

## VDC Secretariat Meeting -October 15, 2015

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Meeting Opened-7:08 p.m.

- Members Attending- Deanna Anderson, Maggie Grimyser, Aaron Hirtler, Bonnie Knudson, Bill Lange, Ann Pritchard, Esther Raymond, Tami Wrice, Brick Thompson, and Dick Allison.
- Members Excused- Erik Knudson, Annie Layton, John Bradford, and Alan Day
- Visitors-Rick Hanzlik
- Prayer of the Holy Spirit
- Minutes were corrected
- Aaron Hirtler moved to approve minutes, Tami Wrice Second. Minutes were approved.
- Homily- None
- Spiritual Director
- **CONVENER** - We reviewed workshop notes. It is evident we need to be better communicators.
- Ann asked that the news letter be sent out by email, because some members are not receiving it. Erik will check on system error.
- Maggie suggested we get a list of members that would like to be contacted by phone.
- Council should communicate verbally with members.
- Rick Hanzlik suggested the web page have a registration spot for users.
- Erik will check on why emails are not going out properly
- Maggie asked if we could hire outside help to update data base. After discussion it was decided to use our internal resources and possibly hire it out after we have exhausted our connections.
- Liaisons need to communicate with churches and try to find members.
- Esther will meet with liaisons at churches to update data base.

- **COMMUNICATIONS** -Erik is working on web page and up dating data base
- Discussed the upcoming Secretariat election. Council member will let Bonnie know if they are happy with their position or if they would like to switch positions for the new term. This will give the community an idea of available positions on the secretariat. Secretariat will make every effort to notify the community on when and how elections will be held.
- Aaron acknowledged that the perception exists that the secretariat is a buddies club he doesn't agree, but felt it is good to acknowledge this and correct it.
- We will offer an exit survey at the next ultreya in regards to the renewal training.
- Kim Brownlow called at the beginning of the meeting to express support and invite members to work on their upcoming Weekend. It is in Colorado. The dates are Nov. 12-15. Bonnie will share information with community.
  
- **ALLOCATIONS** -Discussed having team members, angels, Retoras and Rectors fill out application forms. Forms will be available on website, at ultreyas, thru liaisons and via email.
- **TRAINING**- Ann Felt the secretariat was attacked at the renewal meeting. Council discussed this and agreed. She would like to see new fourth day members experience the position of angel. It is an opportunity for them to learn and grow, helps prepare them for working a weekend as a team member.
- Manuals are ready for the new trainer.
- Ann proposed that a new weekend position be created to help facilitate prayer for team members. Their focus would be on harmony between teams. They would not take the place of the SD. If a problem arises they would report to the SD. They would be a support for the community. They would train with the weekend team members. Checking in with all the teams to create unity. The new position will be called Prayer Coordinator.
- Bonnie moved to vote on the creation of Prayer Coordinator . Maggie Second. Passed with one abstain.
- **FINANCE**- BrickThompson- John Bradford was paid \$18. for Manuals. Light of the Desert cancelled fall weekend.

- **SECRETARY**-Esther Raymond felt attacked at the Renewal Meeting. She is considering resigning from the Secretariat. She felt people needed to focus on self, how they can improve VDC and stop projection fault. She will stay on Secretariat for now and revisit resignation when Secretariat elections approach.
- **ULLTREYA/LIASONS**-Maggie is working with Ken Baum for a November event. Suggested Pie Fest at Good Shepherd as a possibility. Ken has offered his home for December to go caroling. We decided to focus on monthly ultreyas and not incorporate regional ultreyas at this time.
- **POLICIES/PROCEDURES**- Dick Allison- With regards to the VDC Song Book, we are ok in the way we have been using it.
- **TRAILER AND PROPERTY** -Bill Lange Will turn over keys and update new trailer person. He needs a key to lock up trailer stairs. Brick will get him one.

Bonnie opened discussion about whether we have a spring weekend or postpone to the fall.

Esther - Felt we needed to focus on 4th day and postpone until the fall when community is stronger.

Aaron felt there wasn't enough time to properly prepare for the spring weekend.

Ann Volunteered to do a Sponsorship training in place of the spring weekend.

Deanna suggested a community Building workshop. Deanna made the point that we should not dismiss the leaders that have been created thru VDC that are leading thru different ministries.

Bonnie felt we are not ready for a spring weekend.

Tami moved to vote on holding a spring weekend. Ann Second. Vote failed.

Bonnie moved to vote on holding a Fall weekend. Ann Second, Vote Passed.

After much discussion Esther moved to have separate men's and women's weekends in the fall. It was seconded and passed.

Weekends will be Oct 6-9 for men, Oct. 13-16 for women at Good Shepherd.

Secretariat discussed the need for 4th day space on Sunday morning during the weekends.

We will get feed back from the community and hold a training on Sat. April 9th. We will use the time scheduled for a spring weekend to strengthen our fourth day.

- Palanca - Alan and Cindy Day
- Prayer Chain - John Bradford
- Prayer- Ann's mom struggling with recurrent cancer, Esther's nephew fighting cancer, Aaron's boss and work difficulties.
- Adjourn
- Next Meeting Date- Nov. 19th