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Secretariat of North Florida Tres Dias

MINUTES

Abundant Life Binders and Believers, Cairo, GA

OCTOBER 28, 2024

6:00 PM



MEMBERS PRESENT

Andy Fowler, Chairman
Felisha Mitchell, Spiritual Community Director
Cindy Croley, Secretary
Sean Nyberg, Treasurer
Dude Settegren, ½ Weekend Couple
Becky Strahan, PO Coordinator
Amanda Slayton, ½ Procurement Couple
Kay King, Women's Leader
Jaime Hale, Food Couple
Jay Hayes, Data Management
Aaron & Iris Loudermilk, Newsletter Couple
Rodney & Jessica Whitfield, Palanca Couple
Marden McClamma, Men's Leader
Jen & Jason Hamilton, Pre-Weekend Couple

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bruce Hale, ½ Food Couple
Chad Slayton, ½ Procurement Couple
Michael & Shea Sanders, Fourth Day Couple
Deanna Settegren, ½ Weekend Couple

VISITORS:

Kristin Bailey
Mary Bailey
Michael Mitchell
Janet Lancaster
Bruce King
Walaa MaGariou
Jessica & Mack Beck
Wendy Johnson

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Sam Sherrod
Susan Rudd
Terry Cone
Jason & Nicole Stanley

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

Chairman, Andy Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Felisha Mitchell shared devotion. Colossians 3:12 "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience

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

Approval / Corrections of September 2024 Minutes - Cindy read minutes out loud. Minutes were approved.

REPORTS

1. Financial Report, Sean Nyberg, Treasurer

Emergency account - \$12,657.16, Operating account - \$18,313.89, Procurement account- \$648.00, Food account - \$1,074.11, Savings Account - \$1,000.29, Total Synovus - \$21,036.29, Grand Total - \$33,693.46. *Large expenses paid - Campground Fees for Men's and Women's #68 - \$5,523.00 (ACV included \$4,804.00 in credits for the mattresses and a cleanup credit of \$1,335.00), Food Costs for Men's and Women's #68 - \$7,565.17 (Performance Foods + incidental food costs)

\$200.00 from money collected at the Men's Victory Breakfast to provided the women candidates with flowers at closing was deposited to be held over. Rodney Whitfield mentioned that the Secretariat is not responsible for tracking funds for flowers/palance. Jason Stanley stated that the funds above what was needed for the flowers was to be donated to the church (FBC of Lloyd) where the men's victory breakfast was held.

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2. Weekend #68 Reports

- **Kay King, Women's Leader-** Kay was unable to attend the weekend. Cindy shared that it was an amazing weekend, sweet and peaceful. The final count was 92 team and 25 candidates. Chains were broken.
- **Marden McClamma, Men's Leader -** Marden shared that a 1st time server, who is a lineman, was allowed to arrive on Friday morning. Also, someone left and was allowed to come back. These circumstances will be discussed further in the executive session.

Jason shared that it was a good weekend. The team and candidates were blessed. The final count was 90 team and 19 candidates.

3. Pre-Weekend, Jason & Jen Hamilton

No updates at this time.

4. Sequela Update, Michael & Shea Sanders

The victory sequela will be November 9th at Victory Fellowship Church in Thomasville at 5 P.M.

5. Other Member Reports

- Newsletter couple - 100% participation continues to be the goal. 11 out of 14 have been received so far this month.
- Weekend Couple - Dude shared that he stayed Sunday night after the women's weekend and met with Doug Mabry on Monday morning. He was instructed that going forward chairs don't need to be stacked. Also, wax was found on the floor (he said rollo room, but may have been in chapel. Aaron mentioned that once we do the walk through we should be done and we should not be called about additional issues after the fact.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sponsorship - A situation came to light on the women's weekend that a candidate had indicated on her application that she was not married, but told a team member that she was married and her husband has not gone through. The

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sponsor did not know that she was married. The sponsor is very engaged in the community. This is the 2nd time this particular church has sent someone through in this type of situation. This may indicate a problem with their understanding of sponsorship and the need to know candidates well before sending them through. Jen Hamilton suggests reaching out to the church in question to explain our stance regarding married/single/living together circumstances.

Jen also suggested a 5 minute video teaching to be posted on the Official NFTD facebook page regarding sponsorship. She and Becky could partner to create training videos and all positions could participate as needed. Iris also suggested putting teaching moments in the newsletter.

It was mentioned that the pre-weekend couple is responsible to ask the questions, but it is not their responsibility if the answers they receive are not truthful.

Tabled for further discussion regarding videos next month.

2. Facebook page/admin moderators - Jessica Whitfield suggested the females be added to the admin for the Official NFTD facebook page. The main reason is so that when the men are serving on a weekend they aren't checking and or posting to the page. Also, posts and/or comments from anyone other than admin should be set so that they must be approved. Andy suggested adding the pre-weekend and palanca couples as administrators or moderators on the page. Cindy Croley motioned to add the palanca and pre-weekend couples as administrators or moderators for the Official NFTD facebook page. Jay Hayes 2nd, all were in favor.

It was also suggested to remove the post about photos as it portrays division in the community and we will be adding new pescadores to the page.

3. Palanca needs on the weekend - It was brought to Jessica's attention on the men's weekend that there was a request for additional palanca. Her instructions to the palanca head were to discuss with the assistant head and the men's leader whether it was a real need and to get back with her with instruction regarding what is needed. Instead of responding back to Jessica the decision was made to post the need to the facebook page which sets a bad precedent of men who are serving on the weekend being on facebook during the time of the cloister. This would also be the case if it happened on a women's weekend. It needs to be communicated to the head palanca each time what the process is to relay the need for additional palanca if there is not enough. Felisha mentioned that

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Secretariat members, in particular, need to be mindful about breaking the chain of command and the cloister if the community is expected not to break cloister.

Iris mentioned that many of the heads books need to be updated as many instructions are outdated. **This will be tabled for the November meeting.**

It was suggested that a list of Secretariat members and their functions be provided to new rectors so that they will know who to call with issues. Becky suggested that more communication could be provided at the POs regarding this topic. Training needs to be done more thoroughly, especially regarding the practical aspects of the weekends and the community.

Jessica mentioned that Section 2.6 of the policies and practices refers to the coordination of collection of palanca. It says for head palanca to contact the palanca couple if more palanca is needed. **The rules committee needs to meet** to discuss revising this language to indicate that the head palanca should discuss with the assistant head and the assistant head should reach out to the palanca couple since the assistant head is the only one with permission to make phone calls during the cloister.

New issues that may need to be discussed at November meeting:

Revisions to head's books

Food couple recipes don't always match the recipes in the head kitchen book.

Felisha asked when spiritual director list will be approved

Jessica suggested getting better bags for excess palanca at the end of the weekends. Options for reusable bags range between \$1.25 and \$1.80 per bag.

Andy mentioned sound system issues - Dude, Chad and Andy can get quotes to change out parts or the whole system (kitchen, rollo room, & chapel).

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

ADJOURNMENT

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The regular meeting was adjourned at 07:50 p.m. with Felisha Mitchell giving the closing prayer. At 7:50 p.m., the Secretariat entered into Executive Session. The meeting is private and no minutes are recorded.

Next Meeting: November 25, 2024 at Abundant Life Binders and Believers in Cairo, Georgia

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Croley, Secretary.

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