

## MALSM Board Meeting Summary March

### Present:

Josh Nesbitt  
Donna Pedersen  
Suzanne DiNello  
Lori Lepelletier  
Katie Redmond  
Matt McKeehan  
Matt Day

### Excused:

Cindy Myers  
Steve Nesbitt

### Unexcused:

Ang Illar  
Amy Appleton

The ELCA LSM intern, Melanie, joined for part of the meeting. The meeting began in prayer. The Social and Service overnight in February was reviewed. A survey was sent out and officers can read them in the gmail account. Any officers who had not filled one out were asked to do so. There were about 30 people at the Eastern and 5 people at the Western, which was the biggest issue. Another was too much free time in the Eastern one. It is not likely that a split retreat will be done again.

Advertising for the Social and Service Overnight and the spring retreat were also discussed. Ways to contact campus ministries were also discussed, including phone calls, emails, and letters. There are issues of how to reimburse people for calls and stamps. Calling all campus ministries in each region also consumes a lot of time for the regional reps.

Task forces for the spring retreat in Ohiopyle, PA were set up. Donna is heading advertising, including making up the registration form. Once Josh talks to Ang, they will probably be sent to her. Matt Day is doing devotions (including copying them). Katie is setting up the schedule. Matt McKeehan is in charge of activities, including games and ice breakers. Lori is in charge of transportation, including looking into renting a van. Amy will be asked to take care of food if she is coming. Josh is in charge of the small group sessions. Steve, Cindy, and Suzanne can help with any of these tasks as needed.

Deadlines for each group: devotions—one week before the retreat, scheduling—done by March 17<sup>th</sup>, transportation—finalized one week before the retreat, advertising—started immediately including the registration form, food—needs to be brought to the retreat, games—brought to the retreat of have someone to do them if not coming. The flier, when completed, will be sent out in a regional email.

A theme for the retreat was discussed and “Let the River Flow” was decided on.

Donna will contact Ang about the flier and make a new facebook group for the spring retreat, if she cannot get into the one currently made.

The goals from last year were looked at. The regional reps are to focus on schools from the groups listed in the goals by sending emails, letters, calling them, etc to try to get people

from them to come to the retreat. It may be hard in NJ due to a conflicting activity the same weekend as the retreat.

The Communications plan was also looked at. Donna has lots of LSM goodies that can be taken to youth or synod events. Donna also asked that the regional reps find out the dates of the synod high school retreat and synod assemblies in their region as well as dedicated youth person in each area. Josh made a motion to accept the communications plan. It was seconded by Lori. Five others voted in favor and the motion was passed.

Ideas of how to use money were given to Josh. They included vans for retreats, mailing budget, for phone cards, stamps, food, and MALSM gear, for travel of officers to synod events and the national gathering, for scholarships to the retreats and to subsidize the cost of retreats, for donating to charities, for general resources like books and magazine subscriptions, and student gift packs. A motion to table the summer get together ideas was made by Josh, seconded by Donna, and passed. The next meeting was set for April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. A motion was made to end the meeting by Josh, Donna seconded it, and it was passed. A final prayer was said.