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## **Secretariat of North Florida Tres Dias**

**MINUTES**

**Abundant Life Binders and Believers, Cairo, GA**

**MAY 20, 2024**

**6:10 PM**



### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Andy Fowler, Chairman  
Felisha Mitchell, Spiritual Community Director  
Cindy Croley, Secretary  
Sean Nyberg, Treasurer  
Deanna Settegren, ½ Weekend Couple  
Bobby & Becky Strahan, PO Couple  
Amanda Slayton, ½ Procurement Couple  
Kay King, Women's Leader  
Jen Hamilton, ½ Pre-Weekend Couple  
Jay Hayes, Data Management  
Aaron & Iris Loudermilk, Newsletter Couple

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Rodney & Jessica Whitfield, Palanca Couple  
Jason Hamilton, ½ Pre-Weekend Couple  
Michael & Shea Sanders, Fourth Day Couple  
Bruce & Jaime Hale, Food Couple  
Dude Settegren, ½ Weekend Couple  
Chad Slayton, ½ Procurement Couple

### **VISITORS:**

Tim & Lynn Martin	Bruce King
Ron Vankunnan	Tom & Renee Van Gundy
Kristin Bailey	Michael Mitchell
Jason Stanley & Nicole Stanley	Becca Hens
Mary Bailey	Mark Savage
Bob Alvis	Wendy Johnson
Scott & Chris Farney	Corbin Ellis

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## **WELCOME / LIGHTING OF CANDLE / OPENING PRAYER / DEVOTION / COMMUNION**

Chairman, Andy Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Felisha Mitchell shared devotion: James 2:13 "For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment." This verse talks about sin and how sin is put on a scale. In our daily lives, we struggle with not getting what we deserve. Mercy honors God. Don't show mercy because we need it, show mercy to honor God.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes may reflect the actual sequence of events as discussed rather than the original agenda order.

**Approval / Corrections of April 2024 Minutes** - Minutes were approved with the mentioned corrections. Aaron and Iris Loudermilk were not nominated for the Newsletter, they were elected. Bobby Strahan motioned to accept the March minutes pending the Rules Committee correcting the verbiage, Kay King second.

## **REPORTS**

### **1. Financial Report, Sean Nyberg, Treasurer**

Investment account - \$12,309.18, Operating account - \$17,588.83, Procurement account- \$1,000.00, Food account - \$1,000.00, Savings Account - \$1,000.20, Total Synovus - \$20,589.03, Grand Total - \$32,898.21. \*\*Upcoming expenses\* Annual renewal for Insurance - \$2,000.00, Tres Dias International Assessment - \$900.00. The mattress fund donation is \$1,155.00.

### **2. Weekend #68 Reports**

- **Kay King, Women's Leader-** Kay deferred to Cindy Croley. Cindy said many applications are already coming in. Received around 100 applications. God is working already for Weekend #68
- **Marden McClamma, Men's Leader** - Marden deferred to Jason Stanley. Jason said he has received around 84 applications. He has chosen his Spirituals, Head and Assistant Head. He will begin calling the team at the end of this week.

### **3. Pre-Weekend, Jason & Jen Hamilton**

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Jen Hamilton advised she has received around five applications on line so far.

#### **4. Sequela Update, Michael & Shea Sanders**

Michael and Shea Sanders were not present. There were 142 that attended the Victory Sequela with 33 of those being new pescadores. The next Sequela will be our Open Sequela on 06/08/24 beginning at 11:00 a.m. and eating at 12:00 p.m. at Dude and Deanna Settegren's house located at 12840 Gamble Road in Wacissa, Florida. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks, and dessert will be provided. Children are invited.

#### **5. P.O Couple**

Becky Strahan advised the next PO training will be on 08/03/24 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Victory Fellowship Church in Thomasville. There may be a possible Essentials training with TDI on 09/10/24. More info to come.

#### **6. Other Member Reports**

- Felisha said she has received approximately seven applications from Spirituals that are interested in the vetting process.

### **BUSINESS**

1. Bob Alvis requested to read Romans 13: 1 & 2 which says Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. NIV
2. Bobby Strahan talked with Andy Fowler concerning him needing to step down from his Secretariat position as Pescadore Couple due to him now being recognized as a Spiritual Director and considered Clergy. Bobby submitted his resignation to the Secretariat at that time which was accepted.
3. Lynn Martin mentioned her concerns about the Newsletter not being published in the community in a timely manner after Lisa Adams resigned from the position. She voiced that Aaron and Iris Loudermilk's election as the new Newsletter Couple was invalid. **Andy Fowler responded that the Bylaws 6.5 and Policy & Procedures 4.2.2 were followed correctly. He felt the decision the Secretariat made was valid. He also spoke with Frank Yarbrough who advised the Bylaws override the Policy & Procedures.**
4. Andy Fowler advised the community that a team made up of Mary Bailey, Doug Kirk, and Chris Farney will begin to meet to make sure the Secretariat is operating under the

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correct policies and adhering to the Essentials. Andy is also working on a yearly calendar and training manuals to be provided to the upcoming Secretariat members in order to have proper training. **Lynn Martin responded if By-laws are the law then Policy & Procedures work together. She said the community needed to be informed on any changes going on and communicate with the community.**

Andy told the community we are working on each position and proper training. **Mark Savage responded that we need to read the Policy & Procedures and By-laws before the Secretariat member actually starts their position.**

**Tom Van Gundy recommended Secretariat members spend time with a training committee before rolling on to that position. Know the By-laws and Policy & Procedures. He commended Chris Farney as being a phenomenal resource and thanked her for taking leadership.**

Felisha Mitchell responded to Mark Savage and said she wished everyone could have been trained like he trained the couple that rolled on after him. We need to encourage people at the table and give them an opportunity to partner with new positions. We need accountability. **Tim Martin wanted the Secretariat to know that anything said tonight was not out of malice or offense. It takes all of us as a community together to get it right.**

Andy advised that it seems like no one shows up for the meetings until there is a hot topic and that's a disadvantage to the Secretariat. **Mary Bailey responded that when the community hears we may lose our charter, it scares people. She then asked what she could do to help.**

Andy said it is of the utmost importance to get the Newsletter out and communicate with the community.

5. Felisha Mitchell brought up Andy Fowler's idea of a texting link to the community which would provide important information. Andy said he and Jay Hayes are working on a list of things to prioritize.
6. Jen Hamilton suggested we could have a Think Tank which would consist of a list of items to help the Secretariat be more communicative such as the Texting Link, Newsletter, Training, and knowing the By-Laws and Policy & Procedures.

## **SECRETARIAT SPECIAL GROUP PRAYER PALANCA TIME FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES AND WEEKENDS AND CLOSING PRAYER.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 08:30 p.m. with Felisha Mitchell giving the closing prayer. At 9:07 p.m., the Secretariat entered into Executive Session. The meeting is private and no minutes are recorded.

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**Next Meeting: June 24, 2024 at Abundant Life Binders and Believers in Cairo, Georgia**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Croley, Secretary.

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