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

**MINUTES**

**Crossroads Church, Beachton, GA**

**MARCH 25, 2024**

**6:00 PM**



### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Felisha Mitchell, Spiritual Director  
Andy Fowler, Chairman  
Cindy Croley, Secretary  
Sean Nyberg, Treasurer  
Clint Willis & Margie Willis, Weekend Couple  
Bobby & Becky Strahan, PO Couple  
Bruce & Jaime Hale, Food Couple  
Amanda Slayton, ½ Procurement Couple  
Kay King, Women's Leader  
Michael & Shae Sanders, Fourth Day Couple  
Jason & Jen Hamilton, Pre-Weekend Couple  
Jay Hayes, Data Management  
Jessica Whitfield, ½ Palanca Couple

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Chad Slayton, ½ Procurement Couple  
Rodney Whitfield, ½ Palanca Couple

### **VISITORS:**

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Roger & Tina Kilgore           | Aaron & Iris Loudermilk    |
| Kyle & Jackie Moyer            | Kyle & Stephanie Hatcher   |
| Ron Vankunnan                  | Mark Croley                |
| Chris Ambrose                  | Bruce King                 |
| Sam Sherrod                    | Suzanne Bush               |
| Jason Stanley & Nicole Stanley | Wayne & Brittini Stallings |
| Michelle Martel                | Connie Duncan              |
| Mary Bailey                    | Becky Bailey               |
| Scott & Chris Farney           | Kristin Bailey             |
| Ryan Davis                     | Mark & Karen Savage        |
| Tina Carson                    | Mack & Jessica Beck        |
| Doug Kirk                      | Bob Alvis                  |
| Stan Golden                    | Wendell & Annie Tillman    |

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John McDaniel

Kirk & Becky Burgess

Ashley Salter

Michael Mitchell

Randy Carlton

Jeff & Valarie Mehl-TDI

Frank Yarbrough-TDI

Michelle Lee

Wesley & Diana Hatcher

Wendy Beaty

Leslie Dailey

John Milam-TDI

Bill Shoemaker-TDI

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

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

Felisha Mitchell shared devotion: Ephesians 3:14 - For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Felisha advised with God himself giving a sacrificial gift of his son, Jesus, we should all be sacrificially serving and take a knee. It is time to lift our hands to our God.

## **MINUTES**

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

**Approval / Corrections of February 2024 Minutes** - Minutes were corrected to show Rodney & Jessica Whitfield as being absent from the February meeting. Bobby Strahan made a motion to accept the February 2024 Minutes with changes, Kay King seconded.

## **REPORTS**

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

Investment account - \$12,129.23, Operating account - \$27,816.92, Weekend account - \$1,000.17, Food account - \$1,000.00, Savings Account - \$1,000.17, Total Synovus - \$30,817.98, Grand Total - \$42,947.21. The mattress fund donation is \$1,155.00.

### **2. Weekend #67 Reports**

- **Kay King, Women's Leader-** Kay deferred to Tina Kilgore. She said everything is going great, 89 team members, 36 candidates, so excited for the weekend to come.

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- **Marden McClamma, Men's Leader** - Chris Ambrose said things are going good. He has 98 team members, 20 men's applications with 17 confirmed. Chris has asked for the entire team to fast on Friday.

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

Jen Hamilton advised she has a total of 22 men's applications with 17 men being confirmed. She has 36 women applications with 31 being confirmed. Jen advised that First Newark Church in Thomasville will palanca a bus that holds 41 for us to use. Thanks goes to Jason Stanley for locating and being the go-between for the bus. The Secretariat decided to do a love offering for the driver.

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

Michael advised there were 55 that attended the Sequela in February at First Baptist Church of Lloyd in Monticello. The next Sequela will be the Victory Sequela at Abundant Life Binders & Believers on 05/11/24 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Everyone needs to bring a covered dish.

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

Becky Strahan advised she and Bobby did a mini PO training after the men's meeting on 03/23/24 at Victory Fellowship in Thomasville.

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

Jessica Whitfield, ½ Palanca Couple, mentioned to be in prayer for other upcoming Tres Dias Weekends.

Colorado Front Range Men's Weekend 04/04-04/07, Women's; 04/11-04/14  
Tri State Tres Dias Men's Weekend was one month ago, Women's 04/11-04/14  
River of Grace Tres Dias Men's Weekend 04/04-04/07, Women's 04/11-04/14  
Tres Dias Condios Men's Weekend 04/04-04/07, Women's 04/11-04/14  
Leigh High Valley Men's Weekend 04/18-04/21, Women's 04/25-04/28  
Spirit of Grace Men's Weekend 04/11-04/14, Women's 04/18-04/21

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## **BUSINESS**

1. Rules Committee - Rules committee submitted new verbiage concerning Open Sequela's for Policy and Procedures. Jen Hamilton made the motion to accept the verbiage with additional changes, Shea Sanders second.
2. Andy Fowler advised Jay Hayes to make a post on the NFTD website for anyone that would be interested in being the Newsletter Couple. This post must run for 30 days before the Secretariat can vote on the new member.
3. Tres Dias International Visitors - On Monday, March 26, 2024, we had our monthly Secretariat meeting. In attendance with us were Jeff Mehl TDI President, John Milam TDI Spiritual Director, Frank Yarbrough Senior Liaison, and Bill Shoemaker New Liaison from Tres Dias International. This meeting was to talk about the issue of a Clergy giving the Spouse Talk. Jeff explained the history of the Spouse talk. He also explained the Apostolic Hour and clarified that according to the essentials, the Apostolic Hour officially ends after the commissioning of the candidates. Our understanding from Jeff is that when the commissioning of the candidates is complete, we are no longer in a cloistered environment. Therefore, they agreed there should be no problem with the spouse giving the Spouse talk after commissioning since it is not a cloistered environment at that point.

It is our sincerest desire to follow the essentials of Tres Dias. It is also our sincerest desire for the tradition of the Spouse talk to be given in a non-cloistered environment. We humbly submit to you a request to proceed with the Spouse talk, that has been critiqued and is 5 minutes or less, being given after the commissioning of the candidates, as the representatives from International agreed that this would be an acceptable solution.

Andy Fowler was advised to send an email to Mike Shellman, TDI Policy Chairman, regarding our request. That email was sent on 03/29/24. Below is the response from the TDI Rules Committee.

On 04/01/24, TDI Rules Committee met along with Jeff Mehl, John Milam, Frank Yarbrough and Bill Shoemaker to discuss the email summary. Attached is the decision we received from the TDI Rules Committee on 04/01/24.

**OUR SUGGESTION:** Our hope is ALWAYS for compliance over consequence. The best alternative and our recommendation would be for this or any other spiritual director spouse to give their comments and personal testimony at the victory Sequela. However, should you choose not to follow that recommendation; be advised that the ONLY other acceptable forum for a spiritual director who is a spouse of a rector who wishes to speak to the candidates on the weekend - for this weekend as well as any in the future - would be to do so at the Closing. Although not desirable since it would still serve as a distraction, it would be the least egregious alternative on the weekend itself. If the N.

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Florida Secretariat insists on rejecting this advice, the TDI Policy Committee will recommend revocation of their charter based on knowingly and willfully violating the Essentials that they have committed to follow.

4. Rector Selection - Weekend #69 (**Executive Session, Top 3 were voted on**)

## **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 Jason Hamilton giving the closing prayer. At 8:40 p.m., the Secretariat entered into Executive Session. The meeting is private and no minutes are recorded.

**Next Meeting: April 23, 2024 at Abundant Life Binders and Believers in Cairo, Georgia**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Croley, Secretary.