

Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes – Sunday May18, 2014

Telephone Conference Call – 7:00 P.M. EST

Present: Alice Allison, Steve Barnett, Ed Broestl, Carolyn Hawkins, Nancy Peterson, Diane Purcell, Tedd Smith, Mark Carson

Ed led us in prayer to open the meeting

Ed inquired if there was any need for additional conversation about the response to voting rights; all agreed with the statement which was sent out via email. Also discussed why or why not a motion should or should not be made and by whom the motion can be made.

Discussion held about where the preparations stand so far for 2014 Via de Cristo National Gathering. Mark Carson noted that there are 85 registrations received to date. He shared that each of the three Secretariats hosting the event will host a Social on one of the three nights of the event. The Socials will be themed according to the state hosting for the evening.

Carolyn noted that there needs to be contact with each of the speakers. Question was posed who will be the first speaker. Discussion was that the speaker should be a lay person, young, dynamic and energetic. Discussion continued about speakers for the second and third forum. Ed to visit with Pastor Paul to make sure all is in order regarding the keynote speaker. Pastor Paul and Ed are working to put together a presentation for the National Gathering that can be given to Pastors and National Church body leaders to inform them on Via de Cristo. Also discussed that phone calls should be made to Secretariats who have not registered their intent to attend. It was noted that a report is needed for the notebook by June 14. * Question brought up about whether or not all the paperwork needs to be printed; it was determined this will be a topic for the next meeting.

A request was brought to the Executive Committee by Steve from Damascus Road Secretariat for a scholarship. After discussion Carolyn made a motion to provide one (1) scholarship for a delegate from Damascus Road Via de Cristo, motion seconded by Tedd. Vote was unanimous to provide requested scholarship. Steve is to let the Secretariat know of the approval for the scholarship.

Discussion continued with conversation regarding the current numbers of registrations and costs. It was determined that things are about where they should be and going well.

The positions which are to be filled were discussed with comments about individuals who have expressed interest in specific Executive Committee roles which are currently open; Karen Benefeldt is interested in the Archivist, and in the Spiritual Director is a Pastor in Utah. It was noted that if anyone knows someone who may be interested in an open position to get that information to Ed and or Nancy.

Tedd: Updated the group on the Via de Cristo in Knoxville, TN and that their situation has been well handled. Their cancelled weekend is to be held in the fall. Tedd is working on getting information from the Regional Coordinators regarding Rediscover / Recommit for his report for the National Gathering. He has had a lot of communication with the coordinators discussing where they have been, what they are doing, and what they are planning. Ed noted that thought needs to be given to what is next for the Regional Coordinators and how best to continue the relationship with those already engaged as well as how to leverage each Region. Ed noted that Rediscover / Recommit serves a good purpose and is getting people thinking. It is doing what it was designed to do. There was discussion as to how Regional Coordinators should be selected in the future. Tedd to put together information about what is being done and why.

Rick: Ed reported for Rick who is working on being able to share documents quickly and in a way which responses can be made.

Diane: Asked that requests for reimbursement be in prior to May 31.

Nancy: Reported that she has received 24 responses from Secretariats; there should be 18 more. She knows of two Secretariats which did not host weekends.

Ed: Noted that previous discussion has covered what he wanted to discuss.

After prayer the meeting adjourned at 8:40 EST