

MALSM Spring Retreat Business Meeting Minutes – Ohiopyle, PA

April 21st 2007

Attendance: Steph Domyan, Jo Hurdes, Donna Pederson, Josh Kelly, Amy Appleton, Christine Myers, Beth Burke, Mark Parker, Erin Merkel, Ang Illar, Meagan, Trish, Phil, Amanda, Michelle, Erin, Chelsea

Opened in Prayer

Josh Kelly moved to accept proposed agenda, seconded by Christine Myers.

Discussion ensued regarding Ang Illar as treasurer/retreat coordinator.

Motion carried

Josh Kelly presented president's report and covered his letter to the members, his letter to the members, website updates and added information, monthly officers meetings which any MALSMer is welcome to attend, increased communication through facebook, and each area representative effectively communication with their areas. Josh asked for any questions and comments. It was brought to the attention of the group that some have not been receiving their monthly updates. Also the suggestion was made that a general email should come from MALSM to the entire mailing list every once in a while. President will take responsibility for sending these out.

Josh then invited the officers present to offer their reports.

Treasurer/retreat coordinator (Ang Illar temporary) reported that there is not much money in the account and funds are not currently available for very much. Current balance is somewhere between \$200-300. On a positive note this was one of the first retreats in recent memory where everyone was paid up for the retreat. It was brought to the attention of the group that there are still some of the MALSM t-shirts available to be sold that have never been claimed.

Vice President (Donna Pederson) reported that she had attended several youth events in the Bay area. Reported that it was difficult to reach out to come on retreats. She did contact all the campus ministries through a physical letter and a phone call. She will be reimbursed for postage expenses. Campus ministers seemed to appreciate the call and the fliers sent out. She encouraged everyone to invite their friends in the future.

Eastern PA Representative (Amy Appleton) offered her report. This spring retreat was very close to the end of most people's semesters, but also difficult planning around Easter. We need to keep track of our MALSM banner. It might be good to have multiple banners. It would also be great for each officer to have business card. She was present at SEPA synod's matrix event with Josh. It's so important to get our name out there. Amy also informed the group that Muhlenberg now has their own official chapter of LSM on their campus.

Josh made the motion to accept the new and updated officer job descriptions. Erin seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued about what the document actually was, weather an addition/addendum to the bylaws or just an official document. Also some members reported that they had not had an opportunity to view them. Josh pointed out they had been available on the website for the past several weeks, and they there were listed in the “news” section of the website. It was decided this document would serve best as an official MALSM document which will allow it to change and grow more easily than if it were an addition to the bylaws.

Josh called the vote.

Motion Carried.

Josh discussed candidates for next year’s officers. He encouraged all to think and pray about various positions they might be called to serve. It’s an awesome opportunity to serve God with a great team.

It was suggested that the body call for nominations for the open position of treasurer as Ang may not be able to fulfill the duties after summer. No nominations were made at that time. Ang will continue with her duties until September 1st 2007.

Josh moved that the body affirm the officer’s decision to appoint Ang as temporary treasurer/retreat coordinator. Erin seconded.

Motion Carried.

Josh moved that the body accept the first proposed annual budget. Mark seconded.

Discussions for the improvement of proposed budget ensued. It was noted that the income received from event registration fees had not been included in the budget as income. (4 major retreats annually being the Fall, Social and Service, the Spring, and a summer retreat should be included) A rough formula of \$25 per person per retreat at 20 people at 4 retreats ($\$25 \times 20 \times 4$) = \$1500 per year. This budget, once approved will be presented to synods as a spending plan. The body discussed significantly increasing the amount spent on facilities to \$800. The hope is to eventually to have MALSM be an annual budget item for Synods. This may not happen until the 2009 Budget for synods. In the meantime MALSM could ask for a one time gift from each synod. It was suggested that the budget would serve the year begging on August 1st 2007 until July 31st 2008. It was also suggested that we call this the “Target budget”. It was then pointed out that since every budget is really a target budget that is somewhat redundant. It was also stated that with the item of the emergency fund in the budget that the money would continue to stay in the account and build, until a time when it was needed, and the officers would be responsible for deciding if and when emergency funds should be spent. Event hosting was defined as opportunities for MALSM to host various events such as ice cream socials at high school youth gatherings, to attract and encourage potential new members. Travel incentives were defined as funds for drivers to events to not have to pay the registration fee if they were driving others to the event.

Josh amended his motion to accept the first proposed budget for MALSM. Donna seconded.

Unanimously approved!

Next Future retreats were discussed.

-Summer Retreats

3 Day hiking trip, before mid summer, 1st weekend of June, Friday through Sunday, along Appalachian Trail starting near Gettysburg and ending near the PA-MD border. Mark Parker will lead this event.

Beach Trip in community with the Blue Ridge region, later in summer, late July or early August. Possibly August 3rd- 5th, July 20th-22nd, or August 10th-12th. Target graduated HS seniors to attend. Possibly at OBX or Virginia beach. Explore the possibility of staying in a church.

-Fall Retreat

October 19th-21st Date is Set. This retreat will be centrally located.

-Social and Service

Weekend before thanksgiving, will not be split. The location is TBD.

-National Gathering

Denver, Colorado

Josh made the motion to adjourn the meeting in prayer. Beth seconded.

Prayer was offered.

Motion carried