

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT
BOARD MEETING TELECONFERENCE

May 15, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. EDT by President Steve.

Present: Steve Gielda, President; Wendy Showalter, VPO; Carol McGill, Secretary; Brenda Accola, Treasurer; Pastor Mark Marxhausen, Spiritual Director; Diane Purcell, Financial Advisor; Carol Reedstrom, Newsletter; and, Dave Lambert, Data Base Coordinator.

Absent: Butch Seeley, VPA; Paul Schmidlin, Executive Director

Pr. Mark opened with prayer.

Update on Three Part Strategy

Bishop forwarded all requests about VdC to John Bradford. Pastor Ron Qually.

1. I'm sold.
2. Going to explore sending pastors to weekends as a means of spiritual growth.
3. He will be our voice and endorser at the council of bishops. Will use his time to talk about VdC.

Paul Schmidlin

Conference call with Regional Coordinators next Sunday.

Approval of travel for Kim Brownlow, Region 1 Coordinator.

Pr. Mark

Pr. Sedwick will be doing first presentation at Gathering.

Pr. John Probst will be doing the commissioning of delegates in opening worship

Still have not been able to make contact with the appropriate department at St. Paul Seminary. Another possibility is to contact The Masters Institute.

Leaving Wednesday for Papau New Guinea.

Butch

- 1) Workshop titles and presenters are determined. (A few left to button down), I asked pastor Ed Simonsen to do the Our History/The Essentials break out and he just notified me he can't, but he is getting me contact information for someone he feels would also do a great job.
- 2) I have a conference call scheduled with the Hosting Committee chairs this Thursday evening.

3) I've requested latest registration numbers and I will provide them to the board once they are received.

4) It looks like everything is ready to go, we have to work out some individual equipment needs for the presenters in the workshops.

5) I will need your written reports for the annual gathering binder, (Deadline is June 30th) Please mark your calendar.

6) I have interacted with the Florida (2018) hosting chairs. I still need to reach back to the (2019) hosting group.

7) I have had another request for the hosting manual (which was started and not finished), and I plan to get it finished (collaborating with folks who started the project and others) after this year's annual gathering is over.

Wendy

-- Calgary group has nearly finalized their Bylaws and have met with an attorney – Wendy will be meeting with the group the last week of May – they plan to send at least two to the gathering in July.

--Texas Gulf Coast VdC has received approval of the Articles of Incorporation from the Secretary of State and now will submit 501c3 documentation...several will be attending the Annual Gathering in July.

Brenda

Twelve Secretariats have not sent in their dues yet. Prairie Sunshine is still delinquent with last year's dues, as well as this year's.

Will have a budget for review and approval at next month's meeting.

Where do we want to put future money from Thrivent? From Amazon Smile?

Are there boundaries for Secretariats?

Diane Purcell

Constitution and Bylaws Discussion

Steve closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting will be June 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. EDT.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. EDT.

Carol McGill

Secretary