

Ohio Region NALC – Executive Council meeting March 4, 2017



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

Minutes

Meeting @ First English Lutheran, Mansfield, OH

- I. Opening Devotions: Jim Patrick from “Jesus Calling” devotional. Learning to discern Christ’s voice and avoidance of worry were the topics.
- II. Reports
 - A. Minutes 1/7/17: Don Karger and Dan Powell moved and seconded the acceptance of the minutes as published. A unanimous vote followed.
 - B. Treasurer’s: Liz Ridenour and Ethel Briggs motioned/seconded the acceptance of the financial report as was passed out and discussed. A unanimous vote followed. A discussion of the proposed budget included notes that the current balance in the account allows us to put forth a budget with a deficit balance. We are still spending down the balance in the account in a responsible manner to allow the mission districts to get established and self-funded. A motion to approve the budget was seconded, but discussion was interrupted by a discussion of the status of the Navigator Discipleship Program. Unusual circumstances were brought up (such as a pastor leaving a congregation and a new pastor wanting to start the program). Dan Powell proposed the following continuing resolution: *Upon written request, up to \$500 per year (per parish) during each year of the three-year partnership with the Navigators/Life2Life be provided by the OMR. Requests for exceptions will be handled on an individual basis.* Don Karger seconded the motion. After a discussion, a vote was taken and the continuing resolution was passed unanimously. This was followed by a vote to approve the proposed budget for next year and resulted in unanimous approval as well.
- III. Camp Frederick – Pastor Dick Iverson: Pastor Dick talked about how Camp Frederick emphasizes prayer and how to pray. That is the central theme of their ministry. The fact that God will never give up on them is also strongly communicated to the campers. This is more experiential than theological. Pastor Dick passed out some materials about Camp Frederick. *Agenda Item Request: Pastor Dan asked that the issue of a camp ministry be discussed at a later meeting of the OMR.*
- IV. Oromo Church in Columbus – Discussion: A member of that church is working toward NALC ordination. He is looking to work with pastors in other NALC congregations to learn more traditional Lutheran settings, Lutheran theology, etc. The Oromo church is expanding and they are looking for partnership ministries. St. John (Grove City) is working with them. They are planning an Ethiopian Festival 7/8/17 to showcase their culture and help raise funds for a move to a new location. It was suggested that they have a display table at the OMR Convocation and/or speak to the OMR convocation about their festival in July. The idea of having their children’s choir participate in worship at the OMR Convocation was also proposed. Don Allman to follow up with them.
- V. Finalize OMR May Convocation 2017
 - A. Action Items from last meeting
 - a. Pr Bill to ck with Amy about PCAT Info Class and PCAT Training Class. She said that she would be glad to do that.

- b. Pr Bill to ck with Bishop John – Sermon theme and session on “Being Lutheran Today” with Q&A. The bishop was on board with what we were requesting.
 - c. Pr Bob to ck with Pr Powell – Church Council Best Practices Workshop. Dan Powell was willing to provide the information.
 - d. Pr Bill to ask Sola to do a workshop on Reformation Resources: Steve King will do a workshop on Reformation resources.
 - e. Pr Bob to ck with Eric Riesen about Life2Life Workshop: Done and result was affirmative.
 - f. Pr Don to ck with Gary P about 2part Equipping Youth Leadership Workshop: Gary Pecuch has agreed to do what we have asked for the OMR Convocation.
- B. Registration / Form / deadline out? – Ethel Briggs/Paula Caso. Paula to email 8.5x14 version to Bill Maki and he will print and mail. Paula to complete the brochure within a week or so and email to Pastor Bill!
- a. Paul Larson motioned that the late registration be made \$40 if posted after 4/22. Jim Patrick seconded. All approved the motion.
 - b. List of Mission Congregations in Ohio with their contact information on a sheet to be included in the registration packets.
 - c. Possible treasurer candidate bio page as well.
 - d. Nominations for treasurer need to be sought. Qualifications for the position were discussed and narrowed down to basic accounting and bookkeeping knowledge (Checkbook balancing and Excel spreadsheet skills).
 - i. Jim Patrick threw his hat into the ring.
 - ii. Post on website and FB that we are looking for nominations for treasurer.
 - iii. Nominations to be sent to info@theNALCohio.org.
 - iv. At the end of the meeting, Don Karger agreed to run again.
- C. Final Agenda – Copy format from Last Year’s?: Set last meeting and will be used.
- D. Approval of Vendors – Contact point? On registration through Ethel. Ethel will have a compiled list sent to Don Allman.
- E. Worship Planning – Leave to Pr. Don?: all agreed and that this should be the practice for the future.
- a. Bishop John will preach
 - b. ? Preside at HC (I think Don since we are meeting at his congregation): confirmed
 - c. Deans will be HC assistants
 - d. St Johns will provide – Organist(s), Ushers, Collection Plates, Worship Bulletins
- F. Other
- a. The collection will be split between Journey of Faith, North Ridgeville and the Oromo church in Columbus as proposed by Dan Powell.

VI. Mission District Reports

- A. NEOMD: Stone Creek Parish will be voting Sunday to issue a pastoral call. Mark Chavez asked if the dean would be willing to mentor a pastor from Alberta in the Lfe2Life disciple-making.
- B. SEOMD: See notes above about the Oromo congregation. Scott Ness is moving to Ethiopia and Pastor Don Allman has announced his impending retirement. Mention of Mark Chavez’s wife’s health and need for prayers was included.
- C. NCOMD: Pastor Diane Seaman in was the English-speaking chaplain at the Schloss Kirche in Wittenberg, Germany, which is quite an honor. There are 2 churches with vacant pastoral positions: Pastor Alan Knoke has resigned his position at St. Paul, Clyde, and Mount Zion, Lucas is still looking.
- D. SWOMD: Heidi Holtz will be installed in Troy. There are several other additions and changes that have taken place in the district as well. They had a conference for church councils and Jim Patrick attended and spoke about it very positively. Dan Powell has been appointed the convener of the deans of the NALC through 08/2019 by the bishop.
- E. NWOMD: One congregation has an interim. The dean’s congregation had a fish fry fundraiser for a seminarian (Adam Poe) attending ILT seminary. They had a great turn out. June 10th they have

a walk for Water International and they even set up a website for donations and corporate sponsors.

- VII. Other Business:
 - a. The deans were asked for Mission District information from the NALC and they have started to provide that information.
 - b. A pastor had resigned and there was discussion about the availability of interim pastors.
 - c. Generating interest for a Reformation event with Jim Nestingen on Saturday (11/11/17) from 10:00 – 3:00 here at First English Lutheran? Paul Larson will contact Jim Nestingen and get a date set.
- VIII. Next Meeting Date & Location: First English Lutheran, Mansfield on May 13th, 2017 (9:30 – 2:00)
- IX. Prayer & Adjournment Motioned by Dan Powell and all agreed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 2:19.