

2011, July 30 -- NLSAM Business Mtg. #3

On Saturday, July 30, 2011, the third business meeting opened at 11:10 A.M. with the Holy Spirit prayer.

A Thrivent representative, Terry Haverson, reminded delegates that Thrivent is a charitable organization. He announced the winner of the drawing for the Musical Heritage CD.

Tracy invited secretariats to think about hosting the NLSAM in 2014 or 2015, reminding all that Thrivent is available to help financially. She reminded attendees that while the History Book in their bags was a free gift, additional copies must be purchased for \$10.00 from John Bradford at the Distribution Center table. Also, the NLSAM Saturday evening offering is designated for Outreach. Other reminders were that evaluations need to be filled out and turned in, pictures are scheduled to be taken before the worship at 8:00 tonight, and appointed board positions of the Web Page Coordinator and Database Coordinator still need to be filled.

Committee Reports began.

Elaine Mount read the minutes from the Budget Committee meeting. Adjustments were made to finalize the proposed budget. *Virginia Reymmer moved the recommendation from the committee that the proposed budget be approved.* The discussion included the timing of the fiscal year which is June 1 to May 31 each year. *Motion passed.*

Lisa Milzarek read the Vision and Values report. In 2010 the committee had worked on 7 core value statements that described Via de Cristo. These led to the top 2 statements they tweaked and chose this year. They are intended to stand the test of time and to help those who do not understand Via de Cristo to have a clearer picture of who we are.

1. Via de Cristo is a Christ centered Lay Ministry for faith renewal. In partnership with pastors, we focus on God's grace to build Christian community. Via de Cristo leads individuals to a close relationship with Christ by experiencing God's grace so that they may go forth and serve others with their God given talents.
2. Via de Cristo leads individuals to a closer relationship with Christ by experiencing God's grace so they go out and serve others with their God given talents.

Doug Burrows represented the committee to select the Executive Director. The other members are Leona Fox, Pr. John Propst, Ed Broestl, Steve Barnett, and Carolyn Hawkins.

Motion from the committee to select the Executive Director:

1. *We move to extend the time established to allow an extra 30 days.*
2. *We additionally feel that in fairness to this body and the greater VDC community that we also allow this 30 day extension to be used to allow for additional applications.*

The reason is to acquaint ourselves with the needs of the position and to establish questions to interview the applicants. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact members of the committee. *Motion passed.*

Judy gave the Newsletter committee report. They discussed hard copy newsletters versus electronic copies. They looked at the NLS website and its links that are available to be shared. She is available to help secretariats throughout the year with their communication needs.

Larry talked about keeping up with methods of communication like Facebook and Twitter. Linking to Secretariats' websites from our website, or sharing a website if needed, might be more accurate ways to have updated information available. However, some secretariats block access to the web. That would need to be adjusted.

Several past officers shared about our history. Nate Lundgren shared what VdC meant to him. In 1984 he attended MN #33. It is important for pastors to encourage pastors to be involved and to keep to the essentials. Ed Hansen from SD attended in 1983. Faith and friendship are important for those going on a Via de Cristo weekend. Martha Erickson was there and prayed for them 30 years ago when Via de Cristo got started in MN. She was happy that the vision from the starters has come so far. Joe Nilsen attended in 1972 and shared the story of the first weekend. He was thankful for the Catholic men who understood grace so profoundly that they helped Lutherans attend their weekends.

It was announced that Colorado, next year's host team, needs to meet in the lobby with the Board after worship tonight.

The business meeting recessed at 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Sistar
NLS Secretary