

CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING - May 25, 2017 2:00 PM

Present: Daisy O., Kurtis S, Keith Ringers, Eric Johnson, Sabine Laird, Glenn Gerber, Ronnie Giaise, Janice Howard, Muriel Budzeyko, and Warren Pellom.

Daisy opened the meeting with presentation of handouts. Explained the Tentative Agenda-

She described the service activity of packing boxes with the Slidell Ladies for Liberty. The Floor Plan handout (see attached) was described so everyone could have a concrete idea of the traffic flow, convention hall, food area, and exhibitors. Caucuses, elections, and business will be conducted in the larger portion of the main hall. The only site to be determined is the location of the business office for the convenience of the staff.

Opening worship will be at Lamb of God LC at 6:30 PM on Thurs. SD Open House will be at approx.. 8:15 that night.

Video by Rob Olmstead will be putting together - "It's All About Jesus" to be presented in 3 minute segments throughout the convention. Camp Restore, Gloria Dei-NOLA, Trinity-Mobile, Holy Trinity - Covington, LA, St. John - Hattiesburg, First - Birmingham, AL, Grace - Huntsville, Immanuel - Pensacola, Grace - Pensacola, Hope-Santa Rosa Beach, BranchPoint (Missional Community) in Olive Branch, MS, Trinity (Church and School)-Baton Rouge, Good Shepherd (School)-Brandon, MS, (Discussion as to whether Brandon, MS should be included-Glenn was concerned about it being a non-traditional, non-participatory entity) Lutheran High to be considered.

Synod President Q and A will be moved to Fri. AM instead of Thurs. night.

Keynote speaker Paul Linnemann Fri. afternoon.

Memorial Service is changed from Friday evening to earlier in the afternoon on Friday. After Elections and before Business.

Passport Prize Drawing - passport for each attendee that is stamped or initialed in some way. A prize drawing will be supplied by CEF and will be presented Fri. evening.

Checking to see if voting can be done simultaneously by the caucuses (4 at a time). Eric and Glenn will handle commissioned and auxillary

Service project—attendees will be asked to bring designated items to the convention, not mailed ahead. Packing will be going on during registration on Thursday and periodically on Fri.

Catering-Brown Sugar Catering is tentatively our food choice. They are willing to work with us on budget, etc.

Friday night President's Reception—Will be sponsored by CEF at Palmettos Restaurant. By invitation only, so will not be listed on the website.

Nominations—Pastor Keith Ringers—Four nominations for District President have been received by him. There are additional nominations on the data base. Bios are needed for each nominee. Pastor Ringers and Kay McCreery will work with that.

Registration is open and some have registered. It will be in a data base from which any number of reports can be run. Closed on October 8, 2017. Dec. 8 is the date for workbook to be published on the website.

Lodging at Holiday Inn Express, Candlewood

Photographer - Rebecca Jostes, we need a journalist to record the business of the convention.

Opening worship - LOG-Slidell, Sandra Grubb possible to create a banner. Marie Parson's son a possibility as well??

Signage for the road to indicate where the Harbor Center is. We have signs to designate registration, exhibits, etc. Eric will be in charge of signage.

Thursday night- Open House at the SD. Light refreshments will be offered (cookies, etc.,)

Janice handles the exhibits - possibly about 30-none have registered yet.

Some discussion re: timeline dates/due dates for presidential nominations, etc.