

NECS House of Delegates Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Unanimity Club

Board Members Present: Marci M., Greg P., Fred R., Lee J., Paula S., Amy T., Ryan F., Meegan M., Max V. (alt)

Staff Present: Kelsey R.

Call to Order 10:05 a.m. Marci opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. It was determined that there were 12 voting delegates present, including one via Zoom.

Delegates present: Charles H (Evening Sunrise), Brandon S (GTAL), Genny T (Grateful Heart), Patsy G (Happy Hour), Chuck B (New Haven), John M (ODAT), Matt (Original Group), Aaron S (PATS), John K (SOS), Shannon Z (Southside Trad—Zoom), James M (Sunrise), Dennis B (Tanglewood).

Reading and approval of minutes: Minutes from April 15, 2023, regular meeting and the February 18, 2023 special meeting were both distributed to delegates. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes with updated list of attending Delegates presented by Kelsey. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report, Marci M.: Marci thanked everyone who turned out and who helped with the Parking Lot Party and thanked the delegates who attended today's meeting.

Treasurer's Report, Fred R.: Fred went over the financial statements for the 2nd Quarter ending June 30, 2023, which included a profit and loss statement showing 2nd quarter and YTD amounts; a balance sheet as of June 30, 2023; and a detailed profit and loss statement comparing 2nd quarter and YTD balances as well as the 2023 annual budget. He pointed out that NECS's net profit is on track to do better than budgeted if revenues and expenses stay at their current level. He pointed out that separate sub-accounts have been created for the NECS special events so that they can be tracked separately.

Questions: Kelsey asked why Freight & Shipping costs were \$0 on the detailed P&L statement. Fred said he included those costs in the Cost of Goods Sold total.

Aaron S (PATS) asked about the bank accounts and why NECS didn't have a money market account. Genny (Grateful Heart) asked what the difference was between a money market account and a savings account. Fred explained the difference between the two types of accounts, and that neither the money market nor savings accounts would put money at risk like investing in the Stock Market, and that savings is not earning much interest. He said he would research various alternatives to the regular savings account that might earn more interest.

Motion to approve financial reports (Charles), seconded (Dennis B). Motion passed unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports:

Webmaster Report – Ryan F. The website is working and functioning properly. Ryan, Rick, and Kelsey will start working on revamping the website this fall. Genny (Grateful Heart) asked about the Meeting Guide app, and whether the map and directions for a particular meeting could be corrected. Kelsey

explained that the app pulls from Google, and we can't edit it, but that there's a way to correct a meeting's location info on Google Maps.

Office Report – Kelsey R. The office is seeing increased activity in the 2nd quarter compared to the first quarter. Foot traffic has increased. She said the office is being bombarded with bot calls, making it difficult to track legitimate phone calls.

Contributions are coming in from smaller groups and some groups who have previously not contributed to NECS. The office saw about \$2,000.00 in sales the day of the Parking Lot Party.

Kelsey will be attending the annual Intergroup Office Managers conference in Cincinnati OH in October.

Events Report – Greg P. for Paul M. (absent). Greg expressed appreciation for the work Paul and others have done on the two events NECS has sponsored so far, the Chili Cook-Off and the Parking Lot Party. Both events made money for the NECS operations and were enjoyed by the fellowship.

Outreach Report – Meegan M. Meegan talked about the importance of increasing delegate participation in NECS. She recommended an effort by all to reach out to new groups, and to groups whose delegates are not attending the Delegates Meetings to encourage them to participate.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee – elect replacement for Larry who has stepped off the committee for health reasons. Current members Genny (Grateful Heart) and Chuck B. (New Haven) were present. Two more members are needed. Dennis B. (?) and James M. (Sunrise) volunteered to join the committee. Genny volunteered to chair the committee. It was moved (Chuck B.) and seconded (John M., ODAT) to add Dennis B. and James M. to the nominating committee.

New Business:

Board members who intend to run for a second 3-year term: Marci, Greg and Meegan all expressed their intent to run for a second term. Their current term expires January 1, 2024.

Meeting adjourned 11: 20 a.m.