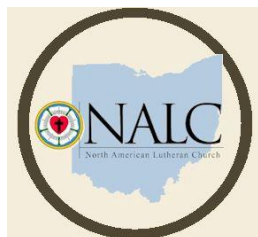


Ohio Region NALC – Executive Council meeting January 7, 2017



Present:	Unable to Attend:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dean Bill Maki• Dean Paul Larson• Dean Don Allman• Jim Patrick• Dean Bob Quaintance• Elizabeth Ridenour• Don Karger• Paula Caso	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ethel Briggs• Molly King• Dean Dan Powell• Sherry Shaffer

Minutes

Meeting @ Trinity Lutheran, 121 Broad Street, Monroeville, OH 44847

1. Opening: John 2: 1-12 and a short devotion lead by Pastor Bill.
2. Reports:
 - a. Minutes – Paula Caso : meeting 10/14/2016 : As the minutes had not been sent recently, it was agreed to dispense with reading of the minutes. A quick discussion concluded that there were no more revisions since those originally sent and included in the updates before the minutes were posted on the web site. Pastor Don moved and Don Karger seconded the acceptance of the minutes. All approved. The council discussed when “executive session” should be used, and a simple protocol for that so Paula (or any future Secretary) will know when confidential or sensitive information should not be included in the minutes.
 - b. Treasurer’s – Don Karger : The report was presented and Pastor Don moved to accept and was seconded by Pastor Bob. All approved.
3. OMR May Convocation 2017: May 6, 2017 @ St. John, Grove City, OH.
 - a. Registration / Form – Paula Caso will put together once the details are finalized. Ethel Briggs volunteered via email to handle registration again this year and sent the council detailed notes on what she has done in the past.
 - b. Firming Agenda –
 - i. Theme – Pastor Paul proposed the title **500th Anniversary of the Reformation: Lutheran – What Does This Mean?** Pastor Don seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved.
 - ii. Scripture – Romans 1: 16-17 ... Pastor Don moved to adopt this scripture and Don Karger seconded. The scripture was adopted unanimously.
 - iii. Bishop Bradosky is set to attend the convocation and will preach during the opening worship and deliver a keynote on the theme, *Lutheran – What Does This Mean?*
 - iv. Workshop ideas:
 1. Pastoral Care and Transition (PCAT) team / Afternoon do gathering and training time. – Ask Amy (Pastor Bill to do)
 2. How to run an efficient and productive Church Council (best practices) – ask Pastor Dan Powell (Pastor Bob to do)
 3. SOLA – resources available for Reformation (Pastor Bill to arrange)
 4. Bishop to do a NALC - Q/A (Pastor Bill to contact the bishop)
 5. Life 2 Life Discipleship by Pastor Eric Riesen. (Pastor Bob to contact)
 6. Equipping Youth Leadership (Done as Part 1 + Part 2 + District/OMR Meeting times specifically for those attending as a youth rep./guest. Registration will specify that this option replaces workshops and other meeting times.)– Ask Gary Pecuch (Pastor Don to do)

v. Schedule:

1. Vendor Display setup – 7:30 – 8:00
2. Registration – 8:15 – 9:00
3. Opening Worship w/ Holy Communion – 9:00 – 10:15
4. Break – 10:15 – 10:30
5. Workshop: Session 1 – 10:30 – 11:30
6. Lunch – 11:30 – 12:15
7. OMR Meeting (and election of treasurer) – 12:15 – 12:55 (in the lunch room)
8. District Meetings (with elections) – 1:00 – 1:40
9. Workshop: Session 2 – 1:45 – 2:45
10. Break – 2:45 – 3:00
11. Bishop (Lutheran – What Does This Mean?) – 3:00 – 4:00
12. Installations and closing prayer – 4:00 – 4:15

Bob and Paul concurrently moved and seconded to accept the schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Approval of Vendors – Protocol for acceptance will continue to be the requirement of vendors to be affiliated with the NALC. A motion was made by Pastor Bob and seconded by Pastor Paul to approve Camp Frederick as a vendor/table. Camp Frederick was approved unanimously. Pastor Don moved that we invite vendors to come with a reduced fee of \$20 per representative (no table fee) and was seconded by Jim Patrick. All votes were in favor. We need the list of vendors so we can send out the invitations. The invitation should specify that the vendor needs to be there early to setup and be ready when the convocation starts.
 - d. Cost of registration: \$30 (except for vendors) was moved by Don Karger and seconded by Liz Ridenour. Pastor Bob amended that members from the OMR council attending but not representing a congregation be covered by the OMR council. The entire motion was unanimously approved.
 - e. Pastor Bob motioned that the host congregation be reimbursed for up to \$10 per person with receipts for lunches and breaks. Liz Ridenour seconded the motion which was then approved unanimously.
 - f. Worship Planning – Bishop to preach and Pastor Bill or Pastor Don to preside with all the deans assisting with communion.
 - g. Other – Moved by Pastor Don and seconded by Pastor Paul and subsequently approved unanimously:
 - i. Organist fee = \$250
 - ii. Custodian fee = \$150
 - iii. Offering collection to go to the Great Commission Society
4. Pastoral Care and Transition (P-CAT) Teams Update: They have had training sessions. Pastor Amy Little requested time at the OMR Convocation for training and gathering. The team has begun work, but slowly. Pastor Wendel suggested that we require our team sent consist of at least 2 people. This was included in an emailed motion/discussion/vote.
- a. An email motion was made 10/27/2016, seconded and voted upon. This was re-introduced today and unanimously affirmed:
 - i. We will always send a team of 2 people, established by our Coordinator
 - ii. b) Expenses will be paid by the Mission District in which the host congregation is located
 - iii. c) When a P-CAT team is requested, the Dean of the Mission District, Pastor David Wendel, and our OMR P-CAT Coordinator will be notified PRIOR to the P-CAT's first visit...and will be provided with a summary of their meeting.
5. Mission Districts:
- a. SWOMD – Emailed by Pastor Dan who was unable to attend: “SOMD has two congregations in the Call process [Grace/West Carrollton and First/Troy]. Salem/West Alexandria just called Dan Mershon to be their pastor. Pastor Beverly DeBord, 14+ year Associate Pastor at Grace/Springfield, retired at the end of 2016. We are planning a February 25th Council/Clergy Conference at Grace in Springfield, Ohio...bringing our clergy and council members together for

a one day conference to discuss and present 'best practices' for this ministry we all have in our congregations. Our hope is to have great representation from every SOMD congregation! Our SOMD Executive Council will meet in West Alexandria on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Pastor Powell will be attending the NALC Pastor's Conference in February. Our Mission District is planning a week-end youth retreat for early May 2017." Jim Patrick added that First in Troy is voting on issuing a call this month.

- b. SEOMD – Grace in Westerville passed its second vote and is now part of the NALC. Pastor Don will send Paula information to add to the OMR website. Tom Phillips will be retiring (1/31/17) from St. John in Columbus. TJ Anderson of Upper Arlington has resigned. New Life in Gallapolis is interviewing. Thorneville is interviewing and may have issued a call.
 - c. NEOMD – Two parishes are in the call process (dual in Stone Creek and one in Millersburg). They will need to replace Harrison Gapter as secretary of the NEOMD since he moved out of state. The dean wrote two grant support letters for congregations. One was for a medical mission team from Trinity in Ashland. The other was for Journey of Faith for continued support. The dean attended the Deans Conference. Plans were made to have the director of Camp Frederick address the OMR. The pastors in the district will meet 6 times per year per schedule proposed by the Dean.
 - d. NWOMD – One congregation has had a pastor leave after 8 years. The NWOMD tries to have a clergy meeting every other month. The Pastors Conference and OMR convocation make up 2 of those meetings. They have 3 full time pastors and one interim in the district and several part-time. One congregation in northwest Ohio asked for information about the NALC and Pastor Gruetter and Pastor Maki went to talk to them.
 - e. NCOMD – Thursday, they had 12 pastors show for their pastoral meeting. Lay Leadership training was discussed and they suggested bringing the topic to the OMR for discussion. They believe there is a need for developing and commissioning Lay Leaders in the NALC. They are looking at meeting 6 times a year. There is one pastoral vacancy at Mount Zion, Lucas.
6. OMR Confirmation Camp: Note left by Pastor Amy Little who was unable to attend: "I put a post on the NALC Facebook page describing it with a link to the "Let Us Pray" Facebook page. Any & all are welcome to join in. Call me if you are interested by the end of February."
 7. New Business: Discussion of need for Lay Leadership training was brought up following Pastor Paul's question/suggestion from his report. Pastor Bill suggested that the deans discuss (with the pastors in their districts) the need for creating contingency plans for when a pastor is unexpectedly unable to preside on a Sunday. How a congregation can have a service in the absence of the pastor is a situation that should be planned ahead of time.
 8. Journey of Faith: (Executive Session)
 9. Next Meeting Date & Location: First English Lutheran, Mansfield on March 4, 2017 9:30 am– 2:00 pm
 10. Mission, vision, and long range planning: Tabled for this meeting.
 11. Prayer & Adjournment: Pastor Paul closed with prayer. Adjourned @2:05.