

Minutes for the Southern MN Committee Meeting  
September 20, 2012

The Southern MN Committee Meeting was held on September 20, 2012 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Owatonna. Steve provided Devotion. Kathy P. once again brought her amazingly delicious Chocolate Chip Cookies. Members present were Mary Arfman, Lorna & Russ, Dave Reedstrom, Daryl & Kathy, Mike & Sandy, Roger & Vikki, Trish, Jill, Steve, Paul Vomhof, Susan Strong, and Joe Milan.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved with corrections.

The Financial Report was also read and approved. It is the same as last time. There is \$806.83 in the General Account, \$178.98 in the Newsletter Account, \$1,748.00 in the Trailer Fund, and 158.60 in the Liaison Fund. Susan still needs the bulb that was approved for purchase at the last meeting. She will get it soon.

The Newsletter was discussed. Tammy was not present. As far as articles and deadlines, she should have what she needs as of the last meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the co-ed weekend #586 to be held November 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Austin. Jill is the Rectora for this weekend. The training was small in numbers but fun and it went well. Leadership is now covered. Steve picked on everyone. He was the picker and the picky.

The Fall Fundraiser was also discussed. It will be held September 29<sup>th</sup> at Bethel Lutheran Church in Northfield. Kathy will bring the delicious Chocolate Chip Cookies for the Silent Auction. There is an email from Dawn regarding the bidding sheets. We need to have the item name, who donated it, and what the minimum bid should be. We were concerned about Steve's height if he auctions things off...will people be able to see him above the item?? Options were presented such as standing on Mike Ahrens's shoulders, using a ladder, stand on a table to dance, sing and auction at the same time. We could put a basket out for donations to have him stop singing. We would really make a lot of money then. Susan discussed the entertainment besides Steve. She indicated that 20 to 30 minutes may be needed for Shirley Gangstad. The other acts are not as lengthy. Lorna and Russ wore their T-shirts. They turned out really, really nice. The final counts for tickets are due the 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a table set up to sell jewelry with about 300 pieces on it.

The Spring Weekend in 2013 will be held in Hutchinson during April. We are looking at a date that is easiest for the church. The fall weekend is yet to be decided as well as the place. The Rector and Rectora will be selected and given time enough to work on the weekend before the co-ed weekend is over. There is to be no recruitment at the current weekend. A sign-up sheet can be in the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Room. This will give the Rector and Rectora the ability to say to whoever wants to work on that team in the spring to sign up in the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Room. 4<sup>th</sup> Day will be in charge of the sign-up sheets.

Replacements for Pastor Jerry and Bonnie were discussed. Carol Reedstrom is willing to be in charge of the database and will work with Tammy. Pastor Krista will continue on as an SD and we will need another one, perhaps a male.

Jim Arend from the state is willing to provide a demonstration of the MN Via de Cristo Database. He is willing to come and share his information with us. Yes, we want him to.

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**Three Minute Committee Reports:**

District Directors – Dave, Steve, Trish – Steve provided an update. Some questions that arose were: Are our weekends out of date? Power Point versus Overheads? How can we update the weekends without changing the recipe? Do we need to modify how we fill the weekends? Are we using our treasurer and coordinator to the extent that we should? Should training be reduced to 15-20 hours versus 30-35 hours? (Yes, was the response from the Southern Committee to the reduction of training hours)

Spiritual Directors Report – Pastor Krista – not present.

Database – Already discussed.

Social Media – Susan Strong – Has been promoting the fundraiser. There are about 170 people on Facebook.

An allocation – Paul V. – There is still an opportunity for people to sign up for the weekend.

Leadership Training and Development – Lorna and Jill – Done!!

Supplies and Property – Russ – Nothing to report.

Music Coordinators – Jill & Terry – Everything is good.

Historian – Kathy P. – Everything is good and accounted for.

Liaison – Mike A. – Nothing to report.

Ultreya – Sandy A. – Nothing to report.

Palanca – Mary Arfmann – Has received Palanca from Michigan for the November weekend.

Site Selection – Daryl, Byron, Joe – Report given.

**2012 Meetings:**

October 25<sup>th</sup> in Mankato and Roger will provide a Devotion.

November and December gathering is TBA. December 1<sup>st</sup> is the Ultreya for the November weekend.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer Huggle.

Your Sister In Christ,

Vikki Van Veldhuizen