

Executive Committee Meeting

August 13, 2018

Present: President Wendy Showalter, VPA Debbie Klatt, VP Outreach Ellick Morey, Treasurer Jim Ryan, Spiritual Director Bob Allmann, Executive Director Butch Seeley

Meeting to called to order 7:02 pm CST.

Bob opened us in prayer.

Wendy informed the newest members that all of our Executive Board and Committee meetings are always recorded.

On behalf of returning board, Wendy welcomed everyone and we feel blessed with their presence and doing this ministry.

Executive Director, Butch Seeley: Butch has been reading and preparing for his role as Executive Director. He did reach out to the new VPA, Debbie.

He mentioned the concern that Diane Purcell had about the Board not conforming to Roberts Rules and our Bylaws. After doing some research, Butch could not find anything that should raise concerns. He spoke to Diane after she asked when the meetings were to be held. Butch informed her that the President can call a meeting of the Officers at anytime and only needs to inform the Officers and not the entire board. Special meetings can be made and the Officers will need to be informed at that time as well. He asked Diane for a specific line in the State Statutes or Constitution that states the issue she is having, but she has yet to clarify.

Butch is also looking into the situation with Colorado on the line item in the Ratification letter. He has asked Kim Brownlow to send him the information, and will review it once it arrives. He will report his findings when he has a chance to review it.

Rev. Carl Billings is requesting reimbursement for his travel to the Annual Gathering. Brenda will be writing his check this week.

Butch also mentioned a bill that was sent to him from a hospital. He is not certain about the invoice but thinks it is from the Annual Gathering. He will inquire about it and get back to us.

He is waiting on Dave Lambert to get back to him in reference to Officers Liability Insurance.

The Pre-Annual Gathering Executive Committee minutes were discussed. Motion made by Ellick to approve the minutes and second by Wendy. Motion passed.

The Thursday, Executive Board meeting, July 26 minutes were discussed and a Motion by Ellick to approve and second by Wendy. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Everyone on the board needs to create their calendar and his/her manual. Wendy will have a revised timeline for deadlines when these are due.

Wendy asked that the New board members send a current photo and bio for website.

Update on the unpaid taxes from 2015, 2016 & 2017. Tim Dickie has audited the books and is currently working on the three year of taxes and to be completed by the end of week. Secretary will add to the external flash drive once completed. Butch will write a thank you from the board. Tim is focusing on the 2015 taxes first and follows in order after that. Jim will file any future taxes and he feels comfortable doing that. Filing date October 2018 year.

Wendy spoke to the State Attorneys General office and was informed that the Executive Committee does not have to have open meetings. There is nothing in our Bylaws that state anything to the contrary. The National Lutheran Secretariat is not required to have open meetings.

Spiritual Director: Bob did not have anything to report yet. Wendy thinks the clergy weekend is taking form. She asked Bob to do some research. If he needs help, call Pastor Sue Beall, Dick Brennaman and Pastor Doug Given. We really must focus on ways to strengthen their ministry.

Bob brought up an issue in regards to same gender marriages and the differences. We need to steer clear of a controversy. We are not a church body and it is about faith and God loving everybody. A few years ago, the National Lutheran Secretariat sent out a declaration on this subject. Jim thinks the VdC view on this matter is under the archives tab.

VP of Outreach: Ellick feels his last meeting with the Spanish-speaking secretariat was exciting. It was a great group of people who have been involved with VdC since the late 1980s. They are a moderately large group interested in being a Secretariat. He has a RC meeting in a couple weeks. He has nothing to report until his meeting with the Regional Coordinators.

VP Administration: Debbie gave her report on our midyear meeting. The Host Committee is preparing all the accommodations. She gave her positive opinion on Rick attending the Mid-year meeting in Indianapolis. Ellick agrees and Butch does too. All agree. Wendy will let Rick know of our decision.

Treasurer: Jim discussed the collection taken of \$3400.00 at the Saturday service at AG. This money is for outreach. Last year was \$5000.00. Brenda is transferring all books and bank finances with a data dump.

New Business:

The position of a new Secretary was discussed. This is only an appointment of eleven months and the position of Secretary will be up for election next year. Five Women gave their name to Wendy. Discussion ensued. Jeanne Gaston was selected and will be appointed. Wendy will contact Jeanne and let her know.

Wendy sent the meeting dates to the entire board. Please mark your calendars. Butch will be meeting with the off months for the appointed members.

Wendy sent an Open Agenda Action list to everyone. This list will show the Actions needed and whom they are assigned to. Wendy will be sending out corrections as needed.

Bob closed us in prayer. Closed at 8:00 pm CST.

Debbie Klatt
Temporary Acting Secretary
VP Administration