

Minutes for the Southern MN Committee Meeting  
May 24, 2012

The Southern MN Committee Meeting was held on May 24, 2012 at Hilltop United Methodist Church in Mankato. Kathy P. once again brought her amazingly delicious Chocolate Chip Cookies. Members present were: Lorna & Russ Reistad, Dave Reedstrom, Joe Wagner, Daryl & Kathy Paulsen, Mike & Sandy Ahrens, Roger & Vikki Van Veldhuizen, Trish Reedstrom, Susan Strong, Jill Norell, Steve Terry P., Pastor Krista and Matt Strum; and Pastor Jerry and Bonnie Lanes.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved with no corrections.

The call to order included a welcome to Dave Reedstrom as the Director Elect for the Southern MN Community and a heartfelt thank you to Jill Norell as our out-going director for her many years of service to Via de Cristo. The Prayer for the Gift of the Holy Spirit was prayed. Devotion was provided by Vikki Van Veldhuizen.

The Financial Report was also read and approved. There is \$806.83 in the General Account, \$108.98 in the Newsletter Account, \$748.00 in the Trailer Fund, and 158.60 in the Liaison Fund, for a total of 1,822.41.

The Newsletter was discussed. Articles are due from Pastor Krista and Trish. The deadline is mid June.

Discussion took place regarding the co-ed weekend to be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Austin on November 15-18. Jill Norell is the Rectora for the weekend and everything is on track. There will be four training weekends and they are: Day 2 Training is August 25<sup>th</sup> with the following trainings to be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, and November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Ultreya will be held December 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Fall Fund Raiser was also discussed. It is to be held Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Bethel Lutheran Church in Northfield. The meal will be at 5:00 and consist of Pork Chops, Corn, and Potatoes. We are hoping that a dessert will be either Apple Pie or Cheese Cake or both. Sandy Ahrens will be the contact person for Kitchen Palanca. Steve Renquist will be the contact person for the Silent Auction items. Gathering will start at 2:00. Susan Strong volunteered to be in charge of the Talent Show. This part of the fund raiser will begin at 3:00. There may also be a volunteer for the ticket sales. She will be contacted. Lorna will do a chart of the items needed with an estimated cost. Russ will remind her to do this. Do you think he will remember???

The next item of discussion was the issues/evaluations from the recent weekends. We are to keep in mind that the weekends are non-denominational but grounded in Lutheran Theology. We are to be of support to the Rollo Room Team members regarding their role and witness. Discussion included having a mentor for the Rectora/Rector. There will also be an assigned mentor to the new people and what their role is on the weekend. We also discussed attendance at team meetings and the support and care for new team members. This is totally an important item to be done. Everyone should attend the team meetings no matter how many times they have heard the information.

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**Three Minute Committee Reports:**

District Directors – Dave, Steve, Trish – Joe Wagner has been appointed at the Operations Director for the State Council. Susan and Lorna will be the monitors of Facebook for the Southern MN area. The contract for the November weekend needs to be given to the state office.

4<sup>th</sup> Day Fire – Tammy S. – Was not present but the deadline for articles is mid June.

Database – Bonnie Lanes – There are 27 paid subscriptions, 39 one year complimentary issues, and 26 last time issues. **Don't let yourself expire!!**-as said by Vikki Van Veldhuizen.

Social Media – Susan Strong – There are 166 members on Facebook. Lorna will assist Susan in monitoring Facebook.

Allocations – Paul V. – Not present

Leadership Training and Development – Lorna and Jill – No report. Already discussed training dates.

Supplies and Property – Russ – The trailer is ready to go.

Music Coordinators – Jill & Terry – Nothing to report.

Historian – Kathy P. – She does not know where either of the manuals are.

Liaison – Mike A. – Nothing to report.

Ultreya – Sandy A. – Melissa Wagner is putting together an Ultreya.

Palanca – Mary Arfmann – Not present but a report indicated that Palanca has been sent to other states.

Site Selection – Daryl, Byron, Joe – Nothing yet.

**2012 Meetings:**

June 28, 2012 at Owatonna – Pastor Jerry will do Devotion---This meeting will be a combination of general meeting and planning meeting for the Fund Raiser.

No meeting in July as that is the National Lutheran Secretariat in Colorado.

August 16, 2012 location to be announced and Lorna will provide a devotion.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer Huggle.

Your Sister In Christ,

Vikki Van Veldhuizen