

**Minutes from the
Valley Fourth Day Board Meeting
March 11, 2010**

Present: Bonnie Cherrington, Charles Cherrington, Jim Coffman, Dave Wisely, Heather Adair, Margaret Ellison, Joe Perez, Charlie Baskin, Sue Merett, Ken Wilson, Laurie Micheletti

The meeting was opened with prayer at 6:37 p.m. Charlie Baskin led a brief devotional and about new beginnings.

The minutes were approved as presented. Sue Merett gave a treasurer's report and provided everyone with a recent statement. The bank has been sending statements to Joyce Simonsen, but Sue believes she has finally gotten it changed so that they will be sending them to her in the future. The balance as of Feb. 28, 2010 is \$7,263.35. Ken Wilson handed some receipts to Sue for the items he purchased.

Charles was glad to announce that the Men's Walk has 23 Pilgrims which is enough to hold the walk. Most of the money has been collected and the prayer vigils have been filled in. The team lost one ATL and will need to replace him ASAP. The question was asked as to who will be leading music at the candlelight service.

The board took time to look over names for the Women's Walk. Heather made a motion to accept them and Sue seconded it; all approved. Joe Perez read a list of clergy he will be asking to serve. There followed some discussion about trying to do more to get new clergy leaders from nondenominational churches. Charlie suggested for Sue to bring up the fact that the physical distance is a problem for individuals from the RGV to participate. Could we use Webcam training to cut down on costs and time constraints. Sue will attend another meeting in San Antonio in April. We asked her to relay the group's concern about the relationship between the SW Conference Board and Valley Emmaus. Sue also asked if we had looked into getting manuals for each board member.

On Monday afternoon several people will be going out to Camp Thicket to do an inventory. In exchange for the use of our 77 chairs, Camp Cone Oasis will store them there. Dave made a motion and Heather seconded it; all approved. On March 20th, Saturday at 9:00 a.m. community members will be moving some of our belongings from Thicket to Cone Oasis. A question was made as to what or who would make final decisions about the items. Dave Wisely made a motion that would allow the movers to make those decisions on the spot. Laurie seconded it and all approved.

The WLFT Board Training that was supposed to have been held this Saturday in Harlingen and has been relocated to Corpus Christi. Joe Perez will be the only one attending due to the late notice.

Four names have been put forward for the board elections. They are Kyle Stephens, Mary Catherine Edwards, Jerry Walzel, and Sheldon Johnson. The elections will be held at the April 17th Gathering at Mission FUMC. A Pilgrims Orientation will be held before the Gathering.

Other Gathering locations will be May 22nd at Christ's Harbor Church in Laguna Vista; August gathering will be at Los Fresnos Baptist Church; September gathering will be at Trinity McAllen Baptist Church; and November will be in Los Fresnos at UMC. We need to find churches willing to host in June, July, and December.

A motion was made by Ken to close the meeting; Laurie seconded it. Joe Perez closed us in prayer.

**Gratefully His,
Margaret Ellison**