

NLS Executive Committee (EC)

January 11, 2015

Attendees: Alice Allison, Brenda Accola, Steve Barnett, Ed Broestl, Pastor Doug Givan, Judy Laabs-Foss, Nancy Peterson, Diane Purcell, Carol Reedstrom, Paul Schmidlin, and Tedd Smith.

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:00 EST

Ed noted we will concentrate on Meeting minute approvals which have been sent to all Board members by Alice via email and website content at the beginning of the meeting.

Motion made to approve the Mid-Year minutes as amended was made by: Brenda Accola, seconded by Pastor Doug Givan. Motion carried; minutes for mid- year were accepted

Will need to approve the November minutes in February as they were not emailed to Board members.

October minutes have no corrections Tedd Smith made motion to accept as written; seconded by Steve Barnett. Motion carried, minutes were accepted.

September minutes: Tedd Smith made motion to accept as corrected; seconded by Brenda Accola. Motion carried, minutes were accepted

August minutes: Steve Barnett made a motion to accept as corrected, seconded by Tedd Smith. Motion carried, minutes were accepted.

National Gathering Business Meeting in Baltimore minutes: Pastor Doug Givan moved to approve as corrected, Tedd Smith seconded. Motion carried, minutes were accepted.

July monthly meeting: Steve Barnett made a motion to approve as presented, Tedd Smith seconded. Motion carried, minutes were accepted.

June monthly meeting minutes: Tedd Smith made motion to approve, Steve Barnett seconded. Motion carried, minutes were accepted.

Ed put together website update content. Ed expressed thanks that all the information for registration for the upcoming National Gathering is on the website now.

Ed noted that the NLS is moving away from the rainbow; there was discussion as to whether or not we should continue to have the multi colors on the website itself and about what is the thought about using the rainbow on the website or not. It was determined that use of color on the website should remain but less emphasis on the actual rainbow would be made.

Archives: Discussion that taking records back 10 years would be good, but since there is not a space issue on the website space perhaps we should wait to make any changes until we have a data retention policy in place before we make any changes. Recommendation was made to make sure that the data be stored on a device which will be usable into the future.

Various website communication opportunities: Pastor Doug noted the web presents great possibilities / opportunities. He is in conversation with Rick about things to do with these opportunities. Discussion: is there too much currently on our website and / or should it be more general rather than so specific? Judy noted that based on the forums which she and Rick have presented it appears that people either do not need this or do not know how to use the tool. Discussion that we need to have as much information about us out there as possible so that any Secretariat who needs to contact us should be able to do so. Diane reminded us that the meeting minutes must be saved in perpetuity as they are our business records.

Discussed if there were any videos made in Baltimore and who has them if so. Steve will visit with Mark Carson about those and other items from the weekend.

After July 2013 meeting it was determined to not have the meeting minutes in the Newsletter. For legal reasons the Minutes need to be available to be read, but they are not required to be published. Ed requested Paul work on how Minutes may be made available as required.

Steve: Commented about pricing at the annual meeting for the various rooms and how that will be dealt with. He noted does not feel there will be a pricing increase for attendees. Still awaiting information about who will contact various speakers, who they will be and what is the plan to make sure that speakers are coordinated. Ed noted that he and Steve and Paul will have a conversation between now and the next meeting as to how that will be handled.

Tedd: Has been in contact with Pastor Steven Phipo in North Carolina about the new Secretariat. It seems the Lake Gaston area is a go. Steve inquired as to what additional help this group may need from NLS. Tedd is also still working with various people in getting Central Florida started back up.

Doug: Has things in the works, in touch with Notes of Grace and Tennessee. Will send a message with his goals in an email.

Brenda: Sent out a Financial Report to all of the Board. Diane has some questions which she will call and discuss with Brenda. Brenda checked to make sure everyone has been reimbursed for Mid-Year expenses.

Diane: Working with Sunrise in Wisconsin, they have been terminated as a "Not for Profit" as they had not filed tax forms for 3 years. She is working to verify that all the Secretariats are filing their documents each year. Diane feels perhaps the best thing to do is to write a document about the importance of the paperwork which needs to be filed every year which will be published in various places. Steve suggested trying to send this type information to each member of the Board of all Secretariats so that at least someone gets it and follows up on it. Diane noted that changing the name

of our Annual Meeting to National Gathering is not a problem Constitutionally so there will not be a need to change the By-Laws. Question on nominations is answered by saying that a person is able to nominate one's self.

Carol / Judy: Wanted clarification on what was needed in the conversation this evening. Judy requested Diane download and send any pictures she took and send them to Carol. Carol also requested articles for the upcoming Conexiones be sent by January 15th.

Paul: Working with Notes of Grace with Pastor Doug. He has been in contact with New Guinea and keeping communications open.

The meeting was closed in prayer; adjourned at 9:15 p.m. EST