tables by those in attendance.

The Spring Ultreya will be held on May 28, 2016 possibly at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Columbia, SC.

d. Palanca – Tom had received from George the Palanca from the National Gathering to be shared at the Coed #15 weekend.

e. Communications – The data base must be kept up to date because it is very useful when trying to find information about a Cursillista. The year that someone made their weekend is not included in the data base. The next newsletter needs to be sent out before Christmas and needs to include a summary article from Marvin Crout, Rector for Coed #15, a listing of the new Cursillistas, a summary article from Ron Redd about the October 17th Ultreya, and information of upcoming weekends from Cliff Lewis (Rector Men's #30) and Karen Hesselbart (Rectora Women's #31)

f. Music – No report

g. Leadership – It was suggested not to have the Sponsorship Workshop on November 7th because that date is too far removed from when Cursillistas will be considering sponsorship of Pilgrims for the 2016 Spring weekends. A "Sponsorship Extravaganza" was tentatively scheduled for January 16, 2016 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. Tom asked Dee to send the Guidelines for Rector(a) to Barbara Burger.

h. Spiritual - Pastor Brad Belluh sent a message to the Secretariat suggesting that a VDC be held at Lutheran Southern Seminary. He also suggested that members of the Community go to Black and Hispanic churches to invite them to attend a weekend. Because no pastors were present, the discussion of these suggestions was tabled until the next meeting.

We shared our thoughts and frustrations as to how to get pastors to serve on weekends and on the Secretariat.

Tom is going to check with the National VDC and the SC Synod about having non-Lutheran pastors, who have made a VDC, serve on Secretariat.

Dates for Secretariat Meetings through December:

Oct. 17th – Ultreya & vote on new Secretariat members

Nov. 21 – New Members Pot Luck

Dec. OFF

Old Business:

A. Names were submitted for Secretariat positions. Secretariat members will call those submitted and report back at the October meeting.

B. Pastor Jim Glander summarized the first Discover Discipleship Retreat for Young Adults held September 11-13, 2015 at a log house in Mill Spring, NC. The staff, led by Pastor Ginger Litman-Koon, consisted of Pastor Patti Sue Burton-Pye, Pastor Jim Glander, Assistant to the Bishop Eric Wolf, Karla Fulmer, Carol Koon and Dee Glander. There were nine Explorers who arrived Friday evening at various times and then enjoyed a meal together and getting acquainted. On Saturday the Explorers explored, through Bible based discussions, how to become a disciple of Jesus. On Sunday the Explorers were challenged to live their lives as disciples of Jesus. The format was structured and included discussion periods, craft activities to enhance the topics being discussed, but also provided for free time on Saturday afternoon. Group worship was held each morning and evening. Through an online program entitled "Kahoot" the participants were invited to give feedback using their cell phones on various parts of the weekend. Their input was immediately shown on the screen which provided everyone with graphs of their answers.

The staff will be meeting in a few weeks to evaluate the program and make any necessary changes as suggested by the results of the "Kahoot" survey. Overall, the staff felt the weekend went well and that future weekends will be held to help prepare these young adults for VDC.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Glander.