

**ALDE Heartland Chapter
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2008
NLOM—Ashland, Nebraska**

Present: Dave Fuerst, Jason Gerdes, Ruth Probasco, Matt Sheffield, Lloyd Probasco, Ed Bean and Jordan Rasmussen

I. Call to Order

A. President Dave Fuerst called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Matt Sheffield opened the meeting with prayer.

B. Review meeting agenda

M/S/C to approve the meeting agenda

C. Approval of the June 5, 2008 meeting minutes was forgone. The minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

D. Treasurer's Report: The balance as of July 31, 2008 was \$4,387.29, which includes the \$2,000 gift from Thrivent.

II. Spirit of Giving Award

- As was discussed at the last meeting, Pastor Harold Hamilton of Lincoln and Sid and Hazel Dillon of Fremont were considered for the 2008 Spirit of Giving Award.
- Although nomination is to come in the form of a letter from a ministry, no letters of nomination have been received without initial recommendation from the Executive Committee (EC). It was decided that nomination by the EC is acceptable because we then receive letters of nomination from several ministries to support the EC's recommendation.
- Others to be considered for the Spirit of Giving Award in the years to follow include Wayne and Wanda Lalich and the Tomes family.

M/S/A to nominate Pastor Harold Hamilton for the 2008 Spirit of Giving Award upon receipt of three letters of nominations to support the Executive Committee's nomination.

- Dates to be considered for the Spirit of Giving luncheon include October 9 or 30, but will depend upon Pastor Hamilton's schedule
- Dave will contact Pastor Hamilton and inform him of the nomination (Pastor Hamilton has accepted the award)
- Assignments and responsibilities for the event were divided and are as follows: Local arrangements—Jason, Publicity—Ed, Hospitality—Jordan, Finance—Treasurer (Jason will take care of until position is filled), Calling—Matt

III. 2008 Meeting/Education Programs

A. August 14 Chapter Gathering

- Responsibilities for prior to and the day of the event were discussed and delegated. Please note attached Event Planning Checklist.
- It was decided to forgo the formal business meeting in order to allow time for Thrivent to have a few moments to speak. Dave will do a brief welcome and mention membership. The ethics moment will be incorporated into Matt's introduction of Dr. Osborne. Matt will also moderate the question and answer session.
- Our goal is to bring in well above our normal attendance. We are anticipating 100 attendees.

B. 2009 Calendar

- Matt would like to conduct a survey to help guide the Executive Committee as to what people are interested in. The survey could be through email and via the web, while also making paper surveys available at meetings. The chapter would provide a list of topics to be rated.
 - The list of topics to consider are: planned giving, public relations/marketing, motivational/leadership, annual giving, volunteers, grant writing, campaigns, fundraising climate/strategies, donor research, stewardship, Thrivent, ethics, donor recognition, board development, major gifts, special events, donor point of view, e-giving, young donors, CFRE, mentoring, other and suggestions.
- Matt would also like to look at other chapter's surveys.
- We must have dates for meetings and educational programs in place before the national gathering.

IV. 2008 Chapter Goals

- This item of business was bypassed. Mention was made of completing the Annual Report which runs from July to July.
 - Addendum: Dave visited with Phyllis about the Annual Chapter Report deadline. With all of the Staff transition at ALDE National, they have not had time to tend to this detail. More information will be sent soon.

V. Mentoring Coordinator and Treasurer Position

- As Ruth had only signed up to serve as mentoring coordinator for the short-term and with Kathleen's resignation from the EC, the roles of Mentoring Coordinator and Treasurer needed to be filled.
- A list of possible candidates for these positions was presented. Upon further discussion, Amy Jurgens was nominated for Mentoring Coordinator and Neal Koch was nominated to fill the Treasurer position.
 - Addendum: Upon prayerful consideration, both Amy and Neal have accepted these Executive Committee roles.

VI. Other Business

A. Next Executive Committee Meeting

- The next Executive Committee meeting will be held Thursday, August 21 at 2:30p.m. at the NLOM Administration Building. The primary topic of conversation will be the Spirit of Giving Award.

VII. Adjournment

- Being no further business, Dave adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Grummert Rasmussen, Secretary