

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING
October 15, 2017

Wendy Showalter, Butch Seeley, Brenda Accola, Ellick Morey and Debbie Klatt were present.

Wendy called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm CST.

Debbie sent the amended minutes prior to the meeting by email. Wendy requested a motion to accept the minutes - made by Butch and seconded by Ellick.....approved.

Wendy shared some of her findings since the last meeting. She had a brainstorm session with Rick and Dave about the effectiveness of the email program. She noted that out of 1300 people on Constant Contact, only 382 people opened the email pertaining to Paul Schmidlin's email resignation. She noted that approximately 300 email addresses bounced back. Wendy plans to talk again on the phone with Rick and Dave to make practical decisions on this issue. She asked that we keep this on our mind, and to pray about how to proceed.

Diane Purcell sent Wendy the Minnesota statues pertaining to Non-profits. Wendy further investigated and spoke with people from the Minnesota Council of Non-Profits, including an attorney, regarding any ruling that requires the use Robert's Rules of Order. She learned that it is not mandatory. We agreed that Via de Cristo does not need to continue to use Robert's Rules of Order. We are now on an email list and will receive notices from the Minnesota Council of Non-Profits pertaining to changes in the Minnesota law. Wendy would like Debbie to receive this email as well so that we don't miss anything in the future pertaining to Non-profit. We will continue to need a financial advisor for issues relating to tax laws, but we will not need a parliamentarian at business meetings in the future.

Wendy also shared that we need a new Archivist, as Karen Bennefeld cannot continue in the position. She spoke to Jennifer, Karen's daughter, who will be boxing up all the materials that Karen was to digitize and ship to Wendy. After the Mid-Year Meeting, we will need to send out notice that we are looking for someone to fill this position, plus ask the Regional Coordinators to seek candidates. Butch may have an idea on a replacement, but will get back to us on this.

Wendy reached out again to Carol McGill about the July business meeting minutes. She has not been successful in reaching her.

Butch reached out to Watson and Magdala about our Mid-Year Meeting in West Palm Beach, Florida. He noted that Wendy, Mark and Debbie are arriving on Wednesday, November 15th. Brenda will be driving, Carol Reedstrom might come and Ellick is still making travel plans. It was suggested we combine rooms to save money.

Butch does not have the survey completed but is almost done. Negative feedback so far is in reference to the business meeting. The positive notes are about people going back to their secretariats and being fired up. Butch has some questions for Mid-Year. Will we have a nominating committee? He questioned if we had received any inquires about the Executive Director position. He thinks it needs to be filled as fast as possible and we need to pray about it. Wendy noted that a couple of people had inquired about it, but she had concerns because one of them was from Minnesota. We already have four people from Minnesota and thought that was

too many from the same state to have on the board. The Regional Coordinators are looking and praying for candidates.

Ellick told us about his meeting with four of the seven Regional Coordinators with last weekend. He thought it was successful. Some of the topics of discussion were the Executive Director position, R.C. job description, Wellness Checklist, R & R, 5-year action plan and resources. He will meet with the other three RCs soon. Butch mentioned to Ellick about Ohio, who might want to add another secretariat and will keep him apprised of the situation. Ohio had mentioned in the past that they were thinking of creating two secretariats within their region, but has not progressed further than that. Butch will keep Ellick informed if they move forward.

Debbie will take on the responsibility of being the “go to” person when people have a question about their secretariats CCLI License. Because Copyright law and licensing is complex and can require valuable time, be confusing and expensive, she wants to make it easy for all secretariats to come to her with questions. She will write an article for the winter newsletter about it. Wendy would like Ellick to make sure the RCs read and pass on this information to each of the Lay Directors for future reference.

Debbie expressed concern about her letter that she wrote to Paul referencing the VdC computer. She sent another email to Paul about any computer files he might have for the next Executive Director. She has not heard back from Paul yet.

Back to the Mountain was briefly mentioned and Debbie asked Wendy and Ellick to consider offering an “Outreach” breakout session. They will get back to her.

Brenda relayed to us that she is copying and sending reports to Diane. She sent the September report a couple days ago.

Wendy wants us to keep praying on the selected scripture for the next NLS Gathering.

Wendy will not be available until November 2nd.

Get flight information to Butch as soon as possible for mid-year.

Butch closed us in prayer.

Wendy ended the meeting at 7:59 pm.