



National Lutheran Secretariat

Special Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes of July 30, 2023 Meeting

Present: John Aclin, Steve Barnett, Brian Comeno, Pastor G. Karl Gaston, Brian Schwartz, Karen Weires, Jane Winge, and Carolyn Witham

Absent: none

Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Brian C. called the National Lutheran Secretariat (NLS) Executive Committee (NLSEC) meeting to order, and Pastor G. Karl opened the meeting with prayer.

New Business

Meeting Dates

Mid-year: Two fall weekend dates were considered for the mid-year meeting. October 19-22 was the group's first choice and October 26-29 is the second choice. Brian to confirm date availability with the hotel.

Monthly: The NLS Executive Committee has been meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month for two hours (NLSEC only) or two and a half hours (NLSEC and appointed chairpersons). All agreed that this meeting cadence will generally work for the coming year. The meetings will begin at 8pm Eastern Time/5pm Pacific Time. After some discussion, it was agreed that our next meeting will be August 22nd.

Authorized Signers

G. Karl made a motion [to update the authorized signers on the Wells Fargo and Thrivent Financial Credit Union accounts to:](#)

- [remove all current signers with the exception of Steve Barnett \(continuing Treasurer\) and](#)
- [add Brian Comeno \(newly elected President\)](#)

Jane seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

2024 NLS Annual Gathering (NLSAG)

The seed money raised for the 2024 NLSAG through the envelope challenge will be deposited to the 2024 NLSAG checking account. Brian C. confirmed that the complimentary registration package announced at last night's dinner is being paid by the Light in the Desert secretariat.

Evaluation of 2022 NLS Annual Gathering

All individuals present shared thoughts about what went well and what we might want to tweak in future years. The ideas were captured for incorporation into the NLS Vice President of Administration notes.

Closing Prayer – Brian C. adjourned the meeting and closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 5:00pm PDT via Zoom for NLSEC

Summary of Action Items

1. Brian C. to confirm mid-year date with hotel.
2. Brian S. to schedule Zoom meeting for August 22nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Witham