

Valley Emmaus Fourth Day Group
Board Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2010 @ FBC-LaFeria

Present: Heather Adair, Bonnie Cherrington, Sue Merett, Kyle Stephens, Margaret Ellison, Benay Morris, Dave Wisely, Rev. Sheldon Johnson, Rev. Joe Perez, and Jerry Walzel.

Excused absences: Jim Coffman, Dina Wilson, Irene Raulston, Laurie Michelletti. Absent: Jay Humphries

Opening Prayer: The Rev. Sheldon opened the board meeting with a prayer and worship service.

Minutes from the October 14th 2010 board meeting: Minutes from the past board meeting were emailed out to the full board for review. At the time of this meeting, no board meeting minutes were present in paper-form. Bonnie Cherrington made a motion to wait until the next board meeting to review the October 14th board minutes. This motion was 2nd by Margaret Ellison. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. Sue Merett provided a treasure's report ending October 31st 2010 (attached) for review. After discussion a motion was made by Margaret Ellison to accept the report; 2nd by Dave Wisely. The motion passed.

Report on walks:

- Heather Adair passed out a break down on attendees and expenses for the women's walk # 1584 conducted in Bayview. (See Attachment) No motion was required or taken after the report was reviewed and discussed. Also provided was a break-even analysis for the Women's and upcoming Men's walks.
- Benay Morris (Walk #1584 LD), gave her report on the walk. In summary: "Awesome".
- A report from Dave Wisely (Walk LD) on the upcoming men's walk in March 2011. The proposed team members and their assigned talks, as proposed by the Team Selection Committee based on the 1/3rd rule(s) suggested by the Upper Room & SWTX were followed in team formation. Team members were approved at a previous meeting. Talk assignments and additional discussion about team members was discussed. A motion was made by Rev. Sheldon Johnson and 2nd by Margaret Ellison to accept the names and talk assignments noted on the hand out with a stipulation that all team members must be active in their church and in the local reunion groups once team training begins in January, 2011, and throughout the Walk weekend.
- A report from Margaret Ellison (Walk LD) on next years' women's walk was given with questions and answers. No motions were required or taken. The names of the (SD) Spiritual Director and the (BR) Board Representative for the Fall 2011 Walk must be submitted to the SWTC by January 15, 2011. A discussion was held and a motion was made by Bonnie Cherrington and 2nd by Kyle Stephens for Rev. Sheldon Johnson to contact Danette Howell for the SD position and to accept Sue Merett for the position of Board Rep. Motion passed.

SWTX conference October Board Meeting Report: There was no update from Sue Merett. (Minutes are provided here.)

Gathering Location updates: Heather Adair presented a report on the imbalance of Gathering locations throughout the year and recommended we seek to intentionally select Gathering sites that provide balanced opportunities for Upper, Mid, and Lower Valley community members to participate. Proposed upcoming Gathering sites are noted below:

- December 11th - Pilgrims Fourth Day Orientation, 5 pm, FUMC-San Benito (Confirmed)
- December 11th - Community Gathering, 6pm, FUMC San Benito (Lower Valley) (Confirmed)
- January 15th - Community Gathering, 6pm, Donna FUMC (Mid Valley) (Confirmed)
- February 19th - Community Gathering, 6pm, Los Fresnos, FBC (Lower Valley) (Same day as Team Training at LF FUMC)
- March 12th-13th - Candlelight @ Camp Bayview, 8pm and Closing @ Camp Bayview, 3:15pm
- April 16th - Pilgrims Fourth Day Orientation, 5pm, Mission UMC (Upper Valley)
- April 16th - Community Gathering, 6pm, Mission UMC (Upper Valley)
- May 21st - Community Gathering, 6pm, Wesley UMC Harlingen (Lower Valley)
- June 18th - Community Gathering, 6pm, Edinburg FUMC (Upper Valley)

Other /Old Business. The following items were discussed by the board: Upper Room Local Board Training---December 4th, 8:30am - 3:00pm, @ Wesley UM in Harlingen, Balance in Board Structure and possible committees to be in alignment with Upper Room suggestions and promote progressive servanthood, Camp Thicket Endowment, Nominating Committee for 2014 Board Selection, and purchase of the new sound equipment prior to the next Walk. There were no motions required nor made.

Closing Prayer: There being no further business to address by the board, Rev. Joe Perez conducted the closing prayer.