

NLS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.
JULY 29, 2017

Board Members present were: Wendy Showalter, President; Warren "Butch" Seeley, VPA; Ellick Morey, VPO; Brenda Accola, Treasurer; Debbie Klatt, Secretary; Pr. Mark Marxhausen, Spiritual Director; Diane Purcell, Financial Adviser; Rick Hanzlik, Webmaster; Paul Schmidlin, Executive Director; Dave Lambert, Database Coordinator; and Carol Reedstrom, Newsletter.

Board members not present were: Paul Sabatier-Smith, Palanca Chair; Karen Bennefeld, Archivist/Historian; and John Bradford, National Distribution Center.

Meeting was called to order and Pastor Mark opened at 9:35 pm EST with a prayer.

Wendy shared the verse for the 2018 NLS Gathering: 2 Cor. 3:18 TLB Version. "But we Christians have no veil over our faces; we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him." She asked that the Board pray on this passage in preparation for our Mid-Year meeting in November.

The Board discussed which night of the week is the best to hold our monthly teleconference calls. The consensus was Mondays. The next scheduled teleconference will be an *Executive Session* on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm CST.

The next *all Board* teleconference will be on September 18, 2017, 7:00 pm CST. The October teleconference is on hold for now. The Mid-Year meeting will be held November 16-18 in West Palm Beach, Florida. The meeting will be attended by the Executive Committee plus Paul and Carol. In hopes of saving the cost of Wednesday night hotel expenditures, Wendy asked that those attending, research the time of Thursday morning in-coming flights, (11-16) so that we can begin our meeting by 11:00 am. If those times are unreasonable, we will gather for dinner Wednesday evening and begin work Thursday morning around 9 am. It is the plan to worship together Sunday morning before leaving for home. The flights should come out of West Palm Beach or Fort Lauderdale. The Host Committee will arrange for transportation to and from the airport – hotel selection – tour of the Palm Beach Atlantic University campus and other details.

Wendy asked Paul to provide the job descriptions for all the board positions to the entire Board as soon as possible so that they can be reviewed and updated if appropriate. Wendy will speak with all appointed members by phone within the next two weeks.

Discussion was held regarding the name of the NLS Gathering and how the next Host Committee is excited to change the name to the National Ultreya. We questioned whether the Executive Board or the "body" of the Secretariats should have a vote to change the name. Debbie stated that we understand the word "Ultreya" has a different meaning and a set of expectations from the word and maybe we should consider a different name altogether. Paul mentioned the fact that Methodists call their yearly meetings, "Gathering". It was discussed further and decided that we should bring this topic forward to the National Gathering. It will still be called a "National Gathering" in 2018 and the Florida Host Team will be advised to refrain from using the term "Ultreya".

Rick Hanzlik asked Debbie Klatt and Ellick Morey for a Bio and photo for the website.

It was mentioned that Symbols, Inc. was not present at this NLS Gathering and had told John Bradford but no one else was notified.

It was mentioned that we need to get accurate emails to Dave Lambert and updated within two (2) weeks.

Brenda mentioned that she would need to get Wendy's name and signature on the checking account.

Wendy Showalter closed the meeting in Prayer at 9:58 pm.

Carol Reedstrom motioned to close meeting and Ellick Morey 2nd the motion.

Debbie Klatt
NLS Secretary