

MN Via De Cristo State Council Minutes
June 3, 2024

Convener Greg Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

Absent: Monica Voss (E), Kirsten Gonzales (U)

Opening Prayer: Chris

Motion: **To accept May minutes as amended.** (M:CV/LV; Motion carried)

Assistant Convener (Chris)

- Chris is sending daily verses to Greg and will include Monica going forward.

Admin & Finance (Janine):

- Janine is working with Thrivent to get Dave off the Thrivent account list, but to do so, a new account list needs to be submitted. Janine, Chris, and Greg will be on the new list.
- Janine submitted a request for a \$250 prepaid card through Thrivent's fund-raising program. The prepaid card will be used toward various expenses related to weekends.
- Janine has blank lanyards. Vinyl pin-on name tag holders are available in the Day 2 bins. A Day 1 question to rectors should be "What type of name tags do they want?"
- Janine has added a new icon on the MN VdC home page to connect to the MN VdC Instagram page, along with the existing icon to connect to the MN VdC Facebook page.
- Janine had Webit create a new "Palanca Requests" tab. Weekend kitchen rectors will provide palanca lists to upload. The tab includes a button for signing up to donate specific items. Janine and/or Veronica will monitor these donations and maintain the palanca list to reflect items still needing donors.
- Janine obtained a flip phone to replace the previous VdC phone.
- On the MN VdC website, the Metro Council positions need to be updated to change Carol to Metro Director and Kirsten to Past Metro Director. Janine will take care of this.

Operations (Loren)

- A subcommittee of Loren, Carol, Monica will be getting together to do final editing of the by-laws. Goal is still to get someone from the north district involved in editing and approving the revising by-laws. TABLED FOR NOW.

Convener (Greg)

- Greg attended the VdC directors' meeting.
- There was clarification that the NLS SD needs to be a board ordained Lutheran Pastor, but this is not necessarily a requirement for other secretariats. The current MN VdC by-laws do indicate that the State SD should be an active Lutheran minister.
- Due to the shortage of SD's, secretariats have used ministers from other churches (e.g. Episcopalian) as State SDs. There are also efforts looking into the training of liaisons to be SDs and providing funds (e.g. \$500) to new seminarians so that they will keep VdC in mind when they are ordained.

Metro – Director (Carol)

- Metro Council has been meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month. They will start meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month to try to improve attendance.
- Upcoming activities:
 - o There will be an ultreya at the Marty farm on Aug. 17. Note: This is on the same weekend as the next metro weekend.
 - o Possible October ultreya with break-out sessions similar to last October's ultreya
 - o Proposed weekend in Feb 2025. Possible locations for this are being looked into.
 - o Possible FMSC ultreya, which would be held at both the Coon Rapids and the Eagan FMSC locations at the same time. Nothing has been scheduled yet.
- Update on August weekend preparations:
 - o Day 1 training with leadership and the rector has been completed.
 - o Day 2 training is coming up. This is being supported by Carol, Jonathan, Kirsten and LouAnn.
 - o Three (3) training sessions are planned, all on Sundays, except for one overnight training. The weekend ultreya will also be on a Sunday.

Communications – (Veronica)

- Posting the “Song of the Week” and the “Verse of the Week” on Facebook is going well.

Newsletter – (Monica)

- The May newsletter has been posted on the MN VdC website.

Discussion:

- Carol is still looking for a Director Elect. The council had previously recommended this be a man to alternate between women and men. Motion. **Approval for Carol to include females when seeking the new Director Elect** (M: VP/CV; Motion carried)
- Carol proposed creating a list of previous Rollistas and their rollos for rectors to reference in case of a last-minute changes where a planned Rollista cannot provide their rollo. This was thought to be unneeded as the rector already has the Council Angel, weekend team, and State and Metro Council members to reach out to.
- There are a couple individuals (Veronica, Kirsten and Pastor Steve) planning to attend the 2024 NLS, and a few others considering attending. Greg will follow up with the undecided folks to confirm who will be attending.

Next meeting: Mon, July 1, starting at 7pm.

Motion: To adjourn. (M: LP/CV; Motion Carried).

Closing Prayer: Greg

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.