

MN Lutheran Via De Cristo State Council Minutes
August 5, 2024

Convener Greg Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

Opening Prayer: Carol

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

REPORTS

Convener (Greg)

- The Ultreya at the Marty's originally scheduled in August has been cancelled. It may be held at a later date this fall.

Assistant Convener (Chris)

- No report.

Admin & Finance (Janine):

- Veronica provided the NLS the information that they've been requesting. The NLS would also like to be informed when future weekends are scheduled.
- Joy Todd contacted Janine about wanting to help get more followers on the MN VdC Facebook page.
- Additional songbooks or other music for VdC weekends will be needed in the near future. Options are limited for procuring either the current "Psalm 33" songbook or the previous "Green" songbook. Alternatively, PowerPoints of music have previously been used during weekends. MN VdC has a Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI) license to do this.
 - Current musicians will be contacted for their input on which songbook to use going forward.
 - We have a resource for procuring additional "Psalm 33" books, though it would require a special printing set-up and longer advance notice.
 - Janine will research what options are available for procuring additional copies of the "Green" music book from its publisher.

Operations (Loren)

- No report.

Metro – Director (Carol)

- The final training session for the upcoming co-ed VdC weekend has been completed. 18 – 20 weekenders are anticipated.
- Carol and Kirsten met on July 18. Along with regular planning, a few notes submitted by a concerned 4th Day member were reviewed and noted.
- A Metro District meeting was held on July 29.
- Considering renaming the Oct 12 "Ultreya for 4th Day Community" to "4th Day Annual Gathering," since it isn't exactly an ultreya.
 - The rough agenda for Oct. 12 is Worship, Talk, Idea Exchange Session1, Potluck, Idea Exchange Session2, Talk, Closing.

- o For the IDEA Exchange sessions, Veronica has suggested 9 areas based on information gathered at the NLS annual meeting. The details of these sessions are being worked out by Carol, Veronica, and Kirsten, but the general thought is that attendees would select one area to attend per IDEA Exchange session, then gather back into groups to share what they learned from the talks that they attended.
- o The proposed IDEA Exchange areas include 1) Sponsors, 2) Giving Lay Rollos, 3) Power of Palanca, 4) Purpose and Focus of JOG, 5) Holding an Ultreya, 6) Communications, 7) Music, 8) Essentials, and 9) NLS
- Veronica is working on feedback forms specific to each rollo that would list the main points that the rollo should cover. These forms would be completed by a limited number of team members (e.g., leadership table) and would be used during the rollo presentations to the team to check if each rollo is covering its main points.
- The next Metro District meeting will be in September.

Metro – Past Director (Kirsten)

- Nothing additional.

Newsletter – (Monica)

- Working on the next newsletter.

Communications – (Veronica)

- Rosanna helped with finding verses and songs for August. Veronica has email and Facebook posts scheduled for August. Both will go out on the same day and time.
- Veronica is gathering info on Text in Church.com as a method of communicating via text messages. Cost would be \$30 - \$80 per month, and would include unlimited email, app, video pages, surveys, and a phone line. It is available for a free demo on Tuesday at 2pm and Thursday at 10am. Veronica is attending the August 5 session.
- To expand 4th Day Community communications, Veronica is looking into the potential use of Discord, another social platform.
- Veronica brought up that the younger generation tends to want merchandise like t-shirts. If we come up with logos, the site Fourthwall.com can print the logos on t-shirts for sale. They take a 3% profit, and VdC could also take a small percentage of the t-shirt selling price for profit.
- Veronica is requesting info from all the council members for the “Get to Know” column so that she has the info available. She’s also looking on expanding the column to include the 4th Day Community.

Next meeting: Mon, Sept. 9, starting at 7pm.

Motion: To adjourn at 8:12 pm (M:CVH;MV; Motion carried)

Closing Prayer: Chris