

Emmaus Board Minutes April 24, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

FUMC - Weslaco

Members Present: Chris Carey, Cindy Robinson, Glenn Lemke, James Parker, Janet Schooley, Jerry Sires, Joe Mohney, Margaret Ellison, Pam Schwartz, Jerry Walzel, Rev. Bill Duke, Sam Martinez, Sara Van Wyk, Sharon Henry, Susan Francis and Dale Coalson

Guests from conference board: Heather Adair and Greg Ashby

Sharon Henry, Chair, opened the meeting.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Bill Duke

Approval of Minutes from March 27, 2014, meeting: approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Jerry Sires reported the account balance as of 4/24/2014 is \$16,699.18; report attached. The \$10,000 check from Camp Thicket Endowment has been approved, but we haven't received it yet.

Upcoming Walks

Men's Walk #1752 (May) - Dale Coalson reported we have 23 pilgrims as of yesterday. It happened last Thursday! He is a table leader and assistant table leader short of a full team and one clergy short. Joe Mohney has volunteered to serve but he is a board meeting.

Bill Duke moved for Joe Mohney to replace the missing table leader and give the Discipleship talk. Passed.

Dale proposed to just have 5 tables considering the number of pilgrims which would take care of the problem.

Women's Walk #1773 (Nov. 6-9, 2014) – Chris Carey reported; talks have been assigned. There are new talks, and she has copies of them. Four team meetings Sept. 13, 27, Oct. 11 and 25. Clergy is not full yet.

Margaret Ellison reported about **Conference meeting**. A 3 hour training will take place May 10 in Lockhart. They want boards to have a plan for emergencies, example hurricane. Jerry Walzel suggested we consult Bill Adair about it. Conference wants us to have a sexual harassment policy. Name change—we will be the Rio Texas Conference. New leadership was announced. There are 11 scheduled chrysalis flights this year in our Conference and 42 walks—that's half the walks as in the past. If Conference allows more than \$1500 for food, communities will have to charge higher walk fees. A chart with the break-even analysis for all the walks was passed around. A list of qualified clergy was sent around.

Old Business:

The **nominating committee** met to get new board members. Glenn Lemke, Roger McCord and Don Kurth are only ones who have agreed. We need two more.

New Business:

Committee reports: (If there was info to report, it is inserted next to the committee name below.)

- Agape—Susan Francis
- Candlelight/Sponsor's Hour—Joe Mohney
- Community Training/Sponsors—Bill Duke
- Finance—Jerry Sires
- Gatherings & Community Events—Margaret Ellison
- Group Reunions & Follow-Up—Sara Van Wyk
- Kitchen—Chris Carey
- Literature & Supplies—Heather Adair
- Music/Entertainment/Sound—Jim Parker
- Outreach & Missions—Cindy Robinson
- Prayer Vigil—Pam Schwartz
- Newsletter—Dina
- Walk/Flight Team Selection
- Website/Newsletter
- Weekend Set-up/Break-down—Glenn Lemke

Next Gathering: May 17 at FUMC Donna at 5:00 pm. Next Board Meeting: May 22, 2014, in Harlingen church to be announced, at 6:30. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Bill Duke.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Francis, Secretary

These minutes were approved as read/corrected on _____.