

Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes – Sunday, March 9, 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, Tedd Smith, Mark Carson

Ed led the group in the “Come, Holy Spirit” prayer. He gave an update on Diane Purcell.

Carolyn: reported she had a meeting with the July 2014 host committee. *Ed requested a meeting with Carolyn between now and the April meeting to discuss pulling together an agenda for the annual meeting.

Steve and Ed are to have a conversation with Florida about monies. Ed has a call scheduled with Thrivent Monday, March 10 and is hoping to receive \$4,000 – 5,000 from them. He indicates there should be \$4,250 from Florida. Preregistration to UBMC has not been made. Tedd Smith made a motion to empower Steve Barnett, NLS Treasurer and Mark Carson, 2014 Host Committee Chairperson, to work together to make the appropriate funds available to UMBC in order to assure the placement for the 2014 National Annual Gathering. Carolyn Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion carried. *Steve will make a down payment on the contract.

Ed noted he has received notification from John Bradford that while John is away the distribution center will be available to Secretariats.

Tedd: noted he has had more communications with various Secretariats across the country. He shared that on February 22 there were 180 – 200 persons at an Ultreya held by 6 Florida Secretariats. They held a conversation about how to get more Spiritual Directors involved in VdC and also are working to set up documentation on how to qualify Spiritual Directors. Florida Secretariats will be holding another Rediscover / Recommit on March 28 & 29. He also indicated Rediscover / Recommit will be held in Arizona in April and that Tennessee has changed the date of their Rediscover / Recommit to Fall 2014. Tedd also shared he had visited with Butch Sealy from Ohio where great things are happening.

Tedd has sent a letter to the Rediscover / Recommit Coordinators requesting a budget from each of them so he is able to project for expenses and each Coordinator have authorization for expenses incurred prior to holding a meeting. There is a need for consistency and specificity for Coordinator's. * Ed, Steve and Tedd plan to have a call by end of this week (3/10 – 14) to discuss this letter. Steve suggested that Tedd look into what area Living Water's VdC covers and make sure the active members in that area have a contact name.

Rick: Reported that both the Newsletter and Musings are on the website as well as a link to the travel and registration form for the 2014 National VdC Annual Gathering. There was conversation that the website is inconsistent in places regarding the name change to National Annual Gathering. *Rick will change all the website references to show the correct name as 2014

National VdC Annual Gathering.

Pastor Paul: Indicated he visited with Ray Shiver and assured Ray and committee that he will be available for questions. Pastor Paul will call Diane LaFosse and coordinate * contact with the Bishop asking him to be Keynote Speaker.

Steve: Sent out the Profit and Loss statement for the 3rd quarter and ask if there were any questions. Steve requested anyone with questions to call or email him. Steve and Tedd will discuss Rediscover / Recommit expenses. * Steve will send out a dues reminder to Secretariats.

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

Nancy: Received a call from Gene Hermier asking how many persons have attended Via de Cristo. Nancy also a phone number for a person from Via de Cristo in Nebraska whom she will call. It was noted that perhaps Bob Quam could go to Nebraska for Rediscover / Recommit there. She also reported that she has received twelve surveys from communities. * She will get this information out to Steve.

Ed: Noted that he has a telephone call scheduled with Thrivent on Monday, March 10 and will try to get a financial commitment from them. He also requested everyone look at the Action Item list, note what can come off and to send those responses to both Ed and Alice. Ed asked that if anyone had topics for Musing to send or share. He also requested everyone to plan to focus on the details for National Gathering. * Ed to visit with Pastor Paul.

Mark: Reported on the progress of the National Gathering host team indicating they had had a good meeting today. They already have 40 – 50 volunteers and fundraising is going well. He discussed that the Pastors have begun to lay out the worship services. Steve and Mark plan to visit with the Pastors and music team. Pastor Paul also indicated he too will be visiting with the Pastors to see how they feel things are going. Mark is working to schedule a meeting with all the teams.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 EST