

2013, January 13 NLS Executive Committee (EC) Teleconference Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm Sunday, January 13. Present on teleconference: Beverly Abt, Steve Barnett, Pr. John Bradford, Ed Broestl, Steve Gielda, Judy Laabs-Foss, Nancy Peterson, Diane Purcell, Magdala and Watson Ray. Rick Hanzlik and Carolyn Hawkins were excused.

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

Secretary: Magdala will not be able to attend the mid-year meeting in Nashville. She requested that her home email be used rather than work email. Steve G reminded the group of his new email, also. Ed will check to make sure he is using the correct emails for both of them.

Newsletter Editor: Judy reminded everyone of the January 15th newsletter deadline. Postal rates are rising once again. She has been mailing approximately 200 print copies of the newsletter each issue and requested direction from the EC on future mailings. It was suggested that since the newsletter will be primarily delivered via an emailed link from now on, those receiving a paper copy be given options on a post card included in the newsletter this issue. Judy will draft a post card and send to the EC for approval.

Treasurer: Steve B is working with Nancy on the survey information needed for this month's survey to the local secretariats,

Financial Advisor: Diane had no new report.

Spiritual Director: Pr. John had no new report and excused himself to attend a 7:30pm meeting.

VP-Outreach: Steve G noted that many team meetings in local secretariats have begun, making it more difficult to schedule the Regional Coordinator training; some may be scheduled as late as May. Some trainings, however, will be done by July for reporting at the NLSAM. Plans continue for the joint ultreya hosted by several VdC secretariats to encourage the establishment of a new VdC community and secretariat in Virginia Beach. Steve G requested help in locating an outline for a "temple talk" – also called a ministry talk or ministry points talk. Steve B will send an outline. Steve B also confirmed that funds from the restricted Outreach fund may be used to offset the cost of the VdC secretariat members going to the Virginia Beach ultreya. Steve G and Ed will prepare for hosting the 4th Day conference in Nashville later this month.

VP-Administration: Carolyn was excused; Ed and she have discussed the mid-year meeting agenda for Nashville. The EC members agreed to allow Steve B and Carolyn to make the final approval on the registration fees for 2013 NLSAM. The HC is recommending the fee be \$200 before the May 1st early bird deadline and \$225 after. The invitation letter, registration form and travel form will all be sent as email links. The forms will be included in the newsletter, also. The EC also approved that the HC may develop and use a local registration form for those wishing to attend the NLSAM but not eating or staying on campus.

Host Committee Chair: Beverly and Watson are excited to see the HC coming together. Several fundraisers will be happening this month.

Executive Director: Nancy asked LD updates from anyone who has the information. She will be attending the MN State Council of VdC this month. The survey will be emailed out tomorrow or Tuesday.

President: Ed announced that Pr. Al Sager has agreed to be the keynote speaker at the 2013 NLSAM. The main agenda items for Nashville will be the schedule of events for the NLSAM and the constitution and bylaw revisions. There is still a possibility that the 2014 NLSAM may be held in Texas. More prayer needed for that decision.

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, February 10th, at 7:00pm EDT.

The January 13th teleconference meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Magdala Ray, Secretary