

MN Lutheran Via de Cristo State Council Minutes
November 4, 2024

Convener Greg Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Pastor Brown (E), Kirsten Gonzales (U)

Opening Prayer: Chris

To accept October minutes (M:GT; Motion carried).

REPORTS

Admin & Finance (Janine):

- Money set aside for a future NLS has been invested in a 4-month CD at 4.25% through Wells Fargo.
- Heather Johnson will be the Treasurer for the Women's weekend. Still looking for a Treasurer for the Men's weekend.
- Janine is getting the music binder from Jason to pass onto Brenda, who now fills the metro music position.
- The laptop and a database back-up have been provided to Mark to update, as well as a list of reports useful for VdC weekends and other purposes. Mark will be looking at whether an Excel spreadsheet would be easier to use and still be able to provide the needed reports.

Metro – Director (Carol)

- There were 25 – 30 attendees at the 4th Day Annual Gathering held Oct. 12 at Christ Lutheran Church in Lake Elmo. There were 2 break-out sessions with 3 options at each break-out. The smaller groups allowed for good discussion of ideas.
- Volunteer Sign-up sheets were available for liaison calling, small service projects at churches, helping organize the bins of "weekend" manuals, and participation on metro council. No one volunteered for Metro council, but there were 4 volunteers each for the other 3 opportunities.
- Lonnie Isaacson will be the rector for the Men's weekend.
- Rector training for Lonnie and Lynn has been completed. Day 1 Leadership training will be on Nov. 17.
- The Feb – Mar Men's and Women's weekends will be held at Lutheran Church of the Master. The selection coordinator continues to search for additional new churches where future weekends can be held.
- Liaison calling to update the current list of liaisons kicked off on Oct. 27 with a follow-up meeting scheduled for Nov. 24.
- Nine (9) 4th Day members signed up for the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) event to be held at both Coon Rapids and Eagan on Jan. 18, Noon – 1:45pm. Carol will talk with Veronica about distributing information about this event.

- Carol requested that the various team rector manuals be provided to Lonnie and Lynn at least 3 days before the leadership training so they have time to review them and become familiar with each team's responsibilities. Greg will provide these.
- All bins of manuals are intended to be given to the rectors at the Day 1 training.
- Individual team assignments are in the rector books, but the separate manilla envelope packets containing these assignments are missing.

Communications – (Veronica)

- Planning to test two text messaging apps to decide which to recommend pursuing. Both are similar in price.

Convenor (Greg)

- Another Director's meeting upcoming on Nov. 19

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

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

Closing Prayer: Chris