

## **2012, March 11 NLS Executive Board (EB) Teleconference Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm Sunday, March 11. Steve Barnett, Ed Broestl, Steve Gielda, Pr. Doug Givan, Judy Laabs-Foss, Magdala Ray, Nancy Peterson, and Diane Purcell were able to connect to the teleconference.

Steve B led the group in the prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Ministry reports were presented as follows:

Secretary: To ensure that all NLSEB minutes are posted on the website, Magdala will send all FINAL minutes to Rick, copying Nancy. The EB members will send Magdala changes and approval for the January 29-30<sup>th</sup> Orlando meeting and the February 12<sup>th</sup> teleconference in the coming week. Magdala will also send the EB members two versions of the Action Items list – closed items and open items, retaining the originally assigned item numbers. Magdala will be working with Pr. Doug on editing the devotional booklet and the online pastoral survey.

Newsletter Editor: Judy requested a copy of the 2012 NLSAM agenda and reminded the group of the April 15<sup>th</sup> newsletter deadline.

Treasurer: Steve G has sent out the profits/loss report. Some items which are over budget will be offset by savings. He has had a low response to request for dues and may send out reminder notes to the secretariats.

Financial Advisor: Diane reminded the group that we are experiencing a normal cash flow for this time of year in the NLS cycle. She is preparing a “memory jogger” article concerning organizational tax returns. She is waiting to hear more information about Wisconsin’s 501c3 rules.

Spiritual Director: Pr. John Bradford, Pr. Doug, and Steve G are working on the wording of the online pastoral survey; they are hoping to send out the survey by March 17<sup>th</sup>. Pr. Doug has already received his scheduled preaching assignment for 2012 NLSAM from Pr. Steve Hartten in Denver.

VP-Outreach: Steve G met with Notes of Grace at the end of February to support their 4<sup>th</sup> Day growth efforts, and Ed had a similar meeting with VdC of the Rockies. Both meetings were very productive and resulted in some key action items.

Steve G continues to meet and work with the Region Outreach team to develop essential curriculum and the implementation plan. He expects to be able to provide the EB with an outline of the curriculum and launch plan at the April teleconference meeting.

We have purchased 250 VdC pewter crosses for Papua New Guinea’s 2012 weekends, where they are anticipating 95 pilgrims for their spring weekend and over 120 in the fall. Steve B approved this budget purchase from the VP-Outreach budget.

VP-Administration: Ed will update Carolyn on this meeting; she is serving on a weekend. Diane suggested that a newsletter article be written about future NLSAMs. The EB members agreed that a renewed effort to recruit hosts is needed, also; it would be good to have a list once again of future sites and hosts. Diane also queried concerning A-OK's fundraising efforts for the 2013 NLSAM.

Executive Director: Nancy reported that she has contacted all but six of the secretariats; the conversations have been very positive. She will continue to reach out this month to the remaining secretariats. In creating the new database, Nancy will keep the old database with all names intact for reference; the new version will be completely up-to-date with new names, positions, and contact information.

Ed will send out a reminder in the next LD newsletter of the need to respond with dues and to return the survey packet to Nancy. Nancy requested that Ed also ask the LDs to check to make sure her new email address had not been directed into their junk email folders as spam.

President: Ed commented on the "busyness" that we all have been experiencing during this early spring time and thanked God for the joy of seeing such great teamwork among all the members of this organization.

Ed then led the group in prayer for the special prayer requests and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next teleconference meeting will be on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> (NOT Easter Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, which is the second Sunday of the month), at 7:00pm EDT.

The March 11<sup>th</sup> teleconference meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Magdala Ray, Secretary