

MN Lutheran Via de Cristo State Council Minutes
January 6, 2025

Convener Greg Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Kirstin Gonzales, Carol Hellen, Brian Rath, Janine Schimmelman, Greg Thompson, Chris Van Hofwegen, Loren Van Pelt, Veronica Van Pelt, Monica Voss, and Rosanna Chambliss

Members Absent: Pastor Brown (E)

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

To accept December minutes (M: Motion carried).

REPORTS

Convener (Greg)

- A list of businesses with which MN VdC previously had tax-exemptions on file has been provided to Janine, who will investigate whether these tax-exemptions are still valid or if we need to re-register them.
- Sponsor instructions have been added onto the MN VdC website under the Forms tab.

Admin & Finance (Janine):

- Insurance is coming due in February.
- The trailer tabs for this year have been bought.
- Kairos prison ministry sent a letter indicating that they're looking for people to be on their board.

Metro Director (Carol)

- The 4th Day rector for the women's weekend is looking for more team members.
- A 4th Day rector has been identified for the men's weekend. Two Rollo Room assistant rectors are still needed.
- Carol is looking for an alternate church for the Jan. 25 training session.
- On Dec 15, a Metro Council meeting was held.
 - A request was made for the 8.5" x 11" tri-fold brochure that explains what VdC is about. Janine will upload this to the website.
 - The first "Small Service Project" is planned for March 30 at Faith Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids.
 - Joe and Carol are working on a thank you/first communication letter to the VdC liaisons who have been identified as still being active.

Newsletter – (Monica)

- Monica is planning to distribute a January newsletter,

Communications – (Veronica)

- Veronica is looking into the "Text in Church" app as a communication method for MN VdC to reach out to the younger generation. She has a 14-day trial. This app appears to meet our communication needs; but the cost needs further investigation.
- Per Chris, Resurrection Lutheran Church uses it for its planning centers. He will look into what text messaging app is used by Riverside Church.

Next meeting: Mon, Feb. 3, starting at 7pm.

Motion: To adjourn at 7:41 pm (M: BR/CVH; Motion carried)

Closing Prayer: Greg