

2012, November 11 NLS Executive Board (EB) Teleconference Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm Sunday, November 11. Present on teleconference: Pr. John Bradford, Ed Broestl, Steve Gielda, Rick Hanzlik, Carolyn Hawkins, Judy Laabs-Foss, Diane Purcell, Magdala and Watson Ray. Steve Barnett and Nancy Peterson were excused.

Ed led the group in the prayer to the Holy Spirit. He thanked Carolyn for sending out the travel information and asked everyone to read the materials he will be sending out before next weekend's mid-year meeting. He also asked everyone to review the "open" and "closed" action item lists.

As each ministry report was presented, Ed asked for prayer requests.

Secretary: Magdala will update the action items list and have hard copies for review at the mid-year meeting. She reminded everyone to complete the Myers-Briggs Type Inventory (MBTI) before traveling to Florida so she can have the profile reports ready.

Newsletter Editor: Judy reminded all that November newsletter articles are due, and she is especially looking for one from the 2013 HC. She is looking forward to taking photographs at Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Financial Advisor: Diane reported that she will have the tax forms requiring EB signatures with her at the mid-year meeting.

Spiritual Director: Pr. John sent a newsletter article for November. He is developing the Study Rollo reading list and would like EB feedback at the mid-year meeting.

VP-Outreach: Steve G sent a newsletter article for November. The 4th Day T-shirts have been mailed out by Alice Allison in TX. Steve has been working closely with Wendy Showalter on the facilitator's manual for the regional training, and he will have a teleconference with all the regional coordinators on December 2nd. He has also been in contact with Pr. Scott Nims of Virginia Beach, who is still interested in starting a new community there.

Website Administrator: Rick regrets that he will be unable to attend the mid-year meeting. He has learned that we have the capability of sending up to 1,000 emails/day with the newsletter link. He asked whether we would want to send a link or a pdf file; the link is better because there would not be the concern of a maximum size of an attachment.

VP-Administration: Carolyn announced that Good News Via de Cristo is interested in hosting the 2016 NLSAM. She has emailed the mid-year travel plans to the 2013 HC.

Host Committee Chair: Watson reported that all is ready for the mid-year meeting, and the HC is looking forward to meeting with the EB and touring the PBAU campus together.

Executive Director: Ed has conversed with Nancy regarding her trips to Northern Lights, Sonrise, and the international Emmaus conference. She will update us all at the mid-year meeting.

President: Ed asked the EB to think about how we measure “success” for the NLS secretariats. Right now we use data such as the number of people who have gone through weekends. Are there other things we should be measuring? How do we say a weekend was “successful?”

Ed announced that starting with this teleconference, at the end of each meeting he will ask everyone to state the action items he or she would like included on the list so Magdala can add them. The items from this meeting will be completing the MBTI, reviewing the action item lists, and working on the Study Rollo reading list (already listed).

Ed led a prayer based on the group’s prayer requests.

The mid-year meeting will begin at 1:00pm on Friday, November 16th, at Faith Lutheran Church in North Palm Beach, Florida.

The next teleconference meeting will be on Sunday, December 9th, at 7:00pm EDT.

The November 11th teleconference meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Magdala Ray, Secretary