

Emmaus Board Minutes
September 26, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.
1st UMC Harlingen

Members Present: Joe Mohney, Cindy Robinson, Rev. Bill Duke, Randy Baker, Benay Morris, Sharon Henry, Jim Parker, Rev. Hamilton Musser, Jerry Sires, Margaret Ellison, Steve Benton, Chris Carey

Opening Prayer: Rev. Bill Duke

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the August 22, 2013, meeting were distributed to the board members. Rev. Duke moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Chris Carey. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Jerry Sires, treasurer, passed out financial reports. He stated that the current account balance was \$21,727.52. Rev. Duke asked about separating funds for Camp Thicket and the regular Emmaus Community account. Jerry will talk to Heather Adair and Bonnie Cherrington, past Board Lay Directors, and Kyle Stephens, past treasurer, about the possibility of making a split ledger for Camp Thicket and the Emmaus regular fund. Jerry asked about having two separate accounts. He will research the situation, and he will also check into moving the bank account to a local bank to have easier business access.

Upcoming Walks:

Men's Walk - The team selection committee will need to meet in November to begin the selection for Men's Walk #1752. Margaret Ellison will set the date.

Women's Walk Update – Sharon Henry reported for Heather Adair, who was absent. She said that Los Fresnos UMC will let the Walk use their dishes for the weekend. Sharon will check on the possibility of using the nursery at Los Fresnos during community events on that weekend. She said that Wendy and Billy Simpson have offered to buy one set of communion dishes (chalice and paten) for the Emmaus community. The next team meeting will be on October 5 at First Baptist Church in Harlingen at 8:45 am. Board members are welcome to come for the communion service. The following meetings will be on October 19 at St. Mark UMC in McAllen and October 26 at San Benito UMC. There are no pilgrims signed up yet for the upcoming walk. The deadline is October 24, 2013, at 5:00 pm. Board members were asked to pray for potential pilgrims and to spread the word in their respective churches.

Joe Mohney reminded Chris Carey, future Women's Walk Lay Director, that she will need to submit the walk team leadership form for her team by the first week of November. Sharon Henry will be the Board Representative, and a Spiritual Director still needs to be named for that walk. Rev. Duke gave Chris Carey some clergy applications to give Rev. Joe Perez to distribute. He stated that all clergy that intend to be a spiritual director are required to have Upper Room training every four years. He explained the qualifications for clergy that are willing to serve as an SD. They have to have served previously as an Assistant SD, have given two Grace talks at different walks, served during an entire weekend, had seminary training, and be a fully ordained elder in the church. Discussion followed on clergy bureaucracy.

Old Business:

Margaret Ellison reported that Cathy Shaw from the Austin Emmaus Community said that her old community has some electric candles for the candlelight service and are willing to sell them to our community. Margaret will call her and let us know the condition and price for the candles. There was discussion on whether to buy 200 candles from Oriental Trading for \$340.00. The discussion was tabled until more information is known.

Rev. Duke passed around some photos of potential possibilities for a new communion chalice and paten that will be purchased for the Community. He said that it would be a good idea to have a box made to store and protect the new communion set. Randy Baker moved for a tan colored set made by Holbrook Stoneware that cost \$75.95. Rev. Duke seconded the motion. Jerry Sires, treasurer, will order two sets, and the Simpsons can reimburse the Community for the set that they intend to donate.

New Business:

Nomination of Spiritual Director for Women's Walk in November 2014 – Joe Mohny moved to nominate Rev. Bill Duke for SD. Sharon Henry seconded. The board voted and the motion passed. Margaret Ellison will let the board know the date of the walk so that Chris Carey, LD, can contact Camp Bayview to make a reservation.

Next Meeting – Thursday, October, 2013 at First Baptist Church in Harlingen in the small dining room at 6:30 pm

Rev. Hamilton Musser adjourned the meeting with prayer at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Robinson, Assistant Secretary