

Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes – Sunday, January 12, 2014

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

Present: Alice Allison, Steve Barnett, Ed Broestl, Rick Hanzlik, Carolyn Hawkins, Nancy Peterson, Diane Purcell, Pastor Paul Schmedlin, Tedd Smith,

Ed led the group in the “Come, Holy Spirit” prayer. He welcomed Pastor Paul who joins us as the interim National Spiritual Director for his first meeting.

Carolyn: Noted that she needs to reach out to Mark Carson and/or Elisha Barnett about their status and the welcome letter. She also still needs to hear from Florida with their final reports. Steve commented that he has spoken with Watson and Magdela who reported that they should be close to a final report. There has been discussion that one of the Secretariats was under the impression that the monies they put up as seed money (\$1,000) would be returned to them and that it was not a donation. This seems to be a large part of what is holding up the final report. Carolyn suggest Watson and Magdela be asked to give the monies to the Secretariat and close the books. There was additional discussion about the issue concluding with the directive that Steve will deal with the issue and bring it closure by having the monies returned and the books on the 2013 National meeting closed by the end of January 2014.

Ed: Discussed where we stand as far as when/ who will contact those persons whom we wish to have as speakers at the 2014 Annual Gathering. Ed plans to be in Nashville January 24th and 25th at the Walk to Emmaus offices for the 4th Forum and will ask Kate Dickenson to present a forum at our National Gathering. Ed also noted that the gentleman who has been printing our Pilgrim’s Guide has passed away so John Bradford is working with the son to determine if they will continue to print them for us.

Tedd: Is putting together a monthly newsletter as a way to contact the Lay Directors. His plan is to contact at least one of the 47 Lay Directors each week to get any feedback. His goal is to have contacted each Lay Director by July 15. Tedd also reported a number of Grand Ultreyas which have been and are being held in Florida, one of which is in Satellite Beach with hopes for about 350 people in attendance; the monies raised there are planned for outreach. Tedd also reported that Kim Brownlow is to be in both Washington (state) and Arizona with Rediscover / Recommit later this spring. There was discussion about budget dollars for this type travel. Ed noted that Tedd should ask what the individual Regional Coordinators feel is necessary and go from there on planning how to disburse funds. It was noted that of funds that come in for Outreach some will be used for R / R. Coordinators will need to submit budget for expenses. Ed also noted that hopefully, as Secretariats see the benefits of R & R, they will help by making donations. Steve noted there have been a couple of donations to date. Rick suggested that perhaps something could be posted on the website.

Rick: Asked Ed if he will be submitting a “Musing”. Ed said there will be one this month.

Pastor Paul: Reminded us to be in mind of our own baptisms as we remember and honor the baptism of Jesus on this Sunday. Ed thanked Pastor Paul for being part of us and the body of Christ.

Steve: Is working on getting the financials out. He mentioned the status of annual dues reporting that some Secretariats have paid theirs already. He also noted that he sent a \$200 check to Shae Ramen, from Oregon, for some Annual Meeting attendance expenses, but the check had not been cashed in the allotted time so the funds were returned to the NLS account. There was a discussion that we would like to make sure Shae Raman receives the funds. Tedd made a motion to resend the monies; Steve seconded the motion; passed unanimously. Nancy noted she has some receipts which she will send to Steve for reimbursement. Steve told Carolyn that Elisha is working on forms for the National Gathering; also that Mark Carson will be in touch with her.

Diane: Had nothing to report.

There was conversation about monthly meeting minutes and how to approve. There was no conclusion made.

Noted in Judy's absence that articles for the Newsletter need to be in by January 15.

Nancy: She stated she has 26 Secretariats who say they have ratified the new National Constitution but have not sent their documents. Nancy gave a list of the Secretariat which have not sent their documents. Discussion that we need 33 approvals and have 26.

Ed: Plans to email the Executive Director Task force to ask information on what is going on with their project; he thanked Diane for her help in that effort as well. He will remind them that the desire is to have that person in place following the National Gathering. Also reported he is still in process of trying to contact Thrivent.

Individual prayer requests were made.

Ed closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Allison, Secretary