

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT

BOARD MEETING TELECONFERENCE

March 20, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. EDT by President Steve.

Present: Steve Gielda, President; Butch Seeley, VPA; Wendy Showalter, VPO; Carol McGill, Secretary; Brenda Accola, Treasurer; Pastor Mark Marxhausen, Spiritual Director; Paul Schmidlin, Executive Director; Diane Purcell, Financial Advisor; Carol Reedstrom, Newsletter; Rick Hanzlik, Web/Technology; and, Paul Sabateir-Smith, Palanca.

Pr. Mark opened with prayer.

Motion to approve minutes of February 20, 2017, made by Butch. Second. Minutes approved.

Annual Gathering Clausura Outline – Has anyone used it yet? Board members were reminded to talk with the Lay Director of their local Secretariat about using five minutes at the Spring Weekend Open Clausura to present information about the Annual Gathering that is in this outline.

Update on Three Part Strategy. Contacts have been made to seminaries in Minnesota, Ohio, & Pennsylvania. No return calls yet. Contact with local pastors and lay directors is being done through Regional Coordinators. Meeting with Bishops – hoping to make a presentation at the Council of Bishops Meeting in Chicago in the Fall.

**Paul Schmidlin**

Regional Coordinators comprise the Nominating Committee and will be discussing this during phone conference on April 23. Their role is to search is to find possible candidates for those offices up for election this year.

Most of the surveys are in from the Secretariats. Tabulation has not been started.

**Pr. Mark**

Has received feedback on SD Manual and it is ready for distribution.

**Butch**

Monthly conference calls with the Host Committee continue.

Have made additional reservations for any overflow of attendees.

Still need to tighten down the workshops. Forum outlines are done.

**Wendy**

Prior to the seating of the delegates, the new secretariats need to be introduced. Make that change on the business schedule.

Calgary group has started drafting Bylaws. Will be going to Calgary in May for face-to-face discussion. Will be sending at least two people to Gathering in July whether or not all the paperwork is done.

Have just started conversations with St Charles, LA, group. Keep the prayers coming!

The Texas Gulf Coast VdC is completing the Articles of Incorporation and 501c3 documents. Several will be attending the Annual Gathering in July.

### **Brenda**

Brenda will send check for Board registrations on Wednesday. Everyone should send completed registration forms to the Host Committee Registrar.

Application for Thrivent Choice Dollars was approved. Information will be on website.

### **Carol McGill**

Still need to get minutes on website. Get done by end of month.

### **Carol R.**

Articles are needed for next newsletter. Will contact a couple of the Host Committee chairs for articles; perhaps hospitality would be one.

### **Diane Purcell**

Article 6. Election of Officers. What does "in attendance" mean? This is probably the only item we need to discuss in the Constitution. April meeting will be primarily a discussion of changes to Constitution and Bylaws. Will get out information as to what we will be discussing in Constitution and Bylaws before the April meeting.

### **Rick**

Updated SD Manual is available on the website.

"Broken" links to secretariats--Let Rick know which ones are "broken" and he will get it corrected.

### **Paul Sabateir-Smith**

Reaching out to Secretariats he has not heard from this year to get information about upcoming weekends. Has taken a job so may or may not be able to attend the Gathering. Will stay in touch with Butch regarding leading the Palanca workshop.

Pr. Mark closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting will be April 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. EDT.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. EDT.

Carol McGill

Secretary