

**VALLEY FOURTH DAY GROUP
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2010**

Present: Heather Adair, Bonnie Cherrington, Rev. Sheldon Johnson, Dave Wisely, Jim Coffman, Rev. Joe Perez, Kyle Stephens, Sue Merret, Laurie Micheletti, Mary Catherine Edwards
Absent: Jerry Walzel, Irene Raulston, Benay Morris, Jay Humphries, Ken Wilson

Rev. Sheldon Johnson opened the meeting with a short message and Communion at 6:45pm.

Affirmation & Renewal of Walk to Emmaus Letter of Agreement w/ SWTX UMC was presented by H. Adair and signed by all present.

Minutes from the June 10, 2010, meeting were approved as presented. (S. Johnson motioned; D. Wisely seconded.)

Treasurer's Report – S. Merret reported no activity for the month of July 2010. (Monies collected at July Gathering had not yet been deposited.) Account balance as of 7/31/10 was \$5,886.70.

The Community's required 501(c)3 financial status was again discussed. H. Adair and S. Johnson pressed the importance of getting the account squared away. In clarification it is not necessary to establish the 501(c)3 with the State of Texas, but with the IRS. An option to incorporation as a stand-alone entity is still to ask a church to take the Community into its accounts. Welsey Harlingen's Finance Committee has in the past said "no"; B. Cherrington and K. Stephens have agreed to talk with Los Fresnos FUMC's Finance Committee and report back to the Board.

S. Merret motioned for Los Fresnos FUMC to be a sponsor for Valley Emmaus Fourth Day Group's tax exempt status. D. Wisely seconded; the motion passed unanimously contingent on the church's acceptance. Sue discussed signatures on checks needed to reflect change in Board leadership.

J. Perez motioned that signature of checks should require a combination of two of the following: Treasurer (S. Merret), Community Lay Director (H. Adair), Assistant Community Lay Director (D. Wisely), or a designation member of the hosting church's finance committee. L. Micheletti seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Report from Emmaus Conference Board Meeting (July 17, 2010) – H. Adair attended the meeting in San Antonio in S. Merret's absence. Talking points from the meeting included:

- Walk/Flight Leadership Training must be completed within the window specified by SWTX by Walk LD, BR, and SD and is recommended for all OTLs and ALDs. LDs, BRs, and SDs not in compliance could result in a cancelled walk. Upper Room Board Training is required for all local board members once every three years.
- Walk Teams should be equally staffed in 3rds by experience (1/3rd first-time servants, 1/3rd experienced servants, and 1/3rd some-what experienced servants); including music and outside teams. The model of *Progressive Servanthood* should be followed at all times, training servants to move up in servant position from walk to walk.
- If there is a conflict between SWTX manuals and UR manuals; Upper Room takes precedence.
- SWTX completed a Walk Cost Analysis for popular walk locations. SWTX is no longer covering the cost of Walks that do not make or that take a financial loss; local communities must cover these expenses.

Report on Upcoming Walks:

- Women's 2010 Walk #1584 – Candlelight likely to be held in dining hall. B. Cherrington will contact M. Phipps regarding Music for Candlelight. Agape needs include all paper goods and dining service items. B. Cherrington and H. Adair will contact local churches to borrow plates, cups, and flatware.
- Men's 2011 Walk #1604 – New dates have been approved by SWTX and Bay View: March 10-13, 2011. After Board discussion, D. Wisely motioned that J. Walzel be appointed Board Representative for the Walk. J. Perez seconded; the motion passed unanimously contingent on J. Walzel's acceptance. S. Johnson will verify the eligibility of the proposed Walk SD and recommend a replacement if needed. Team Selection will be September 18, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., at Trinity Methodist in McAllen. The Board recommended contacting

additional individuals to serve on the Committee: Michael Byrd, Phil Cooper, and Wilson Heacock. L. Micheletti will contact M. Byrd. H. Adair will contact P. Cooper and W. Heacock. Otherwise, the committee stands as Bill Adair, Charles Cherrington, Jerry Walzel (WBR), Jack Scogins, Heather Adair (CLD), Dave Wisely (WLD), Sue Merret (CBR), S. Johnson (CSD), and the Walk SD (TBD).

Coastal Bend Chrysalis – It is suggested we find a way to stay involved. Few Chrysalis communities remain in SWTX and many have had to combine. Monthly Board Meetings are in Corpus Christi on a Tuesday evening. E. Wisely is not able to attend due to her work schedule. It was suggested that local Board Members rotate to ensure a representative is always in attendance. H. Adair will find out when / where meetings are held and report back to the board.

Audio/Visual Equipment – All items except two speakers and two stands were recently stolen. No serial numbers were on file so there is no recourse. This necessitates emergency purchasing of equipment or borrowing equipment in preparation of the upcoming Walk(s). J. Perez volunteered to contact G. Palmos for recommendations on purchases (though no motion was made to purchase) or availability of items to borrow.

Agape (Storage) Closet – All items have been moved from the storage building at Thicket to a climate controlled facility in San Benito. The only remaining items are those in the dining hall closet. B. Cherrington and B. Adair will work with B. Friend to access the closet and ensure it is empty.

Gathering Locations:

August 21 – Los Fresnos UMC w/ FBC Los Fresnos providing music
September 18 – Trinity Methodist McAllen with Team Selection preceding at 3:00
October 16 – Arroyo Baptist Chapel in Arroyo City
November 13 – Candlelight at Bay View Girl Scout Camp
December 11 – San Benito FUMC with Pilgrim Orientation preceding at 5:00
January 11 – Donna FUMC

Old / Other Business:

- J. Walzel has accepted his nomination and vote by acclamation as Secretary.
- P. Cooper will again be contacted regarding his selection to serve as Men's Walk Lay Director in Spring 2012.
- The Community Database is being updated by H. Adair using sign-ins from Gatherings, recent Walk rosters, and information from the SWTX Registrar. There was discussion regarding postcard notifications for those without eMail. Once a more solid number is known, discussion will continue.
- The November Board meeting will change to November 18, 2010, due to the Women's Walk.
- Next Board meeting will be September 9, 2010.

J. Perez led the Closing Prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.