

May 17, 2015

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

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:00 EST

March meeting minutes approval: Brenda made motion to accept meeting minutes as changed; Tedd second. Motion carried

April meeting minutes approval: Tedd made motion to accept meeting minutes as changed; Brenda second. Motion carried

Pam: Will be meeting with the University to sign a contract in a few weeks. She noted that fund raising is going well and that at last count there are just over 100 registrations as of two weeks ago. Tedd inquired "How many registrations had been made at this point" and Pam said that at last count there are just over 100 registrations as of two weeks ago. Diane feels it is about where it should be. Pam asked if there was to be a power point about the banners. Tedd noted the last several years there have not been a lot of banners at the meeting but there is a power point which it would be nice to show during various times during the meeting. Ed to search the archives to see where the power point may be. Determination will be made if it should be updated. Pam also indicated she has received some nice donations from a few people.

Newsletter ideas and discussion: Ed would like to have a way ask people who are attending National Gathering how their day is going, what kind of experience they are having and how the experience has effective their participation in this movement, in an effort to get ideas rolling. Carol feels it is a great idea as it can also be part of the Newsletter daily. Diane agrees with Carol; also asking what is the target market? By putting into the newsletter this could encourage more people to the National Gathering as the Newsletter is read online during and after the Gathering. The intent would be to hand everyone an envelope daily with a note letting them see how they can be a part of telling others about their experience, good or not so good. The discussion also noted that if ideas which were brought up requested changes perhaps those could be made right away so we can pick up on the successes immediately as well. Logistical things can be corrected more readily with the daily reporting. The idea is to ask attendees for concerns (not prayer request type) and provide their thoughts about the day and comments about the logistics, making their thoughts primary focus. This should help to create enthusiasm and interest. Explain that we want ideas as we go so that things which can be updated can be done and will make

the Gathering better. Team could set up various areas where the comments can be dropped at the end of the day.

Diane: stated that there are several thank you's to do this year. She noted it would be good to thank Nancy & Judy early in the meeting and then the outgoing Board members later in the meeting as a way to have the recognition more significant. Ed and Steve to work on the business meeting schedule so that everyone will have time to get ready and will work on this during that time.

Paul is getting some info about delegates and is looking for ways to gain traction.

Ed let the Board know that John has questions about sending PDF copies of National documents to Secretariats who have made requests for them. Ed noted that other movements earn funds by selling the documents and this is also an important part of funding for our organization. It was also stated that we need to make the local organizations aware of what they can and cannot do with copyrighted materials. There will have to be an explanation of what we do with the soft copies of the documents. We need to make sure that the material and message we send is consistent. We also need to remember that we are living in an electronic age of information and having all types of information on our devices. There is a fine line between the "must do" and the autonomy. We will pray about this and will have an answer by the meeting we have prior to the National Gathering. Ed to send an email to all regarding this and will have conversation with all.

Tedd: Thank you to the Host Committee for what they are doing and will be doing for the National Gathering. Thanks to Carol for the Newsletter. Tedd is in communications with Steve Phipo about the new North Carolina Secretariat. Central Florida Secretariat will start up again soon but not sure when. Open to new ideas on how to help new communities start. It has been over 4 years since there was a new Secretariat. Ed noted we need to be in prayer about this matter.

Rick: Activities - sending out weekly SD thoughts and publishing on Musings the website from Ed. Rick will send out to the General and will post in the "Musings from the President". Ed has received 2 responses and will send out information on additional responses. Will publish the meeting minutes onto the website. Ed ask Rick is there a way to determine who visits the website. Rick indicated only the number of visits are traced, not who visits. Rick reminded the group that he publishes on Facebook and Twitter during the National Gathering.

Brenda: Questioned if the Yellowstone Secretariat is active. Ed explained that people have been in contact with them including Kim Brownlow the Regional Coordinator. Paul will contact them to see how and what they are doing. Brenda also noted there

are several Secretariats that have not paid dues. In conversation with the Treasurer in Nebraska she has discovered they are faltering. Diane noted Rediscover - Recommit is being held in that area of the country and people from Nebraska are scheduled to be there. Brenda will be getting reimbursements to those who have made reservations and or have sent her their mileage.

Diane: no report

Carol: Appreciates the support, feedback and comments on the newsletter.

Paul: Thank you for consideration during all that is going on with him.

Ed: Will be sending the Board an email with 3 attachments: Policies, NLS Best Practices, and Secretariat Best Practices. He would like help with Record Retention policy (Diane), NLS Best Practices: Newsletters - (Carol) Photos at National Gathering; Posting to the website (Rick); Liability Insurance (Diane). The goal is to approve these at the next meeting. The next meeting to be determined; look at June 7th or 28th.

Meeting ended with prayer at 8:45 EST

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Allison, Secretary