

Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes – Sunday, August 11, 2013

Telephone Conference Call – 7:00 P.M. EST

Present: Alice Allison, Steve Barnett, Ed Broestl, Rick Hanzlik, Carolyn Hawkins, Judy Laabs-Foss, Diane Purcell, Nancy Peterson and Watson Ray,

Ed led the group in the “Come, Holy Spirit” prayer. He thanked everyone in attendance and welcomed the newcomers. He asked Watson Ray and Carolyn Hawkins to discuss their impressions and reflections of the recent NLSAM.

Watson: Said that it was a blessed event. He indicated he had received only one negative comment from a member of the host committee which related to the length of time which it took to produce the newsletter each evening. He said the site had bent over backward to make sure every need was met and more. He intends to send a letter to the staff of Atlantic Palm Beach saying he would like to sponsor anyone who wishes to participate on a Weekend. Watson said each committee chair is compiling a report for him about each of their areas of responsibility which he will pass on along with the financial report. He indicated there are still a few bills outstanding but the event will be in the black and the seed monies given by Sonshine North will be returned. He said that \$4,200 will be forward to NLS to be given to the 2014 host committee. Watson also thanked the Secretariat for the trust given to Florida to pull this off in such a short period of time and that it was amazingly do-able in such a short period of time. He also comments that hosting this event has gone a long way to solidify Region 7; they already have plans for events including all the Secretariats to be held.

Ed asked Watson to pass on to Florida many thanks for all the work and the success.

Carolyn: Has received evaluations and everyone indicated they liked the format of the weekend and the round table discussions. The comments all around were very positive and praised the host committee. Carolyn then discussed concern about 2014 and what and how should the issue be being addressed and with whom. There was inter group discuss about various persons who should be contacted in certain areas. Diane said the Convener in Minnesota would be contact. Discussion of others such as Mark Carson, who is looking for a location in Baltimore, North Carolina, has it on their August agenda to discuss hosting. Ed asked Carolyn to contact both of these areas as well as perhaps Western N. C., Ohio and Tennessee.

There was group discussion of what kind of funds might be passed along to help make 2014 happen including a grant from Thrivent, and the monies Florida will be returning. Ed wants Carolyn to assure the communities with which she visits that as long as there is a “good faith” effort being made that there will be help to make sure the host community remain financially sound.

Rick: The “Go to Meeting” account set up will be tested and the September meeting will be via computer. Attendees will want to use a head set for the audio. Rick will send out an email with the details. The advantages of sharing screens, the flexibility, the ability to record, etc. during the meeting were discussed. Rick also indicated he needs a bio and a head shot from everyone to use on the website.

Steve gave the Treasures report and indicated he still needs to get Diane the Quick Books final as well as sending a few payments which are due. He noted that the only payment which has not been received is from Kansas Heart of America

Diane inquired as to the status of the letterhead update as she needs it ASAP. Alice said she will get it done as quickly as possible.

Nancy will change verbiage on document from “affiliated” Secretariat. Nancy also indicated that the Constitution and By Laws have been sent to all Secretariats. Ed asked Nancy for an updated list of all Lay Directors. Nancy asked Carolyn for copies of the NLSAM evaluations.

Judy indicated she had not received any articles for the upcoming August newsletter. She also commented on the issue which Watson addressed about the time required to get the newsletter out each evening.

Ed thanked everyone for the prayers for this event. He advised all that he will be calling each person within the next 10 days. He reminded us to keep Carolyn and the contact Secretariats in prayer as she works to find a host community for 2014.

Ed closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Allison, Secretary