

MN Lutheran Via De Cristo State Council Minutes  
October 7, 2024

Convener Greg Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Members Present:** Pastor Brown, Kirsten Gonzales, Carol Hellen, Janine Schimmelman, Greg Thompson, Chris Van Hofwegen, Loren Van Pelt, Monica Voss, and Rosanna Chambliss

Members Absent: Veronica Van Pelt (E)

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Brown

**To accept July minutes** (M:GT; Motion carried).

**Introduction of Pastor Brown:** The new State Council Spiritual Director, Pastor Brown, was introduced.

## **REPORTS**

### **Assistant Convener (Chris)**

- No report.

### **Metro – Director (Carol)**

- 7 of 12 members were present at the Sept. 15 Metro meeting.
- Brenda Brown has volunteered to fill the Metro Council Music Director position.
- The position of Secretary needs to be filled.
- The topic of having an account for the Metro Council to use for costs such as rental of churches for 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community Gatherings was discussed. Carol will summarize the proposal in a motion to be voted on at the next State Council meeting.
- A 4<sup>th</sup> Day Annual Gathering will be held Oct. 12 at Christ Lutheran Church in Lake Elmo.
- Each chairperson on the Metro council should have a 3-ring binder that includes a description of their job. Loren will look for these descriptions and provide them to Carol.
- Still looking to fill the Director Elect position on the State Council.
- Lynn Stafford has been confirmed as rector for the upcoming Women's Weekend.
- Still looking for a rector for the upcoming Men's Weekend.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Day Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) event has been confirmed for Jan. 18, Noon – 1:45pm to be held at both Coon Rapids and Eagan.
- Men's and Women's Weekends are scheduled for February 20-23rd and February 27- March 2, 2025, respectively.
- A fundraiser dinner is tentatively scheduled for April or May 2025.
- The weekends for the next 2 years are planned as follows:

- Feb-Mar 2025 - Men's/Women's weekends
- Aug 2025 – Co-ed weekend
- Jan-Feb 2026 – Co-ed weekend
- Fall, 2026 – Men's/Women's weekends
- Another 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community event is planned for some time during 2025.
- Greg will provide an overview sheet of director tasks to Carol.
- Carol requested that when the Metro District holds a weekend that the evaluations are provided to herself as Metro Director.

**Admin & Finance (Janine):**

Motion: **Put the \$5000 for NLS into a CD.** (M:CVH/KG; Motion carried)

- The money set aside for a future NLS will be invested in a short-term CD (2 years or less).
- An overview was provided for Pastor Paul of the current prayer request system. Going forward, if a questionable request is received, it will be forwarded to Pastor Paul for his recommendation on how to handle.
- The council agreed that any rosters of weekenders posted on the web site should be removed for privacy reasons.

**Metro – Past Director (Kirsten)**

- Nothing additional to Carol's report.

**Operations (Loren)**

- Monica will be sending back to Loren changes she made to the redlined by-laws.
- Binders are planned for each Metro position that will include a brief explanation of the job duties of each position.

**Newsletter – (Monica)**

- A September newsletter was sent out. There will not be an Oct. newsletter.

**Convenor (Greg)**

- Greg provided a short report on the Ultreya held by the North District on Oct. 6. There is interest in having another VdC weekend up North.
- Musicians in the North District bought 100 music books to use in place of the Psalm 33 Songs music books, so the State Council could take these music books back.

**Next meeting:** Mon, Nov. 4, starting at 7pm.

**Motion:** To adjourn at 8:35 pm (M:CVH/GT; Motion carried)

**Closing Prayer:** Chris