

2013 Post-NLSAM Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes – Sunday, July 28, 2013

Palm Beach Atlantic University (PBAU) – Riley Sims Conference Room – 10AM

Present: Alice Allison, Steve Barnett, Pr. John Bradford, Ed Broestl, Steve Giolda, Rick Hanzlik, Carolyn Hawkins, Judy Laabs-Foss, Diane Purcell, Nancy Peterson, Magdala Ray, and Tedd Smith.

Ed led the group in the “Come, Holy Spirit” prayer. He thanked the outgoing board members and welcomed the new members. He explained the prayer partner system for the EC and with the local secretariats by region. He asked everyone’s impressions of the 2013 NLSAM and thanked God for the Florida HC’s commitment and dedication. Other secretariats are still considering 2014.

The following impressions were provided:

Ed: Everyone was engaged. Great format. A feeling of “it’s more than us” – secretariats helping other secretariats; NLS helping secretariats; secretariats helping NLS!

Carolyn: The group discussed placing more documents online before, during and after the NLSAM. There were comments that it felt like a weekend, and the pace was not pushed.

Alice: The small group format was beneficial. Timing seemed more relaxed, softer and gentler.

Magdala: Timing and format least frenzied of all former years. There were more opportunities for the mixing of attendees for sharing, learning and encouraging.

Steve G: Better small groups, better participation, good changes. Remain open to scholarships – Shae Raman’s presence from Oregon was a blessing. Also work on building bridges with Damscus Road – NY – first time here in 15 years. Great outreach project for Tedd. Pr. John will be keeping in touch with the SD, while Tedd helps get Rediscover/Recommit to New York.

Tedd: HC team so loving and unified. Huge number of volunteers from Gold Coast as well as the other five FL secretariats. Great speakers.

Judy: God was always in control but felt like a bit of a hurricane/tornado at times. Needs to look over HC manual and improve communication with the Communications Chair.

Diane: Agreed with much already said. The forum and small group format worked very well and kept everyone engaged and participating.

Rick: Very impressed with campus and IT capability.

Steve B: Have seen a lot of relationship-building and hospitality in his past six NLSAMs, but this was the best. Also agreed that the format of small groups and forums was excellent – it worked.

Pr. John: Worship was exceptional; chapel incredibly beautiful. Sites need to be willing to allow us to commune in their chapel (unlike 2005).

Ed asked if all EC members have high speed internet at home, and all responded that they do. The next teleconference will use internet connection for 2nd Sunday of every month, except May, at 7pm EDT. In May, it will be the third Sunday due to Mother's Day.

Judy reminded the EC of the newsletter deadline dates: August 15, November 15, January 15, and April 15. Ed requested that EC members send their articles to the whole EC by the first of the month so we don't repeat other's thoughts. Then send to Judy the Sunday before the deadline.

Ed asked the EC to pray that someone will come forward to host the 2014 NLSAM, for our relationship with Thrivent, and for the formation of the endowment fund. He will be working on bringing all the Lutheran bodies together by contacting the top level in each organization. Thrivent grants will be applied for only at the national level – not the local secretariat level. Local secretariats need us to recommend guidelines so their operations are efficient, and we need policies to let them know how we operate – we are an advisory body, not a governing body.

Magdala asked if a corporate resolution is needed for the new endowment fund? Diane confirmed that it was needed with Steve B and Ed as signers. Alice has the stationery template and will do the corporate resolution.

Diane moved that the EC of the NLS pass a corporate resolution authorizing Steve B to open an endowment account and to be an authorized signer on that account. H. Edward Broestl is also authorized to be a signer on that account. Carolyn seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The document needs to be typed by Alice and faxed or scanned to Steve B.

Ed announced that Pr. Gerry Olsen is our new archivist/historian.

Diane noted that we need to send two copies of the constitution and bylaws and a copy of the ratifying document to be signed by the local secretariat. We also need to send a document asking for ENI (federal #), legal address, and legal name. This could be accomplished electronically. Steve B suggested the we copy the delegate(s) who attended the 2013 NLSAM. We also need to ask for a copy of each local secretariats' constitutions. Nancy will send these items out by August 11th. Magdala will ship Alice the notebooks and posters for the absent secretariats. The HC Registrars are responsible for sending the corrected roster out to Rick to send to everyone on our email system per Carolyn.

Carolyn asked how to handle offer to host; Ed indicated that the first one to offer a solid plan be accepted. Rick suggested we can email everyone best Constant Contact. We'll use gotomeeting.com or WEbX for the teleconferences.

Ed closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Magdala Ray, Secretary