

2012, December 9 NLS Executive Committee (EC) Teleconference Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm Sunday, December 9. Present on teleconference: Steve Barnett, Ed Broestl, Steve Gielda, Rick Hanzlik, Carolyn Hawkins, Judy Laabs-Foss, Nancy Peterson, Diane Purcell, Magdala and Watson Ray. Pr. John Bradford was excused.

Ed led the group in the prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Secretary: Magdala will update the action item list by Friday, December 14th, and send out on December 15th. The final update will be December 20th. She also has sent out the draft November teleconference minutes for approval. Mid-year minutes will follow shortly.

Newsletter Editor: Judy has made a few small corrections to the newsletter and will resend to Rick for posting on the website.

Treasurer: Steve B has sent out the profit/loss statements and is examining the travel accounts. Diane answered a question about the proper posting for the sale of 4th Day t-shirts at the 2012 NLSAM. Steve B also has questions concerning his responsibility for the research on EC insurance and also video conferencing. Ed confirmed that he and Rick will be conducting that research and reporting on it. Steve G had some questions about the use of the restricted Outreach fund for the Regional Coordinators' training; Diane and the EC agreed that this was appropriate use of that fund. Ed requested that Steve B provide the EC with a spreadsheet of the restricted fund usage.

Financial Advisor: Diane reported that she has submitted the tax forms signed at the mid-year meeting.

VP-Outreach: Steve G reported that he and the Regional Coordinators are very close to finalizing the training curriculum; the facilitator's manual and draft workbook are completed. Pilot training will take place in two regions in January or February. An ultreya will be held in Virginia Beach in January or February to encourage the development of a new VdC community.

Website Administrator: Rick reported that the EC website email addresses have been finalized, and they have been configured for Outlook. All will have automatic forwarding capability. The EC agreed that although it has not been a problem, this feature will be very helpful. The EC members were eager to access and utilize these email addresses. Rick also reported that with the next newsletter, he will be able to send out a link in a mass emailing. Rick and Ed will discuss the possible use of Skype for future teleconferences.

VP-Administration: Carolyn noted that clear assignments need to be made for calling the prospective 2013 NLSAM speakers. She will be finalizing the registration form with Steve B and the HC; no credit cards will be used for payment purposes for the 2013 registration. Ed will contact Pr. Al Sager this week; Magdala has contacted Marva Dawn. Diane and Steve B will follow up on the 2012 NLSAM accounts.

Host Committee Chair: Watson reported that all mid-year meeting receipts will be sent to Steve B this week. Although the HC will not be meeting face-to-face in December, he and Beverly are phoning each sub-committee chair for updates. The registration form is being developed. Gold Coast VdC will be holding a 2013 NLSAM fundraiser spaghetti dinner on January 19th. Monthly HC meetings commence in January on the second Saturday of every month at Prince of Peace Anglican Church in Viera, FL. The HC is planning on holding the June meeting in West Palm Beach, preferably on the PBAU campus, and that meeting will include a training session for all NLSAM volunteers, similar to a Leaders School workshop or team meeting.

Executive Director: Nancy asked for input on any changes or new information which should be requested on the annual survey of the local secretariats, which will be sent out in January. She will be attending the MN VdC council meeting.

President: Ed is working with the ED Funding Task Force in revising the job description and developing foundation documents; drafts are due the end of this month for an early January meeting. Steve G will provide Ed with information for the January Musings to the LDs; Nancy noted that many LDs forward the Musings email to their communities, so the articles should be focused for that purpose.

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

The next teleconference meeting will be on Sunday, January 13th, at 7:00pm EDT.

The December 9th teleconference meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Magdala Ray, Secretary