

Ohio Region NALC – Executive Council meeting June 23, 2017



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

Minutes

Meeting @ First English Lutheran, Mansfield, OH

- I. Opening Devotions: Pastor Bill opened with prayer.
- II. Vote for Presiding Dean of OMR – A discussion of who was able took a while. It was finally decided that Pastor Bill would stay on another year as the other deans were very involved in other endeavors and Pastor Jeff was new. Pastor Bob motioned to have Pastor Bill stay on as convener, Pastor Paul seconded and the deans made their decision in favor of Pastor Bill remaining convener for another year.
- III. Welcome New Members – Pastor Jeff was welcomed to the council. Molly King sent her regrets and let Pastor Bill know that she needs to resign her position on the OMR council. Pastor Jeff and the other deans discussed the process for electing/appointing someone to replace her for the remainder of her term. The lay representative position for the North West district also remains vacant.
- IV. Minutes – The minutes from the convocation were posted on the website. There was no further discussion.
- V. Treasurer’s Report – The May OMR convocation was beneficial to the OMR funds and only a few bills are outstanding. We are in slightly better shape than was anticipated at this point. Pastor Bob motioned to approve the treasurer’s report and Pastor Paul seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor.
- VI. Mission District News –
 - a. NEOMD – Ashland is in the call process for an assistant pastor. Faith Millersburg is still in the call process. Pastor Bob has been assisting a parish in Grove City, PA in their call process also.
 - b. NCOMD – Pastor Paul is working with several congregations in his district as they go through transitions.
 - c. SEOMD – There are almost half of the congregations in his district going through transitions as well. There are two new pastors in the district. The Oromo congregation in Columbus is growing at almost 20% per year and is looking to purchase a building. They are having an Ethiopian Festival in July to raise additional funds for this project.
 - d. NWOMD – They are still looking for a lay rep for the OMR council. They are small and have a hard time getting people to serve on the district council as well. There has been some shuffling of leadership positions. One is a pastor who has moved into the district and has already made many connections. St. John in Montpelier has a seminary intern with them right now.
 - e. SWOMD – There was no news from this district as the dean is on sabbatical and the lay rep is currently in hospital. Prayers were said for Jim.
- VII. Evaluation of Convocation – May 6, 2017 –
 - a. The turnout was the largest ever. There were many good feedback anecdotes.
 - b. The youth conference was well attended by both leaders and youth.
 - c. The signage and people available for guidance made everything run smoothly.
 - d. The worship service was excellent.

- e. The Bishop's keynote was very well received. Pastor Bob is going to contact the Bishop to get his PowerPoint and Paula will post it online.
 - f. Pastor Bob threw out the idea of asking people to open their homes to host attendees coming to convocations from a distance. This idea was tabled for now, but will be picked up later in the year.
 - g. Special requirements like the PCAT meetings and youth day-meeting need to be accounted for in the registration process.
 - h. Last minute additions, like the water project, need to be planned ahead. Disruptions to the planned meeting make the schedule difficult to adhere to. Plus, making a decision on the spot without more background information is ill advised.
 - i. *Motion for continuing resolution: The agenda is set at the final OMR executive council meeting prior to the convocation and any addition or change to the agenda must be approved by the majority of the deans prior to the meeting at the convocation. Don seconded after Pastor Bob made the motion. All voted in favor and the continuing resolution was added to the addendum to the OMR Constitution.*
 - i. The following items should be included in the registration packet that attendees receive at the registration table:
 - i. A schedule of the day's activities
 - ii. A map of the Convocation location showing breakout rooms for workshops, etc.
 - iii. Agenda for the OMR meeting
 - iv. Minutes from the previous OMR Convocation
 - v. A larger map of the Ohio Mission Districts
 - j. Paula needs to update the online map with information from the deans.
 - k. Paula needs to send a reminder to the deans in January to update the addresses and Pastors for the congregations in their districts.
 - l. Plan to think about whether or not to have a post-workshop (or end of convocation) survey. Pastor Bob suggested getting the information from the pastors afterwards from having conversations with their members who attended. Get feedback on new ideas like PCAT teams.
 - m. The registration information about districts that Ethel provided helped deans prepare for their district meetings.
 - n. Can drop the personal address and be more specific on the voting rights on the registration form.
 - o. May 5th, 2018 will be the next convocation date.
- VIII. Standing of Rostered Lay People for Convocation – The voting rights were unclear. Pastor Bill will check with David Wendell/Mark Chavez about what procedure the NALC follows and we will adjust ours as needed. He will also ask about the need for the districts and region to follow suit with the NALC.
- IX. Other Business –
- a. The Reformation Celebration cannot occur as planned on 11/11/17 since Jim Nestingen is no longer available that day and there is a Veteran's Day Parade on the street outside First English Lutheran, Mansfield. The prevailing thought was to try for Saturday (11/18/17) from 10:00 – 2:30 possibly at Ashland Trinity? Paul Larson will contact Jim Nestingen and get a date set and try for a location.
 - i. Discussion ensued about a possible schedule and decided 4 hours was not enough for workshops. It was decided to have 2 keynotes, worship and lunch.
 - 1. 9:30 – 10:00 Registration.
 - 2. 10:00 – 10:45 Keynote
 - 3. 10:45 – 11:00 Break.
 - 4. 11:00 – 12:00 Keynote 2
 - 5. 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
 - 6. 1:00 – 2:00 Worship w/ communion.
 - ii. Plans all hinge on Jim's availability and potential location.

- iii. It was decided that the OMR will cover air fare for both Jim and his wife (estimating \$1000 for travel expenses). Pastor Paul will call Jenny Brockman to see what to give as an honorarium.
 - iv. Meals and breaks will cost no more than \$10/person.
 - v. We will ask people to pay \$10 per person for meal/snacks and plan for an offering during worship to offset the costs of having Jim Nestingen come and the church host the event. (Planning: \$150 custodian & \$250 organist)
- b. Fiscal year for OMR? Discussion on the difference between budget year and fiscal year. The calendar year has been our reporting basis and our fiscal/budget year was July 1 – June 30. This will be retained. The Ohio districts can do whatever they decide as they are not dependent on the OMR for any reason.
- X. Next Meeting Date & Location: First English Lutheran, Mansfield on July 29th (10:00 – 2:00) if Jim Nestingen agrees to the 11/18/17 date. First English Lutheran, Mansfield on September 23rd (10:00 – 2:00) regardless of the July meeting.
- XI. Prayer & Adjournment – Closed with the Lord’s Prayer at 2:10.
- XII. *Action Items from today’s meeting*
 - a. *Pastor Bob is going to contact the Bishop to get his PowerPoint*
 - b. *Paula will post the Bishop’s PowerPoint online.*
 - c. *Pastor Bill will check with David Wendell/Mark Chavez about what procedure the NALC follows and we will adjust ours as needed. He will also ask about the need for the districts and region to follow suit with the NALC.*
 - d. *Each dean will (before our next meeting) update the information on the congregations and leadership in their respective districts and forward those updates to Paula so she can update them on the OMR website.*
 - e. *Paula will update the OMR map of districts and all the congregational information on the website once she has the necessary information from the deans.*
 - f. *Paul Larson will contact Jim Nestingen and get a date set and try Ashland-Trinity for a location.*
 - g. *Pastor Paul will call Jenny Brockman to see what to give Jim Nestingen as an honorarium.*
 - h. *Paula needs to send a reminder to the deans in January to update the addresses and Pastors for the congregations in their districts prior to the OMR Convocation.*