

Council Members present:

Jim and Linda Mason, Jim and Jo Nance, Judy Fore, Bill Wardlaw, Frank Stewart, Richard Miller, Chip Leonard, Bill Tilley, Eva Ruth, Linda Cummins, Lenwood Collins, Lew Thomas.

Prayer Requests:

Bill Tilley asked for prayers for their church hostess-Martha Strohm as she mourns the loss of her retarded son to cancer. Bill also asked for prayers in dealing with newly diagnosed lung/breathing disorder. Sue Tilley's sister, Helen, is walking with a walker and traveling to care for her sister. Keep them all in your prayers. Jo Nance asked for prayers for Jeff Mercer as he recovers from surgery tackling an aggressive cancer at Cape Fear Valley Hospital. Linda asked for prayers for her brother, Bob Hussung, who is in the process of getting a divorce. Judy Fore requested prayer for Zaveet Kashimi a Kosovo refugee and member of Starmount who is returning home to care for an ailing mother, leaving behind a wife and two children. Pray for traveling mercies. Judy asked for prayer with her battle of depression and handling the side effects of her medication and employment situation. Michelle asked for prayer for Marie Askew, newly pregnant. Prayers requested for the team and guest of the upcoming #38 weekend.

Judy Fore submitted a financial report showing that the Arise weekend at Camp Carefree made a profit.

Jim Mason gave out copies of his Rectors Report. Jim felt that the Study talk was a little long. Bill Wardlaw posed the question of possibly needing to review the outlines for that talk to see if they need to be pared down. Suggestion was made to hear from the East and get feedback from them before making any changes. Jim felt that overall the outlines for the talk were very good and copies of those outlines were given to the National movement for review. Jim also felt like the weekend itself was filled with the Holy Spirit and was beyond meaningful to all of those present.

Linda Cummins submitted the team list for #38. First team meeting went well. Linda Thurston thought that there was some write downs missing from the Study talk. Linda will review with Jim. The "outlined" part of the talk ran 22 minutes. Linda asked if there was an inventory or list of supplies per area (i.e. Rollo room, Chapel, etc). Lew Thomas did say that there was a list of banners available. Linda said she wasn't getting much sleep, but that she wasn't tired. Ulteya set for June 3rd at Philadelphia Presbyterian from 6:00-9:00pm.

Bill Wardlaw requested a motion be made to approve Sally Royster as the rector for #41 at Camp Hanes (Feb. 15-18) and Joe Burke as rector for #42 at Camp Dixie (March 1-4). Motion was made, seconded and approved.

It was mentioned that observing rectors, who are led to lead the weekend in the spring, begin to fill key slots of their team before their observing time is completed. The concern was voiced that many new pilgrims may not get asked to serve on a team if positions are already filled. Jim and Linda both mentioned that they enjoyed in their observing role, pilgrims as guest who might be good candidates as future team members. Eva Ruth submitted that in the East the observing rectors communicate to each other who they are intending to use in filling key positions. It was suggested that we have 4 weekends a year instead of 5, as May is typically a difficult weekend to fill. The idea having a weekend in the summer months at a college may be worth investigating for 2001. This would allow teachers and students to attend more easily than the times given currently. Lees McRae in Banner Elk was mentioned as a possible site. Lew Thomas and Lenwood Collins offered to investigate sites for future use.

A motion was made allowing the observing rectors to begin assembling their team after the first team meeting for which they are observing. It was requested that these future rectors hold 1/3 of their team open until after their term of observing is over. It was also requested that the observing rector and potential team members called to serve, would keep that call private and amongst themselves. The motion was seconded and approved.

Report from operations noted that we are still missing a communion set (since October weekend). Stressed the importance of having a good inventory of all items and the benefits of that.

Eva reported in the East that they are moving their storage unit closer to the camp on 87. She did make the recommendation that food not used in March would be given to the west for May.

Serenade-Annette Burke voiced a concern on the use of candles and the potential danger they pose, especially with children being involved. Eva was going to check in to getting smaller candles than those used currently. A suggestion was made to give candles only to those reading scripture. Bill Tilley suggested reminding the parents at the serenade, during the time of rehearsal, to re-issue a warning to the parents of children for special care and attention given to those children holding candles. Eva mentioned that the most recent serenade was a bit tense as feelings were hurt concerning the fact that children were present. She felt like new mandates at this time would not be beneficial to the group. She motioned to have a separate Serenade committee, one for the East, one for the West. That motion was seconded and approved.

Richard Miller requested that Charlotte and Clyde Sessoms be nominated as East 4th day Chairs. Motion was made and approved.

Bill Tilley had seven confirmed guest for the May weekend. He requested prayer for more guests (as did Linda!). Bill was going to look into what the penalty would be (from the Camp) if we could not hold the weekend. It was decided that 15 guest would be needed by May 1 to have the weekend.

Was motioned by Michelle to create general palanca for upcoming weekends with Councils signatures. Michelle and Bryan to send out reminders to council on upcoming weekends to keep in prayer for. Was seconded and approved.

The Collins family gave a gift of two linen tablecloths for use in the chapel, one for the East, one for the West.

Jim Mason and Russ McNeal attended the National Council of Presbyterian Fourth Day Movements meeting and said that it went well. We have been given the opportunity to put info on the Synod's web-site that includes N.C./Va. This would be the first presence of Cursillo/Pilgrimage on an "official" PCUSA web site.

Was mentioned that in the by laws we are to be having monthly gatherings, which we are not. This may be a way of keeping new pilgrims (and old) from falling through the cracks and keeping them involved. It was suggested that reunion might be built into this type of gathering. It was suggested that we have these gatherings at the same time and place every month. The fourth day couples will look into possible locations in the East and West. Bill W. suggested offering some type of workshop or series of lectures/study to attract pilgrims to come.

Bill W. also suggested a retreat for this council to have about once a year as a way of re-examining who we are as a committee and reviewing formats for discussion. It was also suggested that we have a Rector workshop to equip those so-called in their duties/responsibilities. A one or two day retreat is what is in mind. Bill will investigate and volunteer to lead this type of retreat.

Judy Fore voiced a concern over who is financially responsible for the cost of items purchased for the weekends. Judy will check with Pat to see what the average has been for past weekends. It was decided that the Head cha would keep tabs on what is being spent. The Head cha would then report to the treasurer. It was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Eva suggested re-vamping the "palanca needed" column of the newsletter as it often gets overlooked or dismissed.

Was motioned to go back to meeting every 4th Thursday, except for the next meeting on May 18th. Meet at CIC at 6:30p.m.