

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2015

The NLS Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Steve Gielda, President, at 7:07 p.m. EST, on, November 30, 2015, via teleconference.

Opening Prayer given by Pastor Doug.

Those in attendance were Steve Gielda, President; Wendy Showalter, VP Outreach; Carol McGill, Secretary; Brenda Accola, Treasurer; Pastor Doug Givan, Spiritual Director; Paul Schmidlin, Executive Director; Diane Purcell, Financial Advisor; Carol J. Reedstrom, Newsletter Editor; and, Steve Barnett, VP Administration. Absent: Rick Hanzlik, Webmaster. Also participating was Tracy Schmidlin, 2015 Host Committee Chair.

Tracy – Tom is concerned about not receiving money from prior Gathering. Host Committees are assuming they will be receiving money from prior Host Committee. This thought process is still out there. NLS will be sure that the Host Committee is financially sound. Any funds left over will be returned to NLS. The proposed Practices & Policies states that left over money will be split between Host Committee and NLS. Brenda sees budget as being tight.

Registration fees will be set at \$220: \$200 for "early birds", postmarked by May 1. Any late fee is up to the Host Committee – registration goes up to \$240 after July 15.

Board should see the registration form before it goes out. This will be done by e-mail.

Tracy left the conference call.

MIDYEAR MEETING – REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS

Forum #1 OUR GREATER PURPOSE

Forum #2 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY – FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

Forum #3 GOING TO THE FAR AWAY

Forum #4 WITNESS STATEMENT Speaker: Davood Shojanezhad

Board will cover Davood's expenses.

Dialogue given by Diane will cover Trademarks, 501(c)(3).

Registration form will be sent out after January 1, 2016, and will be in January *Conexiones* with the link to the website. Registration form on website in January. When Pr. Doug is communicating with the pastors, he will include the link to the website for access to the registration form.

**Contribution to Scholarship Fund**

It is to be taken out of the designated outreach fund. The VPO or VPA will offer the names of those who need help. This may originate with the Regional Coordinators. Pay particular attention to those Secretariats that did not come in 2015.

Newsletter deadline is January 15, 2016.

Next meeting January 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m. EST

Steve G. closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m. EST

Carol A. McGill  
Secretary