

2011, November 13 NLS Executive Board (EB) Teleconference Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Sunday, November 13. Ed Broestl, Carolyn Hawkins, Steve Gielda, Magdala Ray, Nancy Peterson, Judy Laabs-Foss, and Diane Purcell were able to connect to the teleconference.

Ed invited all to join him in the prayer to the Holy Spirit

Secretary: The October teleconference minutes have been approved; “FINAL” version will be sent out this evening.

Newsletter Editor: Judy recommended some ways we can meet the challenges of coordinating the newsletter with web site information. She needs pictures of the annual meeting site in Denver and an article about the 2012 NLSAM for this fall newsletter. The next newsletter deadline after this will be January 15th, 2012.

Treasurer: Ed will ask Steve B. to send out the third quarter financial reports.

Financial Advisor: Diane explained that the ministry of charities signers must have been on the board as of May 31st, 2011, for that report period, which is why she specified previous board members’ signatures as necessary.

VP-Outreach: Steve G. reported that the Leadership Survey will be sent out by the end of November. After Thanksgiving, he will be conducting a phone conference regarding the leadership curriculum from the Walk to Emmaus training. Leadership training is for all cursillistas and will be coordinated by the Regional Coordinators.

VP-Administration: Carolyn shared some of the ideas and suggestions from the final compilation of the 2011 NLSAM evaluations. Most comments related to increasing the value of the various meeting activities by fine tuning rather than any massive overhaul or reorganization. Two specific suggestions were that the schedule provide more time for reflection and that the small group meetings would begin and end with prayer. She has spoken with Greg Engroff, ED of Walk to Emmaus, about attending the 2012 NLSAM, and he is arranging to attend the entire weekend. He was very excited and enthusiastic about this opportunity to participate. She will introduce him early in the weekend and will arrange for him to talk with people at different tables each meal.

Executive Director: Nancy returned from her trip to Israel yesterday morning.

President: Ed confirmed that Pr. Joe Nilsen has agreed to be the keynote speaker at the 2012 NLSAM; he will reflect on 40 years of Lutheran weekends. Ed will be sending Nancy information for contacting the LD of each secretariat. He also requested information about where the electronic copies of the NLS constitution and bylaws and the job descriptions are kept. Diane responded that she has the original electronic versions of the documents; the Host

Committee flash drive may also contain the documents. Ed has sent a copy of the constitution and bylaws to an attorney friend who provided him with notes. The last time the constitution was reviewed was in 2004. Diane suggested that Ed request Fred Schneider's input for this current review; he was very helpful in 2004. Ed will be passing on notes about the web site to Rick. The web site should ideally provide some brief information for each board member – primarily who we are and what we do.

Ed led the group in prayer for the special prayer requests and especially the health and safety of all at this Thanksgiving time. The entire group prayed the Lord's Prayer in unison.

The next teleconference meeting will be on Sunday, December 11th, at 7:00pm EDT.

The November 13th teleconference meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Magdala Ray, Secretary