

**NLS Executive Board Meeting
Teleconference
April 16, 2018**

Board Members present were: Wendy Showalter, President; Warren “Butch” Seeley, VPA; Ellick Morey, VPO; Debbie Klatt, Secretary; Brenda Accola, Treasurer; Rick Hanzlik, Webmaster; Dave Lambert, Database Coordinator; Carol Reedstrom, Newsletter Editor.

Absent: Mark Marxhausen, Spiritual Director; John Bradford, National Distribution Center; Paul Sabatier-Smith, Palanca Chair.

Wendy called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm CST and Butch led us in prayer.

The minutes from March 19, 2018 NLS Executive Committee meeting were briefly discussed with no comments and were passed with a motion made by Butch and seconded by Ellick.

Old Business:

Only six (6), ratification letters have been received so far. Wendy suggested that Ellick contact all the Regional Coordinators so that they can contact each of their Regions Lay Directors. NLS will need at least 33 out of the 46 ratification letters.

It was briefly discussed that the Executive Board arrives in West Palm Beach, Florida on Tuesday or early Wednesday. We will plan to have a meeting at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, July 25 for a couple of hours. We will also meet on Thursday morning, if necessary. Wendy will contact the Host Committee, and have them secure hotel rooms for us. Maybe have Magdala suggest a place to have dinner, for those arriving on Tuesday, July 24th.

Reports:

Wendy reported for Mark. The SD list has a couple of “maybes”. Mark is in Argentina and has been quite diligent in his efforts to find a Spiritual Director.

Butch discussed with us that “registration” has been light. He plans to go over the calendar with Wendy within the next couple of weeks. He is also gathering things for the Gathering binders. Butch reached out to Brian Swartz from INKY to touch base and see how they are doing. They had a good article in their newsletter about the Annual Gathering for the 2019 event, but no location has been confirmed. It is expected that a strong contingent of 2019 Annual Gathering Host Committee attend the 2018 Gathering and “shadow” the current Host Committee.

Butch wanted confirmation that the “speakers” for the AG can be reimbursed for their travel expenses upon request only. The Host Committee will pay for “registration” and NLS will cover the cost for travel by request.

Dave mentioned that Rainbow VdC has a dedicated scholarship fund for all newcomers to the Annual Gathering.

The Annual Reports from the Board are due NO LATER than June 1st.

Ellick – The minutes from the most recent Regional Coordinators’ meeting has not been transcribed yet, most likely because of “tax” season. Kim will send them as soon as she can.

Ellick is looking to meet with the Regional Coordinators at the AG. Butch will try to schedule it in and send the location and time to Ellick by next Monday.

No nominees for the Board election provided by the R.C.s

John Aclin has been in touch with him in reference to starting a new secretariat, possibly in Virginia. A Hispanic group in Florida is also exploring the possibility of a new secretariat.

Debbie – No report.

Brenda – She has not sent the letter to Prairie Sunshine Via de Cristo yet, but will send it this week. Brenda did speak to Diane and was informed that most of the information needed, is in the “red book” and the rest will be consolidated and sent off to us.

Twenty-two secretariats have paid their dues to date. Two are waived, two are “new”, so that left 20.

Brenda sent an article for the newsletter about paying their dues by April 30th. Ellick will ask RC’s to remind the LD’s for dues.

Rick – No new posts for AG from the Host Committee. Brenda will send in her video for the April slot instead of March.

Rick has talked to 3 different people who might be interested in Distribution Center position.

Dave – Dave sent the attachment pertaining to the status. Just needs clarification on “disbanded” or “inactive”.

He would like to get a copy of the “registration” base so he can begin reconciling the database after the early bird registration.

Carol – Wendy asked that a notice be put into the newsletter, alerting people to the change of time for the Orientation at the Annual Gathering.

New Business:

New NLS Executive Board will have a one-hour meeting after the dinner on Saturday. Be sure to attend this meeting.

Paul and Diane will be sent a letter in reference to us “honoring” them at the Agape dinner. Wendy will buy the gifts if they plan to attend.

New Board Position Title – Non-profit/Tax Advisor will be the new name instead of Financial Advisor. Tim Dickie is from Minnesota and a CPA. He will not be able to join us at the Annual Gathering this year, so we will not have the planned tax workshop, but he will attend next year Indianapolis. Maybe have Brenda answer questions at the workshop?

Wendy learned about a 2018 “non-profit” book for Minnesota Tax Laws for \$90 and plans to purchase it for Tim.

Butch wants everyone to be made aware of the new tax laws, pertaining to charity. It was suggested we have a letter drafted for the AG binder, newsletter and Facebook.

Meeting closed at 7:49 pm with prayer from Wendy.

Debbie Klatt

NLS Secretary