

Emmaus Board Minutes
July 25, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.
FUMC Donna

Members Present: Susan Francis, Rev. Bill Duke, Mary Catherine Edwards, Janet Ruth Schooley, Benay Morris, Sharon Henry, Rev. Hamilton Musser, Jerry Sires, Joe Mohny, Heather Adair, Pam Schwartz and Margaret Ellison.

Opening Prayer: Mary Catherine Edwards

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May and June meetings were sent by email and copies were passed out for review. Bill Duke moved to accept the May minutes as written/passed. Bill Duke moved to accept the June minutes corrected so that “debit card” is replaced with “online banking.” Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: By Jerry Sires, treasurer: balance as of 7/25/2013 is \$21,541.20.

Upcoming Walks: Heather Adair reported about Women’s Walk # 1732; her team meeting dates are scheduled. Board members are invited to attend the worship/breakfast; the first local meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14. More details will be emailed to the board members. No pilgrims are registered yet. Mary Catherine for Dale Coalson: He has been out of town and will be working on his spring Walk when he gets back in town.

New Business:

- Margaret will get Mary Catherine the name and number of whom to contact at FUMC Los Fresnos for child care for the Women’s Walk at Bayview.

- The Conference Covenant for 2014 was presented to the Board and signed.

- Margaret Ellison reported on the Conference business:

- Greater Emmaus and Chrysalis Gathering Reunion in Corpus Christi on Sept. 7.
- Margaret passed around a list of Conference eligible Spiritual Directors.
- The Emmaus and Chrysalis conf. board meetings will take place simultaneously.
- “Hoots,” the original name of the Chrysalis gathering is now called “Rush.”
- Some Gatherings are encouraging Walk reunions as a way to encourage participation.
- Having a Women’s Walk on Mother’s Day Weekend has been hugely successful.
- Emmaus is being started in Chile, and the Conf. donated money to train two leaders there.

- The Board would like another roster of the present board members, with contact info and position. Susan will put together a roster. (with websites for Conf, valley and Kairos and whatever other links at our website that may be helpful)

- In discussing this we discovered that we need 3 more board members for the class of 2014: Names proposed.

- We need to have our 2014 Women’s Walk leadership planned for 2014 by November 15, 2013.

Old Business:

Child care has been arranged for Candlelight for the Men’s Walk at Camp Thicket next May and possibly Closing at FUMC Weslaco for \$10/hr for the main caretaker and less for 2 others.

Next Gatherings: August 24 at Trinity UMC; Sept. 21 at FUMC San Benito; Oct. 19 __; Nov. 16 at FUMC Harlingen; Dec. 14 at Wesley UMC Harlingen; Jan. 18 at Arroyo City; Feb. 15 at Mission UMC; Mar. __; Apr. 19 at Cornerstone Laguna Vista; May 17 FUMC Donna; June 21 Los Fresnos; July 19 at Breathe Life Harlingen.

Next Meeting – August 22, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at FUMC Harlingen

Rev. Bill Duke adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully, submitted,
Susan Francis, Secretary

Approved on August 22, 2013, as corrected.