

MN Via De Cristo State Council Minutes
April 6, 2024

Convenor Greg Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

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

Absent: None

Minutes:

- In-person meeting held at Greg Thompson's home.
- Motion: **To accept Chris Van Hofwegen's relinquishment of his Finance Chair Position.** (M: CV/LV; Motion Carried).
- Motion: **To appoint Chris Van Hofwegen as Assistant Convenor.** (M: CV/LV; Motion Carried).
- Motion: **To appoint Janine Schimmelman as Finance Chair/Corporate Treasurer.** (M: CV/LV; Motion Carried).
- Convenor Greg Thompson delegated signature authority on the checking accounts to the Assistant Convenor Chris Van Hofwegen
- The council reconfirmed that district sub-committee members on the state council will include 3 members consisting of the past director, director and director elect.
- Proposed changes to the Lutheran VdC of Mn Bylaws were discussed:
 - Update to use gender neutral terminology throughout
 - Remove references to the south district throughout. (South district has become its own secretariat)
 - Article 1, Section 3: Allow use of electronic notice in addition to in person and or mail notification of meetings.
 - Article 3, Section 1: Update the number of directors to 13. Allow election ballots to be cast by electronic mail as well as postal mail.
 - Article 3, Section 8: Previously if a Council Member had two unexcused absences (i.e., without prior notice) from Council meetings in a VdC year, they would forfeit their seat and be replaced. Amend this to indicate this will occur at the discretion of majority vote of the council members.
 - Article 4, Section 1: Amend to indicate that in the event of only one nomination for Convenor and or Assistant Convenor, the State council shall accept the nomination in lieu of the position(s) being opened to the 4th Day community for nominations.
 - Article 4, Section 4: Clarify that vacancies occurring in any office by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, may be filled by the State Council at any meeting "to fill the remainder of that office term."
 - Article 4, Section 6, A.1: Clarify that the State Nominating Committee is to complete the ballot of candidates for election by the February council meeting. If there are one or less nominations, the State council shall elect

any qualified member of the corporation to fill the term of the vacant position.

- Article 6 – Remove as there are no longer any Employed Position
- Article 7, Section 7- Previously if a District Sub-Committee Member had two unexcused absences (i.e., without prior notice) from the meetings in a VdC year they would forfeit their seat and be replaced. Amend to indicate this will occur at the discretion of majority vote of the sub-committee members.
- Article 8, Section 1- Clarify that for the Rector Selection committee, Co-Ed Rectors, in addition to Men's and Women's rectors, qualify to be on the committee.
- Article 8, Section 5 – Clarify that there is a Secretary, but not a treasurer for the District Sub-Committee.
- Article 8 - Carol would like to see descriptions of District Sub-Committee positions expanded and clarified. She will draft and present proposed updates to these descriptions.
- By unanimous vote, the council agreed to incorporate the proposed changes to the By-Laws. The updated By-Laws will be presented once more to the State Council for final approval.
- Rector eligible candidates were discussed. To set potential Weekend Rectors up for success, the recommendation was made that if individuals have not served in the Rollo room within the past 4 years, they should refresh their understanding of Rollo room activities by serving a role in the Rollo room such as Assistant Rector, Table Lead, or Roista prior to taking on the role of Weekend Rector.
- Council members are asked to review the Blue Book for discussion at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Mon, May 6, starting at 7pm.

Motion: To adjourn. (M: ??; Motion Carried).