

Summary NLAS Executive Board Meeting

August 2, 2009

Teleconference

NLAS Trading Post Initiative

The Board will continue to discuss options for new NLAS items and pursue a recommendation for a new partner to manage Trading Post items. The old inventory (that contained our former name) was written off from the accounting records (as recommended by the audit committee).

Replacements of Regional Display Boards

Following the Board's approval in St. Louis funds from the Shirley Martin Memorial fund were used to purchase two "brief case" type display sets with carrying bags from "Exhib-it!". When the new sets are active the old sets will be retired. A target date of November 1, 2009 has been set to accomplish this action. The old sets will be offered to their current keepers in the region and written off the accounting records.

Discussion of NLAS Promotion at the 2010 Jamboree

The Board has designated \$5,000 from the Shirley Martin Memorial fund for NLAS promotion at the 2010 Jamboree. The Lutheran band "Lost and Found" will be hired to assist with the Sunday morning Jamboree worship service and perform public concerts later that day promoting NLAS. Funds will also be used to cover lodging fees that weekend for a guest youth speaker that Sherm is trying to arrange for the morning service.

NLAS has also received permission from the ELCA Youth Ministry office to use the claymation characters "Davey and Goliath" as part of the NLAS exhibit. Davey and his dog Goliath were released to the public on television back in the early sixties by the ALC. They are now property of the ELCA. They will loan us the costumes for use at the Jamboree. Trent will also check with Augsburg Fortress Publishing on possibly donating Davey and Goliath memorabilia to give away to visitors as part of the promotion.

Local BSA Initiative to Lutheran Congregations in the St. Louis Area

Keith Walton and Mark Kiessling have organized a local recruiting initiative to LCMS congregations in the Eastern Missouri- Southwestern Illinois areas. Two councils are involved: Lewis and Clark Council and the Greater St. Louis Area Council. Preliminary planning meetings were held in July with the two Council Executives, Myron Lofton and Alicia Lifrak. A "blitz" week is planned to begin October 1st.

Over 200 congregations have been identified to be visited with personal calls promoting the complete Scouting family of units (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing) as extensions of congregational youth ministry. BSA will train the staff and volunteers to assist. Twelve active NLAS members in the area will assist on this initiative.

Mark Hazlewood from PRAY has identified Lincoln, Nebraska as another possible metropolitan area in the Midwest to target for a similar local initiative.

Discussion of the Recent ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans

Trent Christian and his son Hunter worked at the Venturing exhibit along with Charles Holmes, BSA Director of Community Alliances. Trent commended Bill Bixby for locating our exhibit in a great location next to a 30 foot tower with a zipline. We received a great deal of traffic by our exhibit and many interested visitors visited with us. We had a display of the new youth medal designs from PRAY and received very positive feedback. Eight visitors took advantage of our free one-year trial membership and joined NLAS. The exhibit fee was \$1,000 which is being split three ways between NLAS, PRAY, and BSA.

While in New Orleans Charles Holmes expressed an interest in visiting the ELCA offices in Chicago in September.

The LCMS Youth Gathering is next July 17-21 also in New Orleans.

Endowment Fund Committee

Board approved the appointment by the President of Bill Banta, Myron Galchutt, and Hans Friedrichsen to serve on the renewed NLAS Endowment Fund Committee.

Financial Report

Ron Adolphi reported that total assets are down a bit from approximately \$64,000 to \$59,000.

Girl Scouts USA

President Christian has made contact with Amy Medrano who replaced Gayle Davis in the national office of Girl Scouts USA (GSUSA). She referred him to her Director, Gladys Padro'-Soler. They are setting up a conference call with Trent to discuss faith-related issues and GSUSA's membership to NLAS.

There have also been inquiries about outreach to the American Heritage Girls (AHG). That group recently signed a Memorandum of Mutual Support with BSA.

New Business

President Christian will travel to Detroit in late August for the BSA "Top Hands" meeting. He will participate in a recognition ceremony on behalf of NLAS and LCMS to promote the recent signing of the new Memorandum of Mutual Support agreement between LCMS and BSA. Local Council Executives from across the nation will be present and we hope to promote Scouting in Lutheran churches and schools back in those local councils.

Ron Adolphi advised Board members about the Northeast Regions' Religious Relationships page on the Region's web site nerbsa.org and suggested it to the Board as an excellent resource.

Next Teleconference Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 8:00 PM EST

Calendar Dates (tentatively)

- October 1, 2009 Local BSA Initiative in the St. Louis area
- October 13, 2009 BSA National Religious Relationships Committee Meeting in Dallas, TX
- November 1, 2009 teleconference at 8:00 PM EST

- February 8, 2010 BSA National Religious Relationships Committee Meeting in Dallas, TX
- February 14, 2010 teleconference at 8:00 PM EST
- May 2, 2010 teleconference at 8:00 PM EST
- May 19- 22, 2010 BSA National Meeting in Dallas, TX
- July 17- 22, 2010 LCMS National Youth Gathering New Orleans, LA
- July 22, 2010 NLAS Annual Meeting; St. John's Lutheran Church in Alexandria, VA
- July25- August 3, 2010 BSA National Jamboree Fort A.P. Hill, VA