

Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes – Sunday, February 9, 2014

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

Present: Alice Allison, Steve Barnett, Ed Broestl, Rick Hanzlik, Carolyn Hawkins, Judy Laabs-Foss, Pastor Gerry Olsen, Nancy Peterson, Diane Purcell, Paul Schmidlin and Tedd Smith,

Ed led the group in the “Come, Holy Spirit” prayer. He thanked everyone for participation, sharing of gifts, prayers, and the excitement for doing what we do. He reported that he had a good conversation with Watson and Magdela Ray; they said there were 75 people in attendance at the recent Ultreya and 150 at the Rediscover / Recommit in South Florida.

Carolyn: Requested continued prayers for Mark Carson and family. She noted that Mark is planning a fund raiser for this spring and that things will be back on track soon. He reported an issue he has had with his email, but that it is now better. She has gotten an example of a travel form for Elisha Barnett and Carolyn will send Elisha the logo to be used. Mark and Carolyn will both confirm with Elisha that she has what she needs. ** Carolyn is to check with Martha Moore about sending a letter for the Conexiones. Steve noted that Mark is planning to add a Co-Chair so all issues will be able to be handled in a timely manner. Carolyn will help Mark make sure word gets out for the upcoming meeting which is to be held in the next two weeks on or about February 21 or 22. Mark indicated that two of the SDs for the team will be in attendance at the meeting as well as a couple of other groups. ** Ed requested Carolyn contact Mark to have information about the meeting to Judy by February 14 so she can add it to the Conexiones.

Ed: Reported that the NLS distribution center had nothing new to report and will write a check in July to the NLS. They also noted that the green clergy brochures are going quickly. **Ed will contact John for an article for the Conexiones. Ed noted that he knew that Tedd has activities scheduled. Ed also stated that he and Tedd will be talking about budget for what Tedd wants to accomplish March – June.

Tedd: Reported that the next letter to Lay Directors will be going out this Tuesday. He has received responses from three Lay Directors to his previous communications. Shared that there were 73 in attendance at R/R in Juno Beach, that they expect 200+ at a Grand Ultreya in Satellite Beach on 2/22 which will be an 8 hour event. Tedd also noted he is looking for ways to bring in more Pastors. Ed noted that he and Pastor Paul are going to be visiting about how to encourage clergy to talk about VdC from the pulpit. Tedd reported he will be in Miami at Sunshine South with Dottie and Penny for R/R. Kim was in Oregon recently and will be going to Arizona in March. The Volkens were at Heart of Illinois and where R/R was met with great enthusiasm. He has requested all Regional Coordinators for a 6 month plan; where, how much cost, when. Carolyn requested a contact in Virginia Beach as she has been unsuccessful in reaching anyone there. Tedd will find someone for her to visit with.

Rick: Has posted the monthly letter in the discussions area; he also questioned to whom he should send out notices. Nancy noted there is a 404 error when going to the Secretariat websites which means that our link is not getting through to them. Rick said he will check the website(s). Nancy will send out via email and Ed will mention in his Musing. Rick will also add something in the Conexiones

Gerry: Noted that he shared with Tedd and Penny (Region 7 Coordinator) that there needs to be a better way to deal with discussion time for large groups attending R/R. Gerry also noted he has visited with many people who have recently become part of VdC and they find R/R to be a great tool. Gerry plans to visit with Rick about some archival issues.

Paul: Plans to contact Mark to see how he may be able help facilitate the worship services at the National Gathering. Carolyn suggested Paul contact the SDs directly and said she will send the names to Paul. Ed asked for the male SD's name Carolyn shared he is Ray Shriver and the female SD is Dian LaFosse. Carolyn noted that one of the former Bishops has not been contacted in regard to being a keynote speaker, but feels it would be best if Ray or Diane contact with a more formal request. Paul said he will visit with Ray and Diane about same. Ed noted he has not had contact with either SD or Bishop. **Ed scheduled a call with Paul on Tuesday this week.

Steve: Noted that by our March meeting the Financials will be out and he will be sending out reminders of annual dues to Secretariats. Also stated that he received a check in the amount of \$4,250.- from Florida. It was stated that was all that was left after refunding seed monies to the various Secretariats. Ed will visit with Florida **Rick noted that the Go To Meeting invoice is being sent to him; he will have it redirected to go to Steve. Ed noted he will be asking who can help lead the Capital Campaign for the Exec. Director position.

Diane: Requested the Profit and Loss Statement for the Florida meeting. Diane, Steve, Carolyn and Ed will go over the Financial report from Florida. Diane also indicated Minnesota is interested in hosting again and wants to know when next available time to host is. Carolyn said 2017 has no official bid. Diane will pass on information.

Nancy: Reported that 32 Secretariats have indicated their ratification , but she has not received the signed documents. She also sent out a survey today and received two "undeliverable" messages. Diane will send Nancy the correct contact for Minnesota. Nancy also reported having received an email from Nebraska stating that the Lay Director there has stepped down. Also they are requesting information / help on doing a weekend to rejuvenate their Pastoral leadership in October 2014. Rick will send Nancy some information about a program which was done in Utah for Pastors. It was agreed that Nancy needs to remind the group that all the essentials of the Weekend need to be covered in whatever type format they present a weekend / seminar for Pastors. There was discussion that a weekend with only Pastors would stilt the understanding of the value of the laity. Nancy will visit again with the delegate from Nebraska to determine the goal of such an event and will get back to this committee. Nancy will also visit with Tedd about Region 2.

Ed: Requested prayers for relationship with Thrivent. He is to call representative February 10. He will report his findings. He discussed the need for our Action Item List and its purpose in keeping all tasks managed. Also noted the need for placing articles in the newsletter etc. for the Executive Director position. The hope is that person will be identified by July 1, and that position will be 20 hours per week. Ed also meeting with insurance people to discuss how much insurance we should have and if we should have D&O insurance for members of the Committee.

Diane noted that most homeowner's policies will add a rider for their insured who sit on Boards / Committees. Suggested we each check with our homeowner carrier.

Discussion of changes to the January 2014 meeting minutes noted three (3) corrections:

His plan is to contact at least one of the Lay Directors of our 44 affiliated Secretariats each week to get any feedback.

only 30 Secretariats needed to approve our Constitution

the meeting ended at 8:25 p.m. EST

Individual prayer requests were made.

Ed closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. EST

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Allison, Secretary