

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT
BOARD MEETING TELECONFERENCE
April 17, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:05 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; and, Diane Purcell, Financial Advisor.

Not present: Paul Schmidlin, Executive Director

Pr. Mark opened with prayer.

Motion to approve minutes of March 20, 2017, made by Wendy. Second. Minutes approved.

President – Steve Gielda

3-Part Strategy for Pastoral Support Update. Steve meeting with the Bishop of Greater Washington DC, and Pastor Ron Qualley on Wednesday. Pr. Mark, Ginny Buck & Wendy having trouble getting anyone to respond at Lutheran Seminary and the Masters Institute. Concordia Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN, visited by Pr. Paul. Trying to get meeting set up with Gettysburg Seminary.

Third part is Regional Coordinators leveraging lay directors at the pastoral level to get involvement.

Spiritual Director – Pastor Mark Marxhausen
SD Manual should be available on-line and e-mailed to all lay directors.

VPA – Butch Seeley

Annual Gathering Update. It would be beneficial to know how many registrants and how many have registered on-line.

VPO – Wendy Showalter

-Meeting with pastors from the Tidewater Conference of the Virginia Synod went very well...at this point, three plan to attend the fall weekend hosted by Rainbow and will bring parishioners.

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

--Texas Gulf Coast VdC has completed the Articles of Incorporation and 501c3 documents and we await the revised NLS Constitution revision before signingseveral will be attending the Annual Gathering in July.

Lake Gaston will be sending representatives to the Annual Gathering in July and will be formally welcomed.

Treasurer – Brenda Accola

Secretariat dues are coming in. Getting ready to send out second request. Received the Thrivent check. Will discuss next month where it should go. Received check from 2016 Gathering for \$4,302.25. Will not be receiving any help from Thrivent this year because there is no Thrivent rep in the region.

Secretary – Carol McGill

Minutes from April 2016 through February 2017 have been posted to web site.

Diane Purcell

Discussion of Constitution and Bylaws changes that reflect the changes in our communities and technology. Will be presenting these to the general body at the Annual Gathering.

Discussion of relationship between Best Practices and Policies (Standing Operating Procedures) and the Constitution and Bylaws.

A. have consistencies between the two documents

B. Make the changes to the constitution and then make changes to SOP to make them consistent with the constitution.

Discussion of Constitution and Bylaws changes will continue until next meeting.

Closing Prayer -- Pr. Mark

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. EDT

Carol McGill
Secretary