

2013, February 10 NLS Executive Committee (EC) Teleconference Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm Sunday, February 10. Present on teleconference: Steve Barnett, Pr. John Bradford, Ed Broestl, Steve Gielda, Judy Laabs-Foss, Nancy Peterson, Diane Purcell, Magdala and Watson Ray. Beverly Abt and Rick Hanzlik were excused.

Ed led the group in the prayer to the Holy Spirit. He requested that each EC member share a time this past month when he or she could see God present in his or her ministry and then give a report. The reports were as follows:

Secretary: Magdala will send out drafts of the November mid-year meeting minutes along with those from the December and January teleconferences. She will coordinate with Carolyn any changes to the minutes from the Nashville meeting. Nancy requested that Magdala send her the remaining mailing addresses for the secretariats absent from the 2012 NLSAM.

Newsletter Editor: Judy is awaiting the 2013 NLSAM registration and travel forms for the newsletter. Carolyn will let Judy know the progress with the form by February 13th.

Treasurer: Steve B will have third quarter (end of February) reports for EC at next month's teleconference.

Financial Advisor: Diane had no new report.

Spiritual Director: Pr. John has contacted Pr. Al Sager by email about the keynote points. He will call him tomorrow and then update the EC.

VP-Outreach: With the purpose of establishing a new VdC secretariat, Steve G will be traveling to Virginia Beach February 23 and 24 with a dozen people from northern VA and John and Penny Klein from FL. They will be meeting with two pastors on the 23rd and then splitting into two groups to visit the pastors' churches on the morning of the 24th and present temple talks in the worship services. A 1:00pm ultreya following the services will include members of Emmaus, Tres Dias and Presbyterian 4th Day communities.

Steve noted that Dick Volker will be replacing Cecil Brown as one of the Regional Coordinators. Logistics for launching the Rediscover, Recommit training program pilots in CO and OH are being finalized. These experiences will be used to finalize the curriculum. Each Regional Coordinator is arranging the training programs in his or her respective regions.

AV/Website Administrator: Although Rick could not be on the teleconference, an email from him indicated that he also is awaiting the 2013 NLSAM registration and travel forms for posting on the web site.

VP-Administration: Carolyn is putting the final touches on the NLSAM schedule developed at the Nashville meeting and will be sending it out to the Host Committee (HC) for reaction; she will then pass it on the HC. Registration forms should be out in the next day or so.

Host Committee Chair: Watson reported that all planning is progressing well with all six FL secretariats working together. Donations of materials and funds have been coming in steadily.

Executive Director: Nancy has sent out the survey and the Lay Director (LD) email list. She will coordinate the survey results with Steve B for the purpose of verifying dues payments. A bishop in the southeast who attended a VdC weekend recently is very enthusiastic and supportive.

President: Ed will send out the constitution and bylaws changes by February 20th so EC can comment by March 10th. He will be sending out new quarterly prayer partners this week, and he will send out the LD Musings email shortly. Carolyn suggested that this issue include information about the Rediscover, Recommit training programs coming to the respective regions mid-April to mid-July. Steve G asked that Ed share with the LDs that the training will be piloted in March and then rolled out in mid-April and that they may contact their regional coordinators with any questions. Steve G will send Ed the list of contact information for the coordinators. Magdala suggested that Ed include wording which will define what the NLSAM is and who the “visitors and guests” are that we are inviting to attend along with the delegates. Carolyn will provide some wording for that information. Ed requested that all NLSAM speakers be contacted by the end of this month.

Action items were reviewed for inclusion on the chart.

Ed led a prayer based on the group’s prayer requests and then led all in the Lord’s Prayer.

The next teleconference meeting will be on Sunday, March 10th, at 7:00pm EDT.

The February 10th teleconference meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Magdala Ray, Secretary