

Ohio Mission Region NALC – Executive Council meeting February 24, 2018



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

Minutes

Meeting @First English Lutheran Church – Mansfield, OH: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

- I. Call to Order – At 10:13 Pastor Bill called the meeting to order.
- II. Devotions – Pastor Bob lead a devotion and discussion on Matthew 24: 3-14. Several of those present focused on the phrases “many” and “the one”. Other discussion centered on “the end is not yet” and “endures”. Overall, the discussion was encouraging and uplifting. Guiding thoughts included welcoming people back after long absences with statements of affection rather than questions about their absence.
- III. Minutes Jan 27, 2018 – Don Karger motioned and Liz Ridenour seconded the acceptance of the minutes as emailed earlier. The vote to accept was unanimous.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Some format changes were made to the report which itemized some amounts more clearly (as had been requested at the last meeting). Also, a budget proposal was prepared and reviewed by Treasurer Don Karger. The continuation of some budgeted items was discussed. Moving some items to the districts versus keeping in the OMR budget was also discussed. When it was better stewardship to pool together as a region than to distribute to smaller districts, those items were kept in the OMR budget. Pastor Bob motioned to accept (for presentation at the OMR meeting) the proposed budget with an additional line for receipts anticipated from the mission districts. Pastor Paul seconded. No discussion preceded the unanimous vote to approve the proposed budget to be presented at the OMR meeting in May.
- V. Review of Action Items/Convocation –
 - a. Pastor Bill asked for nominations for secretary. Paula Caso was nominated and accepted with the understanding that she may be slower in getting things done next year due to added work responsibilities. The council agreed and unanimously approved the nomination.
 - b. Pastor Bill asked that we provide pocket folders for the attendees of the OMR Convocation. The pocket folder for each attendee will include:
 - i. Minutes from the 2017 OMR meeting
 - ii. List of people running for secretary of the OMR
 - iii. Map of Grace – Westerville
 - iv. Agenda for the 2018 OMR meeting
 - v. Agenda for Convocation with schedule
 - vi. Name badge
 - vii. Treasurers Report
 - viii. Proposed Budget
 - ix. Note on where the offering will go. This will include information of how to apply for the grant (see V-c-i below).
 - c. Pastor Dan asked the council to consider providing an OMR grant for congregations to send delegates to the national convocation. Some churches cannot afford to send people, so the proposal would be to offset the cost of the registration to make it easier for small churches to participate. The offering would be split up according to the number of applications. The deadline for application will be July 31.

- i. Pastor Dan motioned *“With the intent to encourage lay participation at the NALC Convocation, the amount of the offerings received at the 2018 OMR convocation be used to reimburse up to the full registration cost of lay voting delegates to attend the NALC Convocation and Mission Festival”*. Pastor Paul seconded the motion. In discussion, it was decided that the deadline to apply for the grant would be July 31, 2018. There was a discussion of restricting applicants to those who have not attended in a certain number of years. All discussions found problems will added restrictions. Final vote was unanimous in favor of the motion as written above.
 - ii. Procedural details: The application form needs to be accompanied by a receipt showing the payment for the registration. The form will have a line for approval of the district Dean who will then pass the application along to the OMR. To keep things simple, the reimbursement will be sent to the congregation of the applicant who may then reimburse the applicant if the applicant paid the registration personally.
Application will include:
 - 1. Name, address and phone number of the congregation
 - 2. Line for the pastor and/or council president’s signature (and date)
 - 3. Line for the Dean’s name and date for approval
 - 4. Copy of the registration and of the receipt for the paid registration showing the lay delegate’s name
 - d. Ballots for the position of OMR Secretary will need to be made. Liz will make up the ballots for the election for secretary with “Paula Caso” and lines for nominations from the floor. This will be in the form of 4-per-page size with a total of 150 printed to be passed out at the OMR meeting as needed.
 - e. Deans will meet at the end of the convocation to choose the convener for the next year.
- VI. Old Business – To be discussed in august The PCAT team payments... who’s responsible? Can the OMR or districts offer to assist in the case of pastoral call workshops?
- VII. Mission District News –
SWOMD:
 - a. Created and hosted the February 10th “What On Earth Are You Doing, For Christ’s Sake” conference at Grace/Springfield... invited church staff, church council, lay leaders, and clergy...focusing upon the role we **all** play in intentionally making disciples. 70 in attendance...7 SOMD congregations and 3-4 other OMR congregations participated
 - b. Grace/Eaton remains in the Call process, following the July 2017 retirement of Ps. Warren Reichert...a second interview with one candidate is scheduled for next week
 - c. Trinity/Springfield presently served by a supply pastor
 - d. SOMD Clergy Fellowship gathers about every 2 months for prayer, time in The Word, encouragement, and fellowship
 - e. Planning a MD Senior High youth week-end at Houston Woods this spring
 - f. Created a MD Proposed Ministry Plan for 2018-2019
 - g. Eight of our 11 congregations are financially contributing to the shared ministry of our MD
 - h. Several elections to occur at our May 5, 2018 SOMD Convocation...Dean, Secretary, Treasurer, lay member, clergy member, and lay ‘rep’ to the OMR Executive Council...we are one short of a full ballot
 - i. Unless the OMR Executive Council meets again prior to May 5, 2018, this will be Pastor Dan’s last meeting with you
- NEOMD:
 - a. Clergy Meetings: Our pastors and lay professionals are planning on meeting 7 times this year. Four of those times we meet in the Ashland area and the other times at congregations around the mission district.
 - b. Life to Life Discipleship: Faith Lutheran in Millersburg is interested in participating in the NALC Discipleship Program and I met with last month. Pastor Jerry Rhea has committed to assisting me in helping them get started.

- c. Congregations: Faith Lutheran in Millersburg remains in the call process. They have interviewed a couple of candidates.
- d. Clergy:
 - Pastor Frederick Johnsen, an NALC pastor, has moved into NE Ohio. He serves an LCMC congregation, Zion Lutheran in Fairport Harbor.
 - Another pastor has asked me to review his paperwork to join the NALC and he will then submit it to Pastor Mark Chavez in the near future.
 - The Dean of the Michigan Mission District, Pastor Tim Loehrke, will be retiring in the middle of June and will relocate to the Warren Ohio area where he has a child and grandchildren. He hopes to remain active.
- e. Other: I am aware of three congregations in our Mission District that might be considering the NALC in the coming year.

NCOMD: (no information provided prior to meeting)

NWOMD:

- a. Clergy meet every two months for prayer, fellowship and mutual support.
- b. Zion-St Marys held a Fish Fry Feb 16 to raise money for our Seminarian's educational expenses. We raised \$4,151.
- c. We have election of the Dean this May - so this might be Pastor Bill's last meeting with the OMR.

SEOMD:

- a. Our 13 congregations have been sent questions to help them develop a congregational profile (350 words along with a couple of pictures) that will be used in creating bulletin/newsletter inserts. This information will help congregants learn more about the congregations of the Mission District and Region, as well as our common work together. The inserts will be designed in March and sent by US Mail and email to churches after Easter.
- b. About \$102,775 has been sent to Don Karger by our Ohio congregations, which will be used to pay back the loan from the NALC for the new Oromo Church building. The congregation has made the transition to the new building and will begin to worship there on Sunday, 2/25. Several baptisms are planned, and UALC was able to donate a font, paraments, candles, and a processional cross for use in the new space.
- c. Our SEOMD pastors meet 7 times per year, but maybe more in the future as we will begin engaging a Life-to-Life discipleship process together in mid-April, led by Tom Brodbeck of Grace, Springfield, a member of the NALC's Discipleship Team.
- d. I have had an initial conversation with Dan Powell, as our Executive Council would like to consider offering some joint equipping workshops for congregations with the Southwest Ohio Mission District, perhaps beginning in the Fall or Winter of 2018-2019.
- e. MD Executive Council gave \$1,000 in January to the Mission Region treasurer for the Oromo building purchase.
- f. St. John Lutheran Church, Columbus (Broad St.) has called a new pastor, David Hill, from California. He will begin his ministry on Easter Sunday and be installed by me on April 28.
- g. New Life, Gallipolis has called a new pastor.
- h. I am systematically visiting the congregations (at least councils) of our MD, and made visits this past month to Grace, Westerville and St. John, Columbus. Next month I will meet with First English, Marysville's council, and with the congregation at New Life, Gallipolis in April.
- i. The DEDICATION of the new Oromo Church building is tentatively set for Sunday, April 22, sometime in the afternoon.

VIII. New Business – (To be done prior to or during the next council meeting)

- a. Add the pulpit supply guideline to the website.
- b. Add the pulpit supply guideline to the Continuing Resolutions also.
- c. Guidelines for compensation for supply pastors when services are cancelled in advance by the congregation for any reason will be discussed at the district meetings at the convocation. The results will be revisited by the OMR in August.

- d. Review the lists of “Continuing Resolutions” and “Procedures & Guidelines” to be created by Sherry and approve both documents to be added to the Formal Documents of the OMR along with the OMR Constitution.
- IX. Next Meeting – Friday August 10, 2018 (Saturday the 11th as an alternative) @ FELC in Mansfield.
- X. Acknowledgement – Pastor Bill expressed appreciation to Pastor Dan Powell as this is the last council meeting as he moves on to other endeavors. Pastor Dan expressed his gratitude.
- XI. Adjournment – Pastor Bill closed with prayer @ 1:50.

Action Items:

1. *Don: add a line for receipts anticipated from the mission districts to the proposed budget to be approved at the OMR meeting of the May convocation.*
2. *Ethel: Purchase and provide pocket folders for the attendees of the OMR Convocation with the materials listed above in the minutes. Make copies of items sent electronically to be included in the folders. Costs will be reimbursed.*
3. *Paula: email the minutes from the 2017 OMR meeting to Ethel.*
4. *Paula: Create a list of people running for secretary of the OMR with short introductory bio’s and a longer description of the responsibilities of the position of Secretary.*
5. *Jeff (or Pastor Will): Email to Ethel a map of Grace – Westerville noting the locations for workshops and plenary sessions, lunch, and vendors (or provide hard copies to be included in the pocket folders).*
6. *Bill: email the agenda for the 2018 OMR meeting to Ethel to be included in the pocket folders.*
7. *Paula: email an agenda for the Convocation with schedule to Ethel. This can be a shortened version of the registration brochure.*
8. *Ethel: make and include each registrant’s name badge with the pocket folders.*
9. *Don: provide printed reports for Ethel to include in the pocket folders for both the Treasurers Report and Proposed Budget.*
10. *Paula: create and email to Ethel a note on where the offering will go and an application form with instructions for submission.*
11. *Liz: Make up the ballots for the election for OMR secretary with “Paula Caso” and lines for nominations from the floor. This will be in the form of 4-per-page size with a total of 150 printed to be passed out at the OMR meeting as needed.*
12. *Paula: Post the Bishop’s PowerPoint from the 2017 Convocation online.*
13. *Paula: Add the pulpit supply guideline to the website.*
14. *Paula: Post a slide show of the pictures from the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Celebration on the website.*
15. *Paula: Update the OMR map of districts and all the congregational information on the website.*
16. *Paula: 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.*
17. *Jeff: Work with Pastor Teshome Deingede and the Oromo church choir to flesh out times for the Opening.*
18. *Workshop leaders: 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.
19. *Paula: Post the brochure online prior to the registration process.*

- 20. Paula: Post the workshop leader-guides after the convocation along with pictures.*
- 21. Paula: Have the brochure completed and emailed out for final review by March 3rd.*
- 22. Jeff: Email the room size information for workshops and district meetings from Pastor Will Hartfelder to Ethel.*
- 23. Sherry: Review past minutes to create a list of continuing resolutions and a list of procedures and guidelines. The lists should contain the motions passed (verbatim) with the dates of passage in chronological order.*