

MN Via De Cristo State Council Minutes
Jan. 8, 2024

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

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

Absent: Kirsten Gonzales

Metro Director – Elect

- Lord of Life (Maple Grove) has been contacted about holding VDC weekend(s) there in August; no specific weekend(s) have been set yet.
- The search for a rector / rectora for the August VDC weekend(s) has begun
- The search for candidates to fill the Metro Director – Elect position come May is in progress. The Director – Elect needs to be rector eligible; but they are not required to have already been a weekend rector.
- The Valentine’s Day dinner and silent auction will be held at Redeemer Lutheran on Feb. 17.

Coordinator/Treasurer

- A generous donation was received from the estate of Ron Machel.
- Estimates expenses for 2024 are \$4300

Communications

- A “Get to Know” for the council members will soon be added to the web site and into the monthly newsletter. Each month a council member will be featured.
- An email blast will be sent out to request prayers for the weekenders and to let everyone know there’s still room available at the weekends.

Operations

- A contract is in place for the Jan. VDC weekends at St. Stephen’s
- Additional supplies for weekends have been purchased including song books, crosses, candles, and other misc.
- Per the by-laws, council meeting minutes will begin being posted on the website.

MN State Council Open SD Position -

- Pastor Charlie Brown is a possibility for this position.

In Person Meeting -

- The State Council is planning an in person meeting on Sat, March 2.

Next meeting: Monday, Feb. 5 at 7pm