

MN Lutheran Via de Cristo State Council Minutes  
December 9, 2024

Convener Greg Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:05 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:** Rosanna

**To accept November minutes** (M: VVP/CVH; Motion carried).

**Motion: To appoint Brian Rath as Metro Director Elect** (M: VVP/CVH; Motion carried)

## **REPORTS**

### **Admin & Finance (Janine):**

- Mark has not yet had a chance to look at the database due to family issues.
- Janine will be meeting with Bill and Heather Johnson, the Treasurers for the Men's and Women's weekends respectively, in the coming week.
- The CCLI certificate, musician list and a musician binder were passed to Brenda Brown.

### **Metro Director (Carol)**

- On Nov. 7 Kirsten and Carol met with Brian to discuss what's next for the Metro Council.
- The current plan is that Brian will remain as Director Elect, Carol will remain as Director, and Kirstin will remain as Past Director, until May 2026.
- Day 1 Leadership training was held on Nov. 17 and lead by Kirstin, Brian, and Carol. As previously agreed, the bins of materials were delivered to the rectors on Nov. 14.
- Day 2 Team training was held on Dec 7 and lead by Brian, Veronica, Kim Heilmann, and Carol. There are almost 50 members on the Women's team.
- The Men's team still needs 2 Assistant Rectors, a 4<sup>th</sup> Day Rector, and quite a few team.
- Additional training days for the weekend include Jan 11, Jan 25, and Feb 9.
- On Nov 18, a Metro Council meeting was held. The following days have been set:
  - March 30 – First of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday gatherings
  - April 26 – Fundraiser dinner
  - Aug 14-17 – Targeted for co-ed weekend
- Brian will help with performing an inventory of the trailer for the Feb weekends
- Carol will be talking with a potential Metro secretary to start tentatively in March.
- The goal is to select the rector and ideally identify the church for the August co-ed weekend to announce in Feb at the clausuras of the weekends.
- On Dec.4 the group who is working on an effort to update the VdC liaison database met to review progress and discuss next steps. Of the 127 known previous liaisons, 30 have been confirmed as willing to continue as liaisons.
- Three (3) SD's have been identified for both the Men's and Women's weekends.
- Carol had several questions that were discussed about how unexpected Metro Council expenses had been addressed in the past.

### **Communications – (Veronica)**

- Focus had been on preparing for the Day 2 training, so further investigation of text messaging apps has been delayed.

### **Convenor (Greg)**

- A projector that had previously been donated to VdC was used during training. Loren will procure the adapters that this projector needs to enable it to be used with laptops.
- Veronica has a projector that can be used for the women's team training.
- A list is needed that identifies locations that are already tax-exempt approved for VdC. Greg will send the page from the Kitchen Rector binder that lists previously approved locations to Janine, who will verify which are still tax-exempt approved locations for VdC.
- Janine has ordered Bibles, craft paper, poster paper and bags for the next weekends.
- Brian is developing a list to go with each weekend bin to help track what gets used and needs replenishing.
- Yellow books, crosses, songbooks, and renewal cards are kept in an Essentials bin.
- Currently the weekender application form that is located on the website does not include a sponsor sheet. Janine will update the form to include this.

**Next meeting:** Mon, Jan. 6, starting at 7pm.

**Motion:** To adjourn at 8:17 pm (M:CVH/BR; Motion carried)

**Closing Prayer:** Loren