

January MALSM Board Meeting Summary:

The meeting was opened with prayer. The first item discussed was the Social and Service overnights on Feb 23-24. Cindy Myers and Katie Redmond are working on the planning for the one in western part, which will take place in Pittsburgh. Perry Highway Lutheran is willing to let a group sleep there. Working with Habitat for Humanity may not be possible, so other ideas are being explored. Lori Lepelletier and Donna Pederson are working on the eastern one, which will take place in Delaware. Donna talked to people at the University of Delaware, who are interested. The group may be able to stay at the chapel there. Again, Habitat for Humanity might not be possible so working at local schools is also being investigated. The board thought that the overnights should be basically the same for the two groups. Themes were discussed and “Hands and Feet” seemed to be popular.

The goals were discussed next. After much discussion of fundraising for the national gathering it was decided that instead of trying to fundraise, funding available should be made more public. The goals for “increased participation” were kept the same. The idea of one fundraiser a year was omitted, but the rest of goals for “increased opportunities were kept the same. The board was reminded that not everyone can participate in summer activities due to where they live.

The purpose of the goals was briefly discussed. Josh Kelly explained that detailed goals are needed to give more direction. In discussing and agreeing to the goals the board is changing the goals from Josh’s goals to the board’s goals.

The conversation was then moved back to the goals list. Board meetings were changed from 60 minutes to 90 minutes, but the rest of the goals in “timeliness” remained the same. The goals on “increased awareness among all MALSM synods” was kept the same. Under the goals of “better record keeping” the idea of a legacy banner was removed from the goal list, but the group decided it would still be fun to do. All other goals from this section remained the same.

The board then moved on to discuss the “to do” list. It was clarified that Josh Kelly will contact any officer with unexcused absences. It was agreed that the officer job description should be cleaned up by Suzanne DiNello and Donna Pederson, and that it would be tabled until the next meeting to give board members time to review it.

Josh presented an idea to change the way the constitution is amended. After much discussion Josh Kelly, Cindy Myers, Steve Nesbitt, Katie Redmond, and Suzanne DiNello agreed to this idea. Donna Pederson disagreed. Josh said he would attach the names of those in favor and propose the change.

Steve Nesbitt agreed to make/fix a logo and Steve and Josh will make business cards for each board member. Donna Pederson and Josh will take the logo and make a letter template. A prayer section will be added to the blog for officers to post prayers. MALSM now has an email: MALSM.1517@gmail.com. The board members have the password to this email. Steve, along with other’s help, has updated the contact list and the emails will be loaded into our email account so group emails can be sent.

The goals with the changes discussed were accepted by Josh Kelly, Cindy Myers, Steve Nesbitt, Suzanne DiNello, Donna Pederson, and Katie Redmond, with no one abstained or opposed. It was decided that the board meetings would be the first Saturday of each month. The February board meeting will take place on Feb. 3rd at a time TBD. The meeting was closed in prayer.