

Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes – Sunday April 13, 2014

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

Present: Alice Allison, Steve Barnett, Ed Broestl, Rick Hanzlik, Carolyn Hawkins, Judy Laabs-Foss, Nancy Peterson, Diane Purcell, Pastor Paul Schmedlin

Rick led us in prayer

Ed and Carolyn shared the importance of making known that the National Gathering will look even more like a Weekend than it did last year. The schedule for the weekend was laid out day by day with a general outline. * Ed requested Diane prepare a short historical report and also what 2015 will look like.

Ed also noted he is considering calling the local Lay Directors for suggestions about possible candidates for Executive Director. Carolyn suggested he contact prior Lay Directors as well as there are many new Lay Directors who would not know persons who may be interested. Carolyn suggested using the attendance records from the last several years Annual Meetings and Constant Contact to get the message out. Carolyn will send list of last three year's attendance to Ed. Ed will also add a note to the message encouraging them to attend this year's Gathering. There was discussion that during the third business meeting there is time for an Outreach presentation noting the need to get people engaged in conversation and how to involve local churches.

Noted that Bishop Ralph Duncan from W. Virginia / Maryland is on tap to provide keynote. Pastor Paul stated he sent the Bishop information on what is to be discussed and what we would like him to address. Discussed that the National Gathering format will encourage people to be more active, not just in Via de Cristo but more so in their church communities because of the recharge they received from attending the National Gathering.

At 7:48 EST the Board went into Executive Session which included those in appointed positions. The regular session resumed at 8:35 EST. During the discussion there were no votes taken and no decisions made.

*Ed would like the Board members to review Best Practices and have them sent out after the May meeting.

Ed would like to have suggestions for Executive Director come through Nancy with input also from Regional Coordinators.

In discussion of Voice and Vote for Executive Committee appointees it was noted that all in attendance at the National Gathering have voice but only delegates and elected Executive Committee members have vote. It was noted that often appointed members of the Executive Committee are also delegates from their Secretariats and able to vote. It was noted that this is stated in the By Laws.

Carolyn / Mark: Discussion of the schedule and business meetings for the National Gathering. Noted that the number one concern is making sure that registrations are getting in. Mark noted that so far the number of registrations received is low. Getting speakers lined up is in progress please pray and share suggestions. Mark noted that a discounted rate has been confirmed with the University for those who wish to come early and or stay later. * Mark will confirm the dates for early arrival / late departure. Mark has discussed the contract with the University and was able to make changes to help improve the figures. Mark would like to send a letter to the attendees of the last three Annual Meetings and all the Lay Directors encouraging them to attend this year. Mark continues to work on getting online registration and payment completed. He noted that the team is well formed and feels they will be able to meet all the requirements easily.

Ed: Noted that he has requested \$5000. from Thrivent and will be contacting them in the coming week. Also stated that Pastor Gerry has asked to be replaced as Historian / Archivist.

Tedd: Noted he will be meeting with a group of clergy and lay leaders in Davenport, Iowa to help put together a new Secretariat in that area.

Rick: Reminded Alice of need for meeting minutes and Ed for Musings.

Pastor Paul: Requested we keep all in prayers and that all the movements keep focus.

Steve: Noted only eight Secretariats have paid annual dues so far.

Diane: No report

Judy: Noted that the next Conexiones deadline is April 15.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 EST