

South Dakota Lutheran Secretariat

Via de Cristo Newsletter

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March 2017 Edition

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Looking ahead to 2018

Looking ahead to 2018...

Men: January 11-14, 2018
Women: January 18-21, 2018

1. Save the dates
2. Watch for team registration forms to be out in mid-April
3. Get your application in early!

2018 Rectors:

Men: Perry Pickens
Women: Belinda Leavitt

Welcome to the 4th Day Community

2017 Guests

Welcome to South Dakota Lutheran Via de Critso 4th Day Community!

Men's Weekend - January 12-15, 2017

Women's Weekend - January 19-22, 2017

Men's Weekend

Paul Andell
Steve Auch
Marc Christofferson
Matt Doyel
Robert Johnson
Harold Klassen
Travis Kreber
Steve Mach
Chuck McCoy
Rich Olson
Sam Schelhaas
Lowell Seggerman
Mark Valencsin
Jeff VanMeeteren
Timothy Witt

Women's Weekend

Jennifer Angle
Jenny Blagg
Danita Broders
Rachel Charles
Jennifer Copenhaver
Connie Delvaux
Barb DeWitt
Diane Elwood
Dawn Ferris
Lynn Hiltunen
Lindsey Horton
Megan Jacobson
Katera Johnson
Millie Klopstad
Charlene McCoy
Deb Olson
Linda Schencel
Anita Stroud
Kathi Sweeter
Elizabeth Unzelman
Pam VanMeeteren
Marlys Vreugdenhil
Melanie Witt
Nina Wright

2017 Weekend Re-cap

Thank You to the Men & Women who so graciously and lovingly shared their time and talents to serve as Teams for 2017!

To God be the Glory!

2017 Men's Team

ALLEN ABRAHAM
MARK ANDERSEN
MATT BAHNFLETH
WALLY BENSEN
JASON BIERWAGAN
LYNN BORGERS
FRAN BRUNS
DUSTIN BURMEISTER
DONALD BURMEISTER
TERRY BURNS
STEVE CARMANY
LARRY CARR
LARRY CROSS
DON CURTIS
TROY DIEDE
MIKE DIEDE
JIM EWOLDT
MYRON FLUERY
JIM FOWLER
LARRY FRANCKSEN
SKIP GOOCH
ED HANSON
DAVE HUBBS
STEVE JESSEN
VIRGIL JOHNSON
KERRY KARLSON
ALEX KNEPPER
SCOTT KROHN
CHUCK LIEFERMAN
DAVE LUHMAN
JON MORAVEC
SCOTT PARSLEY
PERRY PICKENS
ROGER RENNER
RON RICE
KARL SEGGERMAN
RICK SLATTERY
LONNIE SVITAK
KEN VAN ESSEN (Rector)
DUSTIN WEBER
RODGER WENZLAFF
DENIS ZIEBARTH

2017 Women's Team

BECKY BAHNFLETH
MATT BAHNFLETH
LINDA BENSEN
CHRISTI BORGERS
ARDANA BRUNS
GINNY BUCK
DEB BURMEISTER
CHARLOTTE CHARLES
GAYLE COLE
JILL COLLINS
VAL CURTIS
CULYNN CURTIS
LINDA CYBORON
TAMMY DAVIS
DEE DIEDE
JEN DIEDE
MARIE DUNCAN
KATHY EWOLDT
KAREN FIEGE
LINDA FRANCKSEN
LORI GOOCH
VAL HALL
SOLVEIG HENDRICKSON
NANCY JACOBSON
ANGELA KALKBRENNER
JANIS KELLER
SANDI KREBER
BELINDA LEAVITT
JULIE LUEBKE (Rector)
MARGE MARTENS
ENEAN MATTES
KAYE MCAFEE
JEN MORKVE
ROXANE NELSON
DANI JO NINKE
MORGAN O'HERN
PHYLLIS PETERSON
SANDY PICKENS
DEBBIE RANDALL
BECKY RANDALL
MARY JO RENNER
MACY ROSBURG
EMILY SAYLER
LOUISE SKOGLAND
MARGARET SVITAK
DIANE VAN ESSEN
CONNIE VANROSENDALE

DARLA VANROSENDALE
SHERIE VOSTAD
SHANNON WEISELER
GINNY ZIEBARTH

2017 Men's Rector's Weekend Re-cap

Greeting to all 4th Day Members

As I reflect back on the last 12 Months, I have to stand in awe of how the Lords hand has been revealed to me in so many ways. Through all the planning and preparing that it takes to put a VDC weekend together, it sure did not happen without a few setbacks and bumps in the road. But every time one door closed another door opened. Whenever I would get discouraged with things not going as **I** had planned, **HIS** plan would be revealed. **HIS** plan always seemed to work a little better than **mine**. I give all praise and Glory to Him for the weekend we just finished.

I also want to say a few words about the team that was so willing to support me. A big thank you to those who accepted a change in responsibility at the 12th hour, to preparing a talk in less than two hours. To those that were so willing to share their talents and how each one is just a little different than the other but yet so relevant to the success of the week end. To all those that were not able to be present at the week end but yet so willing to spend time in prayer lifting all aspects of the weekend up to our Heavenly Father.

To the guests that attended, thank you. Naturally this week end would not be possible without you. It was very warming to listen to the personal testimonies that were given by each one of you, and your willingness to share what this weekend meant to you. My prayer for you is that you stay plugged in. Spend time in prayer and in study. God has great plans for each of you. Keep an open ear and heart to his calling. He will not send you alone, but has promised to go with you. I feel honored to be able to add you to my Christian Community.

As the planning is beginning for the 2018 VDC, the time has come to pass the baton on to you Perry. The job may seem overwhelming at times, but take it a step at a time and keep Jesus as the center of your focus. Know that you are part of a great Christian Community that will surround you as they did for me, willing to help wherever they can. Thanks for accepting the opportunity.

I am looking forward to an awesome 2018 VDC. Jesus is up to great things. If you have not been involved for a few years, this is the year to do it. ("Jesus is counting on you") Invite a friend. The dates have been set. Put them in your calendar now so the world does not crowd you out. You will not regret it. I hope to see you there.

Again thanks to all for a very enjoyable year.

Blessings

2017 Rector

Ken Van Essen

Ps46:10 **"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD"**

2017 Women's Rector's Weekend Re-cap

De Colores Brothers and Sisters!

After many hours of planning and preparation work, the 2017 Women's weekend came and went in a blink of an eye. This weekend was not the exception to the "many hands make light work" idiom. Every cog in the gear was essential to making the weekend work. Thank you to everyone who made contributions to make the weekend a success, no matter what it was.

As I look back on the weekend, I am moved by how special the weekend was to me. Having worked countless Teens Encounter Weekends over the last 20 years and Via de Cristo weekends over the last 10 years, this weekend took on a new perspective for me. To watch the Lord reveal himself to the guests throughout the weekend brought a new dimension to the weekend for me. To see God's grace and forgiveness revealed to so many throughout the weekend brought joy to my heart. Feeling the presence of the Lord at the banquet brought tears to my eyes and joy to my heart. What a wonderful experience being a servant at a Via de Cristo weekend has been in my life. What a privilege and honor it was to serve as the Rector for the 2017 weekend. Serving on team takes the Via de Cristo weekend to a whole new level.

I can't wait to come back to work the 2018 weekend with all of you. Mark your calendars now!! Start planting those seeds in those whom you think would benefit from attending this weekend. Many of you are still on-fire after this last weekend. Use that fire and your enthusiasm about the weekend to get someone else curious about attending the weekend right now! Don't wait. Share with them how you were changed during your first Via de Cristo weekend.

Remember that Christ has shed **his blood** for you and for me, **forgiving our sins**, through his love and **grace** for us. This was not done by accident. It was done for you and for me. What is your response to God's love for you? How have you taken the Via de Cristo weekend out into your community? How have you shared God's love and grace with others? How are you keeping that fire for Christ alive?

In Christ's love,

2017 Women's Rector

Julie Luebke

Ephesians 1:7-8 ⁷ *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,* ⁸ *which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight*

Messages from the Communities

Community Rep	Name	E-mail
Northern Tier (Madison/Howard Area)	Allen and Beth Abraham	inthedustaba@live.com
Southern Tier (Yankton Area)	Mike and Dee Diede	diede@iw.net
Nebraska	Lonnie and Margaret Svitak	finelyground@live.com
Iowa	Jim and Kathy Ewoldt	(Jim's email) Ewoldt5@yahoo.com (Kathy's email) Ewoldt9@aol.com

Watch the website (sdlvdc.org) for announcements regarding upcoming Ultreyas!

SOUTHERN TIER

Yankton Ultreya:

Yankton Ultreya will meet on Sunday, March 12 at Christ the King Lutheran Church located at 305 W. 25th St. (behind Days Inn) at 7:00 with praise music, devotion, and prayer. All 4th Dayers and spouses are invited to attend. Mike and Dee Diede

YANKTON 4TH DAY COMMUNITY MEETS ON THE 2ND SUNDAY EACH MONTH FOR AN ULTREYA.

NORTHERN TIER

De Colores and Happy Lent

Happy isn't the normal way we think of the season of Lent and I don't want you to think that I don't take it serious. I don't fast or give up anything for Lent, just haven't found that meaningful. Lent and especially Holy Week are serious and somber as I contemplate what Christ went through to take away my sin. Possibly because of the time I spent in the Living Last Supper. But my attitude of Lent was shaped by a song done in a Community Choir Concert I took part in nearly forty years ago. The entire music selection paralleled the life of Christ. The song was titled 'It's Friday; but Sunday's a comin'. It was about Good Friday and Easter. It made me realize that as a Christian I know the rest of the story so it's not really all doom and gloom, Easter's a comin. As a Fourth Day Christian I should live in the joy of Easter and be willing, able, and need to share that joyous story.

One of my responsibilities as Community Rep is to report on Ultreyas held in the area. We have not had an Ultreya in Madison in quite some time. What I am doing is attending in Yankton from time to time and this is an open invitation for anyone wanting to ride along to do so. I generally go alone so there is room for more. Info on the date and time of the Ultreya can be found on the Web site and I can be reached at 480-2705 my cell or if that isn't taking calls leave a message at 482-8514.

Madison Community Rep

Allen J Abraham

IOWA

We are Jim and Kathy Ewoldt, community reps for the Sioux City, IA area. We attended our Via De Cristo weekend in 2006 and believe it is important to meet with each other throughout the year to continue to build Christian community.

As of right now we will be having ultreyas on the 3rd Saturday in the months of March, April, September and October at Morningside Lutheran Church in Sioux City. We may not be available the other months but if anyone wants to meet the other months please contact us and we can make arrangements for a space for

you to have it at Morningside Lutheran. We will be posting the dates and times on the Via De Cristo Facebook page and the South Dakota Lutheran Via De Cristo web site. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions feel free to email us at ewoldt9@aol.com

De Colores,

Jim and Kathy Ewoldt

Save the Date

De Colores Brothers & Sisters,

Just wanted to send you all a note regarding the 2018 VDC weekends. I know that everyone is busy, including myself. It seems that we just don't have enough time each day to get done all that there is to do. I want to encourage you to make sure that you are making time for God and the things that He calls us to do. I have found in my own life that when I make time for Him, He gives me the time that is needed to accomplish what is most important. All the other stuff is, well, just "Stuff". What I am asking you to do is to take your smart phone, your pocket calendar, or your scheduling calendar, and enter the dates for the 2018 weekends. Maybe add a reminder for each month to take a few minutes to pray for the weekends, for the leadership, for the role that you might have for the weekends, and for who God would call you to invite as a guest for the weekends. Christ is counting on you!!

The weekend dates are; January 11-14 for the men, and 18-21 for the women. Thanks for taking the time to do this. Remember, if you put it on your calendar now, you know what you have going on those weekends.

In His Service & for His Glory,

Mike Diede

Save the Dates:

Men's Weekend: Jan. 11-14, 2018

Women's Weekend: Jan. 18-21, 2018

The Weekend begins at 7pm on Thursday

The Way of Christ

Via de Cristo

Via de Cristo is a Holy Spirit filled weekend retreat to learn and grow in the LORD. The weekend is led by Pastors and Lay people. Take an opportunity to relax, learn more about the LORD, and be served by fellow believers.

For more information please contact:

Transportation is provided.

Comments from the Lay Directors

By the calendar, we know that it is still officially winter, but the weather would make one wonder if that is really true. We've experienced 69 degree weather in February, many of the spring birds have been spotted, and many of the perennials have poked up through the dirt.

The 2017 Via de Cristo Weekends are already behind us, and marvelous weekends they were. We can all feel very good about the weekends. They went very well. Our teams were largely formed in advance this very and the team members were able to bond as a single unity, plan the weekends, work out the details, and in general, get excited about their coming. Both Ken Van Essen and Julie Luebke did a fantastic job as Rectors and their leadership provided leadership opportunities for many, and both team had several join the team for the first time which is absolutely awesome. Both weekends had a good number of guests, an increase over what has been experience for quite some time.

The planning and preparations for the 2018 weekends has begun. Just last night Lori and I had Perry Pickens and Belinda Leavitt, our upcoming 2018 Rectors, come to our home for their first informal training session. We discussed each of our experiences with Via de Cristo, selected all of the future dates for leadership training and each of the team practice weekend, and the joint Ultreya date for the two weekends. We gave them copies for the evaluations from the past couple years so that they are aware of the comments made by those who served on team. We discussed with them their roles in leadership, the roles of others that will be joining them in other leadership responsibilities, and those of the other team members that will be filling out the team. We discussed all the Via de Cristo Weekend Essentials as well as the Adiaphorous things that may become a part of the weekends. And they received their manuals (officially) so that they can start their journey of study. They are now ready to start contacting the 4th Day Community to fill each of the other leadership positions. The leadership training will be held in April.

All this means it's time for the rest of the 4th Day Community to start getting excited about the upcoming weekends as well. Don't forget what the inscription says on the back of your cross – "CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU". If you're new to the Via de Cristo 4th Day Community or if it's been a while, please let us know that you'd like to put that inscription into your personal action. If you'd like to serve on team, shoot us an email and we can help you do that. If you'd like to sponsor a guest, it's time to start planting that seed. Modifications for the New Guests and Team Forms will be updated and posted on the website after our next Secretariat meeting. Above all else, let this serve as an invitation to start holding these weekends in your prayers.

Your Secretariat has planned to come together in April for an all-day session for completion of past business that had to be tabled at the last meeting and it will be a time to review where we have been and set some goals for the future of the lay lead ministry. It should be a very exciting day and one that will be time well spent. If any of you reading this have anything you would like to have the secretariat consider this day, please drop me an email with your ideas.

Skip and Lori Gooch, Lay Directors

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Spiritual Director's Message

De Colores Brothers & Sisters,

I took advantage of a snowy night with nothing to do to watch the movie Hacksaw Ridge which I highly recommend. It is based on the true story of Desmond Doss who growing up witnessed an abusive father wielding a gun and it scared him. He resolved, because of his Christian conviction, never to touch a firearm. But when Pearl Harbor tore our nation from peace, he realized that he could not just stay home, safe and sound, he had to do something more than work in the shipyard. So he enlisted, but as a conscientious cooperater. He served in his army unit as a medic and although he suffered enormous pressure, he stayed true to his conviction that he would never touch a gun. He had an interview with an army psychologist which the commander of his unit hoped would result in a section 8 dismissal from the army because he was mentally unfit.

The psychologist asked him, "So you hear voices?" Doss said, "No I'm not crazy, I don't hear voices, but I believe with all my heart that God communicates to me. God has made it clear to me, that I am never to touch a firearm, yet I desire to serve my country by saving lives rather than ending lives." The psychologist determined he was not crazy, just different. Desmond Doss served his unit with great heroicism. The battle of Hacksaw Ridge was actually his time in the valley of the ministry which God had prepared him to do. Hacksaw Ridge was a cliff 400 feet tall (Mt Rushmore rises 500 feet) and then once the army troops scaled that ridge they had to fight the Japanese who were hiding in tunnels and bunkers. After gaining a toehold, the tides turned and his unit were forced to retreat back down that ridge. Doss hesitated before retreating down that cliff, he prayed, "God, what do you want me to do." Somehow, he knew that God wanted him to go into the fray of the battlefield, under long range friendly fire, and retrieve the wounded. Without carrying a weapon to defend himself, he returned time after time and carried the wounded off the field and lowered them down the cliff on a gurney to friendly hands. He estimates that he saved 50 men, his unit put the number at 100, The citation of the Congressional Medal of Honor split the difference at 75 men. Each time Private Doss prayed "God let me get one more."

I said that Doss served without touching a weapon, and that is not really true, he carried with him each day his Bible. And the Weapon of God's Word proved to be far more useful to the Army that day than any other weapon forged by man. The Word that he found in Scripture changed him, and changing him, he was ready for his day in the valley and he saved lives.

It occurs to me, that he might not have been able to save so many if he had been thinking, "There are 75 men left up here." But instead after lowering each man to safety, he prayed, "Just one more, God. Help me get one more." Elizabeth Elliot recommended the mantra, "Do the next thing." She found that when times are overwhelming, you may not think that you can scale the mountain, but perhaps you can take the next step. The Bible says that the Word of God is a lamp for our feet, a light for the path, just one step at a time, not ten miles, not a headlight into the future, you have to trust the distance to God. When the going gets rough, concentrate on those four words, "DO the next thing." Help me Father to "Do the next thing."

The Word of God compels us as it did Private Doss, "Go, get one more." Find them where they have fallen on the battlefield of life, dress their wounds, speak the balm of peace and forgiveness into their ears and carry them from the land of the dying back to the land of the living.

Have a Blessed Lent & Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord,

Pastor Dani Jo Ninke

"At an old English parsonage down by the sea,
there came in the twilight a message to me.
Its quaint Saxon legend deeply engraven
that, as it seems to me, teaching from heaven.
And all through the hours the quiet words ring,
like a low inspiration, 'Do the next thing.'

Many a questioning, many a fear,
many a doubt hath its quieting here.
Moment by moment, let down from heaven,
time, opportunity, guidance are given.
Fear not tomorrow, child of the King,
trust that with Jesus, do the next thing.

Do it immediately, do it with prayer,
do it reliantly, casting all care.
Do it with reverence, tracing His hand,
who placed it before thee with earnest command.
Stayed on omnipotence, safe 'neath His wing,
leave all resultings, do the next thing.

Looking to Jesus, ever serener,
working or suffering be thy demeanor,
in His dear presence, the rest of His calm,
the light of His countenance, be thy psalm.
Do the next thing."

South Dakota Lutheran Secretariat Council Meeting

February 12, 2017

Calvary Baptist Church, Yankton, SD

Members present: Skip Gooch, Lori Gooch, Pastor Dani Jo Ninke, Ed Hansen, Julie Luebke, Allen Abraham, Mike Diede, Dee Diede, Lonnie Svitak, Margaret Svitak, Kathy Ewoldt, Jim Ewoldt

Guests: Belinda Leavitt and Ken VanEssen

Meeting was called to order by Lay Director Skip Gooch

Devotions and prayers were provided by Pastor Dani Jo Ninke

Minutes:

- Minutes of the September 29, 2016 meeting, and the non-quorum meeting of November 5, 2016, were sent prior to the meeting.
- Motion made by Ed Hansen to approve as presented; second by Margaret Svitak. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

- Ed Hansen presented a verbal reporting the account has a balance of \$7,188.90 with all bills paid. He indicated this brings us ahead about \$1,100 on the weekend. Total weekends costs are about \$15,000 to \$15,700. Inspiration Hills indicated to Ed that we should anticipate a \$5 per person cost increase for 2018.
- Motion made by Mike Diede to accept the Treasurers report as presented; second by Jim Ewoldt. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRAILER:

- The trailer is now housed with Fran & Ardana Bruns.

WEBSITE:

- Skip indicated someone is considering it and will let him know soon. Until then, everyone should help pass the word on the need.
- *Following the meeting and subsequent Ultreya, Skip reconvened the group to announce that Sandy Pickens has volunteered to take over as Webmaster! The group unanimously endorsed her and welcomed her into this new role.

RECTOR/WEEKEND SUMMARIES:

- Ken VanEssen shared that the men's weekend went well, and they got through many hurdles placed in the way thanks to the Holy Spirit and the efforts of many. He expressed "I appreciate the support of the team effort!"
- Julie Luebke also shared that the women's weekend went very well. She commented that the team worked wonderfully together, and "were a blessing to me!"

BIBLES:

- Skip asked where the extra Bibles ended up. It is believed they are on the trailer.
- Margaret mentioned her area TEC has left over Bibles they could sell at our book table next year if the group is open to that idea.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

- Margaret asked for input on the format, content, access, etc. to the facebook site. Feedback was all positive, and all are encouraged to invite others to join the site.

PROMOTION:

- Brochures were ordered prior to the weekend from National, but have not arrived.
- Dee Diede suggested we make our own customized brochure. Julie volunteered to take on producing a draft for this, and Lori will assist if she needs help. Dee will send Julie a copy of the TEC brochure as an idea.
- Dee suggested in addition to the traditional "Save the Date" half sheets, we could make up business cards for this purpose. These would be easier to carry and pass on to potential guests. Julie and Lori can make these to coordinate with the brochure.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

- Ewoldt's:
 - Jim reported that grant funds have not yet been determined at Morningside Lutheran, but they do anticipate lesser amounts this year.
 - They will be holding an Ultreya on March 18, 2017 at 5:30-7:30 pm
 - The MLC 4th Day community will serve the Lenten soup suppers again this year.
- Svitak's:
 - They have a group that has met for a long time monthly made up of former TEC leaders and VDC adults. Adding more now with good attendance at the weekends, so looking to divide as they will be too large. Thinking to make more regionally based groups.
- Diede's:
 - Yankton 4th Day community meets on the 2nd Sunday each month for an Ultreya, with attendance varied from 6-36 in attendance each month.
- Abramson:
 - Several new Guests from his area, so possibility of getting more going.
- Goch's:
 - Sioux Falls area renewal group is growing and meeting twice monthly.

- Invitation extended to Guests from 2016 & 2017, so may grow enough to form two groups.
- Group is considering an Ultreya event for this fall.

NEWSLETTER:

- Skip encouraged group to get a newsletter out in the near future.
- Group agreed, and has set February 28, 2017 as deadline to get articles to Julie
- 2017 Rectors will submit a summary report of the weekends
- 2018 Rectors will be announced
- Pastor Dani Jo will submit an article as the Spiritual Director
- "Save the Date" article from the Dienes
- Article on sponsorship responsibilities – no volunteer, so handout can be used
- List of 2017 Team and Guests – Lori will send final list
- Community Reps – each will send a paragraph or two for their area
- Frequency of issues was discussed – goal of at least 4 per year
- Printing and mailing of hard copies was discussed. All community reps will reach out to their 4th Day community, and inform Julie of anyone who needs a printed newsletter sent.
- Link to newsletter on website will be put on facebook by Margaret

2018 WEEKENDS:

- Inspiration Hills is reserved: Men's Jan. 11-14, 2018 & Women's Jan. 18-21, 2018
- Progression for leadership was discussed. Strong leadership is encouraging for our future weekends.
 - Motion made by Ed to appoint Perry Pickens and Belinda Leavitt as 2018 Rectors; second by Lori. Motion carried.
- Discussion held on collection method for weekend registration donations.
 - Gooch's sent out a memo related to this ahead of the meeting to help speed up the discussion in a positive vein
 - Miscommunication this year created confusion and frustration for all involved
 - Margaret suggested whatever we decide, ensure it is communicated clearing in sponsor and guest acceptance letters, and to team in mailings and trainings
 - Allen spoke to how this went
 - Ed said historically this has been part of the progression to the MOP talk
 - Use to be "pay if you can" and moved to "pay what you can"
 - Suggestion that everyone should use an envelope to pay and identify on note inside for confidentiality and inclusion for all (as some do not pay, or have others pay for them.)
 - Lonny suggested team be collected up front on Thursday
 - Value of donations during MOP as a visual example of Stewardship
 - Kathy indicated the women's MOP talk accommodate the change and was went well
 - Lori noted that some kind of identification linked to actual payments is needed to have an accurate accounting for potential donation needs and good financial practice as leadership of the Secretariat
 - Motion made by Julie that team members pay up front, sponsors and guests pay upfront; second by Allen.
 - Mike suggested having envelopes given to each and offer receipts

- Mike also said we need to let sponsors know to share with guests that there is a point in the weekend where there will be a talk about donation opportunity – give as an option without obligation to donate
- Ken shared idea to have a paper with a checklist that includes “sponsor paid,” “scholarship,” etc. so everyone can turn in an envelope
- Dani Jo said she did not feel ready to vote on this yet as it needed more of our time and attention that our short meeting allows today
- Julie made a motion to table her motion; Jim seconded. Motion carried.
- Because time for the meeting ended prior to all agenda items related to 2018 being covered, they will be moved to the next meeting for discussion.

NEXT MEETING:

- Due to the large quantity of items the council members need to discuss and make decisions about for the good of the Secretariat, Skip suggested an all day event for our next meeting.
 - Dani Jo had previously agreed to let this be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Yankton
 - Interest in a board retreat meeting was limited
 - Potential dates were discussed
 - Tentative date of April 1, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. was set
 - Skip will send out more information on this in the future

Meeting was closed in prayer by Julie Luebke.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Gooch