

NLS Executive Committee (EC)

March 8, 2015

Attendees: Alice Allison, Brenda Accola, Steve Barnett, Ed Broestl, Pastor Doug Givan, Pam Gross, Rick Hanzlik, Diane Purcell, Carol Reedstrom, Paul Schmidlin, and Tedd Smith.

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:00 EST

There will be a special meeting held to discuss the presentations given by the Pastor. It will be held to an hour at a later date.

- January meeting minutes not titled. Change the start time to 7:00 EST (from 7:30) Tedd made motion to accept meeting minutes as changed; Brenda second. Motion carried

Add Diane to the “attendees” for the February minutes. Motion made by Tedd to accept minutes as amended; seconded by Steve B. Motion carried

National Gathering preparation

Pam: stated the Host committee met Saturday, March 7. They are doing well with fund raising as well as all other areas. There is no contract with the University signed yet, however the University is apparently not concerned with having a signed; everything is ok. The committee is beginning to get volunteer applications in. Application is on the National website. It is also in the Conexiones. Steve noted that Rick can add a note that says the application is online. Rick did send out a notice (email) saying where things can be found online as well; 566 email out to announce where; 210 opened. Rick sends out weekly “thoughts from the Spiritual Director Email and can add info to that email also. Rick has various “contacts” lists in his system which he can use which has 540 names. Ed ask Pam to have whoever is writing the invite contact info Rick with the list and he will add to the constant contact campaign. Carol inquired as to where responses from the National community will go; but it depends upon how they respond. Inquiry made if the schedule will be available by June. Response that the plan is for early June, but may be closer to July. Diane asking Pam about if a delegate wished to not stay on campus and is there a price set for that situation. Pam stated will be on registration as a day visitor with a line to note if meals will be needed. Pam to send directly to Diane once finished. Carol will update the registration once the change is made. April 15 is deadline to get application to Carol so she can get info out to communities. Pam is still working on insurance. Will ask university about coverage. At this time all pick up will be a Moline airport. Noted that there are 2 other large events during our stay in the area.

Steve: Lead speakers need to be committed right away. Diane and Paul are yes. Paul to contact Wendy. Kim is praying. Outline to be sent in by 31st of March and by April 30 draft of presentation. Diane noted that we need to be consistent in what we are calling the “National Gathering”. It is be the “2015 National Via de Cristo Gathering” and may be shortened in various ways. Ideas and thoughts send to Steve and Ed about modifying the host documents.

Job Description approval: Question - news letter editor description “greater Crusillo community” should read “Greater 4th Day Community”. Job descriptions approved.

Pastoral presentation: There will be a special showing in the next couple of weeks. Will be shown to 3 Pastors in Colorado before being sent out to others. There also will be a meeting to approve it going out to community

Activities and successes:

Steve - Admin: covered above

Tedd - Outreach: Things going well in Lake Gaston, NC. Pastor Stephen Phipo is serving on a team currently with E Carolina. It is a slow process but paperwork is done, now getting together groups and building a Secretariat and is hoping for completion by early 2016. Has asked Chris Rasmussen to help out as he is located very close by. Also starting a group in Florida with a whole new Secretariat; the name of the group has not been determined. Steve verified it does take time and there is a lot to do. Steve stated we would need to note they could be acknowledged at the National Gathering if their 501-C3 has been approved by then. Diane requested the paperwork be sent to her to go over prior to being sent in. Discussion that if paperwork is approved we would discuss helping them pay fees. Tedd looking to see if Alaska and or the Virgin Islands are noted in the minutes of the last four years of minutes. Steve suggested Tedd call Steve Gilda to see if he is aware of the status.

Rick: In looking at the newsletter subscription form in the Conexiones it is goes to the Exec Dir. the Email subscription does go to Rick. Webpage has been modified to eliminate the “forums” section as it was not being used. Rick not getting emails from me is also getting “constant contact” emails bouncing back. He knows that some of the Lay Director info is not correct. Paul has received information about several new Lay Directors. Rick to send Ed the info about emails which have bounced. Steve noted he found a lot of information on community websites and will help look for people. Rick has not received any video from the 2014 Gathering. Rick asked who is the Archivist/ Historian; it is Karen Benefeld. Question was raised, “does the web information need to be cleaned up”. Ed requested help with policy for file retention policy. Determination needs to be made about how to handle data which is on the website. There is no issue with the amount of data on the site now as there is plenty of space available.

Discussion of not having heard from Vineyard with final information, this should be addressed with the Lay Director, Bobby Ladany, who was the Treasurer for the 2014

National Gathering. If anyone makes contact send an email to everyone letting us know what happened.

Pastor Doug - Is about half way through the SD manual and continues to work on it.

Brenda A - Inquired when a check should be sent to the Host Committee for the Board members. Pam suggested Brenda wait until she has an opportunity to visit with the University to see if we will be able to eat meals on Tuesday. Steve told Brenda she can send out information to individual Secretariats about the fees due from each of them. Brenda requested Paul send the survey results to her as they come in.

Diane - Informed Wisconsin has been reinstated. Diane will follow up with other EIN after tax time.

Carol - Would like to see the headline of each Conexiones focus on something different. Jan - Feb - would be perhaps tax implications. The survey also goes out at this time; April - May - would be about the Annual Gathering; July - August - highlights of Gathering and where next year; Oct - Nov spotlight on new groups and/or how things are going in new groups. Also could ask Secretariats what they would like to see. Talk about who we are in the Board perspective.

Paul: Went to Tennessee for the memorial service for Eby Nelson. He met a lot of people while there. Has seen a distinction in the roles of the Regional Coordinators and the Rediscover - Recommit Rep. and while they can be the same person there are definite distinctions in the functions and needs of each position. The future of R & R would be presented to those who were not in attendance and then add information which will help those who have attended as an advanced level. He feels the Regional Coordinators are essential and he hopes each one will be able to stay in close connection with the Lay Directors in their Region.

Ed would like to visit with Steve and Brenda and requested them to remain on phone for brief meeting.

8:40 closed in prayer