

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016

The NLS Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Steve Gielda, President, at 7:07 p.m. EDT, on May 16, 2016, via teleconference.

Pastor Doug led us in prayer.

Those in attendance were Steve Gielda, President; Steve Barnett, VP Administration; Wendy Showalter, VP Outreach; Carol McGill, Secretary; Brenda Accola, Treasurer; Pastor Doug Givan, Spiritual Director; Paul Schmidlin, Executive Director; Diane Purcell, Financial Advisor; Carol Reedstrom, Newsletter; Rick Hanzlik, Paul Sabatier, Palanca; and, Karen Benefeld, Archivist.

Minutes of March 7, 2016, and April 18, 2016 meeting were approved.

Executive Director – Paul Schmidlin

Has not formed a Nominating Committee, but has two potentials for VPA.

VP Administration – Steve Barnett

Requesting all Board members to submit their year-end reports to him and Tracy by June 10.

VP Outreach—Wendy Showalter

Northern Plains Via de Cristo of North Dakota will be sending two delegates and two visitors to the National Gathering in July - supported by \$500 seed money from VPO funds.

Group in Western Nebraska is considering starting their own secretariat and is trying to build a group to discuss their options. Wendy will visit them when/if appropriate.

Lake Gaston NC community worked with Walk to Emmaus folks and held a prayer event on May 14 in an effort to create a larger community of Cursillistas. Now that this is past, they will again direct efforts to revising their Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. They will not be sending visitors to the National Gathering this year.

Nebraska Secretariat has been shrinking and suffering for quite some time. Wendy has been reaching out to them (first as their Regional Coordinator) but now, with a new Lay Director in place, the communication is two-way!! There is no interest in attending the National Gathering, at this time, but we are praying on the creation of an ad-hoc committee to discuss possible ways to enliven the

community. Wendy and their new R.C. (Ginny Buck) will be going down to support these efforts, as appropriate.

Pastor Batal, Papau, New Guinea, requested and has received leadership training materials for both VdC and TEC. Wendy has been invited to serve as the Keynote Speaker at their lay/clergy Leaders Forum in November. Board will receive a request for financial support from Wendy within the week.

Telephone conversation with Rev. Dr. Laura Holck - Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Cross, Calgary Canada, set up for May 24, to begin discussion of potential new secretariat! This is our first conversation regarding VdC in Canada.

Still trying to connect with Pastor Frank Ruffatto in Charleston, W.V. as to interest in starting a secretariat. No luck yet!!

Treasurer—Brenda Accola

Board members should get their receipts to Brenda by the end of May to expense them in the current Fiscal Year. Reimbursements for Board members' flights to National Gathering will be sent out the first part of June.

Archivist – Karen Benefield

Reported that she had started going through the boxes she received and will have a report to share at the National Gathering.

Closing prayer by Pr. Doug.

Next meeting will be June 20.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. EDT.

Carol McGill
Secretary