

Ohio Region NALC – Executive Council meeting January 27, 2018



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

Minutes

Meeting @Grace Lutheran Church-Westerville, OH: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

- I. Call to Order – At 10:05 Pastor Bill called the meeting to order.
- II. Roll Call – listed above. Ethel Briggs was unable to attend, but emailed her desire to continue to help with registration for the Convocation. Sherry Shaffer was ill and unable to attend.
- III. Devotional – Pastor Dan opened with a devotion from Jude 3-4. The focus was discussed from various points of view and pulled together by Pastor Dan’s summary. How do we deal with situations where twisted views have crept into the church? How do we contend for the faith? Are we????
- IV. Discussion on location for the Convocation – all agreed that the Grace Westerville church is a good fit.
- V. Minutes – Paula Caso sent the minutes by email the night before. Pastor Dan motioned and Don Karger seconded the acceptance of the minutes as emailed. The vote to accept was unanimous.
- VI. Treasurer’s Report – Don Karger presented a financial report for the Oromo Fiduciary Project #1 status as well as the current standing of the OMR accounts. The current status of the Oromo Project is about \$99,000 in donations and pledges toward repaying the NALC loan. The closing with the bank is expected to occur during the first week of February. It was noted how astounding this is and how God’s hand was clearly at work in this project. Jack Walker motioned to accept the reports and Liz Ridenour seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.
 - a. *Action Item* (see below) – Request for Don Karger to add in additional lines for income and expenses for the Reformation Celebration Service and for the OMR contribution to the Oromo Project to make the distribution of funds clearer in the general report.
 - b. Pastor Bob motioned that we do not ask the mission districts to contribute to the OMR for the next budget year. Pastor Dan said the SOMD would be including the OMR in their next ministry plan. There was discussion, but there was no vote.
- VII. Oromo Financial Update – Don Karger’s update was included in the item above as a set of reports. However, a discussion of what to do with funds sent through the OMR beyond October and the \$125,000 goal has been met ensued. It was decided that we would see what other building related needs the Oromo church has, such as needed repairs to facilities. Any monies we get directed to Oromo will go to Oromo in one fashion or another (through the NALC loan or directly in the future). Promoting the needs of the Oromo church will diminish after the goal has been met, but they will remain a mission partner in our region. The deans will meet with the Bishop about the process for donations after October on whether the OMR will remain a collection point to pass through to the Oromo church or whether donations will be sent directly to the Oromo Church.
- VIII. Review of Action Items – Paula already notified the council in an email that her part will remain on the action item list for now. Pastor Jeff already did his work. A couple items will be added to the list for next meeting.
- IX. OMR Convocation 2018 –
 - a. The theme be “Prayer: Fear-less” with the scripture being Ephesians 6:18-19 and Pastor Gemechis’ first keynote be on “Praying in the Spirit” (as voted on last meeting)

- i. Pastor Dan motioned that we change the title to “Fear-less”. Jack Walker seconded the motion. Discussion ensued with the difference between “Fearless” and “Fear-less”. Don Karger suggested the title be without the hyphen. Pastor Dan explained the reason we want the hyphen to emphasize the current existence of fear and the need to lessen it.
 - ii. To clarify the concept, the addition of a sub-title of “Prayer – Discipleship – Giving” was suggested.
 - iii. Pastor Bob suggested changing the title to “Beyond Our Fears”. Pastor Dan changed his motion to Pastor Bob’s suggestion. The discussion was closed and the vote was unanimous.
 - b. Proposed (and now adopted) Schedule:
 - 7:30 – 8:00 Vendor Display setup
 - 8:15 – 9:00 Registration and Display Visits
 - 9:00 – 10:15 Greeting, Opening and Keynote 1 (Ephesians 6:18 focus)
(Pastor Jeff and Pastor Gemechis to arrange)
 - 10:30 – 11:15 Workshop: Session 1
 - 11:20 – 12:00 District Meetings (with elections)
 - 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch and Display Visits
 - 1:00 – 1:45 OMR Meeting (and election of secretary) – (in the sanctuary)
 - 2:00 – 2:45 Workshop: Session 2
 - 3:00 – 4:15 Keynote 2, Installations and Closing (Ephesians 6:19 focus)
 - i. Liz Ridenour motioned and Pastor Bob seconded the acceptance of the proposed schedule. All voted in favor.
 - ii. Pastor Jeff will work with Pastor Teshome Deinagde and the Oromo church choir to flesh out times for the Opening.
 - c. Workshops: (All workshops will be offered twice, once in each session)
 - i. “Prayer: Beyond our fears” will be a workshop lead by Jack Walker. Jack asked a pastor to work with him and Pastor Jeff will communicate with Jack about this.
 - ii. “Sharing Our Faith: Beyond our fears”. Pastor Jeff will lead this workshop.
 - iii. “Fears of the Flock: Beyond our fears” will discuss fear and following Jesus: with a focus on Psalm 23. Pastor Dan will lead this workshop.
 - iv. “I’m Just a ...: Beyond our fears” to focus on overcoming the fear of being inadequate. Pastors Bob and Bill will lead this workshop.
 - v. Jack asked that each workshop leader provide a leaders’ guide that the attendees can take with them to share with their congregations.
 - d. Pricing:
 - i. Pastor Jeff motioned and Don Karger seconded the same fee structure as last year. The motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. The OMR will cover the registration fees for any council member not representing their congregation as a delegate at the Convocation.
 - e. Deadlines:
 - i. Registration deadline for lower price will be April 20. Pastor Jeff moved and Liz Ridenour seconded the motion. The vote unanimous in favor.
 - ii. Workshop leaders will provide short descriptions of the workshops to Paula Caso by Ash Wednesday (2/14/18).
 - iii. Paula is to have the brochure completed and emailed out for final review by March 3rd, 2018.
 - f. Details:
 - i. Vendor contact person will need to be someone from Grace who can answer questions.
 - ii. Room size information will be needed for workshops and district meetings and will be sent by Pastor Will Hartfelder to Pastor Jeff prior to our next meeting.
 - iii. We will also need a tech. contact for presentation equipment, vendor needs, etc. from Grace.

- X. Mission District News – SWOH: Leadership Discipleship workshop at Grace, Springfield. Information was provided as well as posted on the website and Facebook page. NEOH: There are 2 – 3 congregations in the area interested in conversations with the NALC.
- XI. New Business – postponed.
- XII. Next Meeting – February 24th, 2018 @ FELC in Mansfield. Items for agenda need to include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Tech and Vendor contact person?
 - b. OMR Budget
 - c. Ballot for Secretary of the OMR
 - d. Agenda for the OMR meeting.
 - e. Request districts to add OMR into their budgets for coming budget year?
 - f. Pastor Bill to snail mail the brochures as last year?
- XIII. Adjournment – Closed with the Lord’s prayer @ 2:10.

Action Items:

1. *Paula will post the Bishop’s PowerPoint from the 2017 Convocation online.*
2. *Paula will post a slide show of the pictures from the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Celebration on the website.*
3. *Paula will send a reminder to the deans in January to update the addresses, Pastors and Council Presidents for the congregations in their districts (including new congregations or those who have left/closed) so she can update the website prior to the OMR Convocation. (Information preferred to be sent in January or February to allow time to do the updates)*
4. *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.*
5. *Paula will redesign the website to make it responsive (so it appears in a better format on cell phones) as time allows. This requires a complete overhaul to the coding, so it will take time to do.*
6. *Don Karger to add in additional lines for income and expenses for the Reformation Celebration Service and for the OMR contribution to the Oromo Project.*
7. *Pastor Jeff will work with Pastor Teshome Deinagde and the Oromo church choir to flesh out times for the Opening.*
8. *Workshop leaders will provide a leaders’ guide that the attendees can take with them to share with their congregations*
 - a. *“Prayer: Beyond our fears” : Jack Walker*
 - b. *“Sharing Our Faith: Beyond our fears” : Pastor Jeff.*
 - c. *“Fears of the Flock: Beyond those fears” : Pastor Dan.*
 - d. *“I’m Just a ...: Beyond our fears” : Pastors Bob and Bill.*
9. *Paula to post the brochure online prior to the registration process.*
10. *Paula to post the workshop leader-guides after the convocation along with pictures.*
11. *Workshop leaders will provide short descriptions of the workshops to Paula Caso by Ash Wednesday (2/14/18).*
12. *Paula is to have the brochure completed and emailed out for final review by March 3rd.*
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