

MN Via De Cristo State Council Minutes
Feb. 5, 2024

Convener Greg Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Carol Hellen, Janine Schimmelman, Greg Thompson, Veronica Van Pelt, Monica Voss, and Rosanna Chambliss

Absent: Chris Von Hofwegen, Kirsten Gonzales, Loren Van Pelt

Opening Prayer: Carol

Coordinator/Treasurer (Janine):

- 200 yellow books have been ordered at a cost of \$1.85/each.
- St. Stephen's have been paid for the use of the church in Jan for the VDC weekends.
- The Valentine's Day fundraiser plus related donations cleared \$1871. The VDC weekends in Jan cleared \$4600.
- Janine cannot currently run a Rector Eligibility List due to database issues, but Greg will provide his copy to Carol.

Metro – Director Elect (Carol)

- Minutes for the metro council are currently not being distributed or posted. Carol will let the Metro council secretary know that she can either ask Janine for questions about posting the minutes on the MN VDC website, or Rosanna for other questions about distributing the minutes.
- Kirstin is working towards a 4th Day Community Gathering in May
- A Co-Ed weekend will be held at Lutheran Church of the Master in Brooklyn Park on Aug 15 - 18. A rector for this weekend still needs to be identified.
- Tentative Plans for 2025:
 - Rectors have been identified for the Men's and Women's VDC weekends targeted for the first weekend in February.
- Carol will be distributing the Metro Council by-laws to the Metro Council members to become more familiar with. She is also working on establishing clearer definitions of responsibilities for the Metro Council positions, as well as establishing sub-committees for site selection and for church liaisons.
- Lord of Life in Maple Grove is no longer an option for VDC weekends.
- Janine will send Carol a list of previous locations of VDC weekends and the size of the communities there.
- Carol was recommended to ask Brenda Brown for specifics about which churches in WI where the MN VDC could hold weekends.
- The idea of a combined annual meeting and business meeting with ultreya and potluck was offered up for the Metro council to consider.

Convenor (Greg)

- Thank-You's to those who helped with the set-up, etc. for the Valentine's Day dinner.

Communications – (Veronica)

- Veronica will post an invite from Lake Elmo's church for their April 30 Ultreya.

Newsletter – (Monica)

- Janine offered to provide a message from Pastor Bill to include in the March newsletter since he will be writing one for Easter (March 30)
- Monica will include info about Lake Elmo's church Ultreya in the newsletter.

Next meeting: Sat, April 6, In-person meeting at Greg's place starting at 9:30a.m.

Closing Prayer: Bill

Motion: To adjourn. (M: ??; Motion Carried). The meeting adjourned at ~ 8:35 pm.