

April 12, 2015 NLS Meeting

Attendees: Brenda Accola, Alice Allison, Steve Barnett, Ed Broestl, Pastor Doug Given, Rick Hanzlick, Diane Purcell, Carol Reedstrom, Tedd Smith, Paul Schmidlin,

Meeting was called to order at 7:00

Opened with prayer

March meeting minutes will be approved at the May meeting. Minutes are to be read and comments sent to Alice by end of week, April 16.

Steve: Gave update on how preparations are going for the Gathering. The Host team has decided to do the Saturday dinner in a different way. Cotton Patch Gospel will be the Saturday evening Vesper. They will determine how the schedule will work. Steve and Ed to work on the schedule for the Gathering by the end of April. Team has filled both the Music and IT positions. The registration document has been prepared and the schedule is to be ready by early June. They are waiting to do maps as there is highway construction going on currently. Steve to work with Team to put together a letter letting attendees know that their registration has been received. Speakers have been determined by Ed and Steve. Steve noted he has not seen outlines, but is not concerned at this point. Ed will visit with Paul about getting the outlines from each of the four speakers. Ed to request a bio from the keynote speaker. Carol would like to have a bio from the keynote for the newsletter. Steve told us that we will be able to meals in the cafeteria when we come in on Tuesday until the Gathering begins so we do not have to go off campus for meals. Board members are to send in their registration with the note that NLS is paying the fee. Those registrations need to be in as soon as possible. Steve is concerned that several people have told him they have not seen the registration form. Ed suggested it be sent out again, just as a reminder. Rick noted that 351 invites have been sent, 189 opened, 15 that emails did not go through. Rick to send list to Steve of those who have said they did not receive the email.

Ed : Sent a new form for sponsorship from Thrivent and would like input about how he has worded the request.

Next steps: Ed has given the Pastor presentation to 3 clergy in his area with good feedback. Paul and Ed to work on it and then Ed will give to 3 other Pastors who do not know what VdC is about to see how they address it. Ed would like to know if we would like for them to give us a presentation. Steve said would be a value since others will be asking Board members. Ed said we will do it on Sunday, April 26 at the meeting.

Tedd: Outreach is doing well but there is not a lot to report. He shared news of the weekends going on in the Florida area in the last month. Carol suggested Tedd put together an article for the next newsletter about the participation in Florida

Ed noted that he and Paul will be sending out a "Report Card" for the Secretariats to grade the Board as to how we can be more helpful.

Ed wants the Board members to be in Moline on Tuesday evening 7/22 as Board meetings will start at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday 7/23.

Doug: Intends to plan meetings with clergy to brainstorm about Spiritual Directors nationwide in the coming weeks.

Brenda: Has contacted Gerry to get the archives sent to her. She also requested that everyone get their reservations made and send her refund info for travel expenses. Board members also need to let her know if they will be coming to dinner on Tuesday evening. Brenda will get financial things worked out for the Board fees and meals. She has sent out

all the emails to Secretariats for dues. She has received about 10 and will wait a week or so and send reminders to those she has not heard from. Ed noted that Brenda and Paul need to visit about what Secretariats are doing.

Carol: Thank you to everyone who has given so many words of encouragement on the first newsletter. Anyone that has suggestions for a "highlight" for upcoming letters please let her know. She wants to focus the next Newsletter on the upcoming National Gathering and needs articles no later than April 25th.

Ed: Ed will send a recap of his meeting with Paul to the Board. And went through the Action items addressed in this meeting

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 7:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Allison, Secretary