

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT

BOARD MEETING TELECONFERENCE

February 20, 2017

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

Present: Steve Gielda, President; Butch Seeley, VPA; Brenda Accola, Treasurer; Carol McGill, Secretary; Pr. Mark Marxhausen, Spiritual Director; Paul Schmidlin, Executive Director; Diane Purcell, Financial Advisor; Carol Reedstrom, Newsletter.

Absent: Wendy Showalter, VPO; Rick Hanzlik, Web/Technology.

Opening prayer by Pr. Mark.

Butch moved that the January 20, 2017 Minutes be approved. Second. Motion carried.

Midyear Meeting Action Items

Pastor Paul will be doing the next video encouraging attendance at the Annual Gathering. Butch will be doing the March video.

Constitution changes.

Discussion between Paul Schmidlin, Pr. Mark and Steve G. regarding a three-part strategy for pastoral support: local pastors, bishops & presidents, seminaries. Each will be working with the Regional Coordinator in his/her area so that Regional Coordinators can take ownership of this.

Pr. Paul Schmidlin

Pastoral Video – Regional Coordinators are starting to use this in their regions.

Regional Coordinators are starting to take ownership of their position. Starting to receive statistical information from the Regional Coordinators.

Pr. Mark

Contacted Lay Directors in Minnesota North and South requesting permission to speak at Weekend Open Closuras. Misperception that one must be a delegate to attend the National Gathering.

Is working on getting the SD Manual updated with those changes approved by the Board.

Steve challenged Board members to attend the Open Closura of the Spring Weekends in their area and give a similar message using the outline that Pr. Mark will provide.

Butch Seeley

Conference call the third Thursday of every month.

North Carolina has received all the money from NLS that is available (per Brenda).

Diane asked if Wake Forest would be able to handle a larger group. Butch will follow-up on this and report back via e-mail.

Wendy Showalter (report read by Carol Reedstrom)

-- An ad hoc committee in Calgary has begun the process of birthing a new community – the first in Canada – By Laws in progress – Wendy will be meeting with the group in May – they will be sending at least two to the gathering in July.

--remaining on-hold with Pastor Ruffatto and Charleston, W.V. and with pastor and wife on island of Kauai.

--just starting conversation with St Charles, LA. group....this may be the first secretariat in Louisiana...God willing !!

--Texas Gulf Coast VdC has completed their new By-Laws - now the Articles of Incorporation and 501c3 documents are in progress....several will be attending the Annual Gathering in July"

Brenda Accola

Will e-mail reports. Will be sending out dues notices. Need to pin down Board registrations. Has submitted form to qualify for Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Carol McGill

Still need to make sure that all Minutes are posted on the website, specifically April 2016-February 2017.

Diane Purcell

Need to have a conversation on the Constitution and Bylaws. Diane will be sending out questions that we need to think about concerning possible changes to the Constitution and Bylaws.

Pr. Mark closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. EST

Carol McGill

Secretary