

**NLS Executive Board Meeting  
Teleconference  
June 18, 2018**

Board Members present were: Wendy Showalter, President; Warren “Butch” Seeley, VPA; Debbie Klatt, Secretary; Brenda Accola, Treasurer; Mark Marxhausen, Spiritual Director; Rick Hanzlik, Webmaster; Dave Lambert, Database Coordinator.

Absent: Ellick Morey, VPO; Kathy Buzay, Non-Profit Advisor; Tom Krause, National Distribution Center; Paul Sabatier-Smith, Palanca Chair; Skip & Lori Gooch, Archivist.

Wendy called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm CST and Mark led us in prayer.

The minutes from May 21, 2018 NLS Executive Committee meeting were briefly discussed with no comments and were passed with a motion made by Butch and seconded by Mark.

**Old Business:**

We are still missing five Ratification Letters from Region 6 & three from 7.

The 5 Year plan was discussed with feedback from Mark and Dave prior to the meeting. In order for us to move forward on this plan, we need everyone’s input. The plan was walked through on each point. It was suggested that the time line might be too aggressive. The plan is too walk through this with the community at the Annual Gathering.

The manuals will vary from each position on the details and need the information done soon because of the new board members to be elected.

Butch suggested we rename the “personal goals” for the Board members and RCs to “goals pertaining to the area and responsibilities of position”. He also thought we should add a “Donate” button on the new website. Wendy has past experience on designing the new website. Carol, Rick and Wendy will build the website.

Diane Purcell emailed Wendy with notice that the “VdC” trademark needs to be renewed immediately. The “NLS” trademark is different. Kathy will need to find out if there is an issue with the NLS trademark. Since we are no longer “National or just Lutheran”, but a worldwide ministry, we will authorize a committee, chaired by the Executive Director, to investigate challenges and advantages to changing the name of NLS to something different? Pros and Cons will need to be made in order for a discussion and decision. It was suggested we go ahead and renew the “NLS” trademark name so we can take our time with the challenges of a formal name change.

The review and update of all Rollo Outlines will be made and sent out as recommend by the Board.

The Board discussed the reestablishment and Implement of a Pastoral Growth Strategy to be included on the plan.

Developing a strategy to help with challenges and strengthen the Secretariats will be added.

Discussed creating an Ad Hoc Committee to research and suggest technology improvements.

Discussion was held on establishing a communications committee. How do our Secretariats interact with things like, common language, newsletters, Palanca, etc...

Wendy will rework the 5-Year Plan and make the changes that were discussed and present to the Executive Committee before the July 25th meeting.

Board member manuals and calendars for each job position are due soon.

Butch will get the list for NLS tax documents needed from the Red Book. Kathy will review them.

### **Reports:**

We have one nominee for treasurer, one for Spiritual Director with two other possibilities and none for VPA.

Mark – Dave Rankin, Host Committee, has been working on the Annual Gathering worship services. Mark leaves for Papua New Guinea October 1. He asked Butch to pray about giving the 101 & 102 training there. He mentioned the discussion of creating a new VdC community in Papua New Guinea and Australia. There could also be the possibility of becoming affiliated with us.

Butch informed us we have 160 registrations for the 2018 Annual Gathering. 12 Secretariats have not been heard from.

Debbie – Debbie is still missing three Annual Surveys. She will coordinate with Butch, Ellick and the RC's to collect all the Lay Delegate names and official legal names of the Secretariats.

Brenda – All dues are in except for Prairie Sonshine. Host Committee is waiting on official list of Secretariat names for posters. The Palanca Committee has purchased mirrors for the Annual Gathering attendees. She asked where and when they would be distributed.

Dave – Dave sent his report prior to the meeting. He requests that he needs the next set of update information from A.G. registration sent to him. He also would like communication sent to him with new elections from the secretariats.

Rick - He is asking for better communication with the Host Committee for the website. Nothing new has been sent. He noted that Viadecristo.com is available to purchase for \$90. A VdC app will be considered.

Meeting ended at 8:50 pm with prayer from Mark.

Debbie Klatt

NLS Secretary