

Tres Dias of Maine Secretariat Minutes
Saturday, September 10, 2022
Winthrop United Methodist Church

Members Present: Charlene and John French, Ken Bryant, Sharon Weston, Kathy Swan, Elisa Sousa, Bill Holden

Members Absent: Ruth Bryant, Candi Madore, Rob and Amy Story, Lori Orbeton, John Bacon, Bill Swan, Michele St. Cyr, Eric Brasier, Kris Canning, Sue Cook, Denise Ranger, Bob Moody, Kevin Wormwood, Wendie Lagasse, Jan and Everett Parker

Community Present: Jaimy and Steve Friedrich, Beverley Hayward, Barbara Wing

President Ken Bryant greeted everyone and asked Elisa Sousa to open the meeting with prayer. Ken read from Hebrews 12:1-3 and then the Tres Dias Statement of Purpose. The Secretary's report had already been distributed and was accepted. The Treasurer was absent and the report was not available.

Jaimy Friedrich, Rectress for the Women's Weekend 9/15-18/22, submitted her team for blessing. Rob Story, Rector for the October Men's Weekend was not present. Bill Holden said the team was not totally in place, so the team received a general blessing.

We are still in need of clergy. Currently we have 2 men and 2 women available for weekends. Everett Parker, Lin Arnold, Michele St. Cyr and Linda Couture. A few others are available to do a talk during a weekend. Suggested new clergy: Joseph Saunders has served one full weekend and is willing to serve again. Ted St. Pierre accepted an invitation to serve on the September weekend but had to bow out. Kathy Swan is going to ask her current pastor, Pat Anders who has done a similar weekend, if he would consider serving.

New Business:

Ken Bryant discussed a new requirement by International TD for liability insurance for all TD communities. He has made arrangements for that coverage and has given Carol Dorr, Mechuwana Administrator, a copy of the policy.

Beverley Hayward suggested that a pamphlet about TD be mailed to secretaries of various churches to raise interest in attendance at weekends. Because pastors receive so much similar information, she felt that secretaries would be more apt to actually read them and suggest to the pastor that he/she might be interested.

Elisa Sousa has accepted the need to help Brad Van Damm, Website Administrator, with the website. They have met via Zoom and discussed working together to develop ways to improve the information, ease of access, restructure, redesign, communication and more rapid response. One specific decision approved by Secretariat was that the Rector/Rectress provide Brad or Elisa with their team lists including duties and talks assigned as well as a list of pilgrims including their residence. Any changes or additions to the weekend should be provided to Brad or Elisa as soon as possible. Secretariat approved the suggestions for researching the websites of other TD communities for more ideas to be considered. This will be a work in progress and Elisa will keep us updated.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Wing
Secretary Pro-Temp