

# EMMAUS BOARD MINUTES

## 20 AUGUST 2015

### Emmaus Board 2015

2016	Henry, Sharon	✓	2017	Faught, Jan	✓	2018	Bennet, Wanda	✓
2016	Eaton, Jeff	✓	2017	Kurth, Don	✓	2018	Brown, Jerry	UA
2016	Parker, James	✓	2017	Lemke, Glenn	EX	2018	Creighton, Barbara	EX
2016	Schooley, Janet	✓	2017	McCord, Roger	✓	2018	Lopez, Pete	✓
2016	Sires, Jerry	✓	2017	Bernathy, Jim	✓	2018	Myers Ron	✓
Walk 1817	Sires, Beverly (LD)	✓				guest	Hinchcliff, Elaine	✓
2016	Musser, Rev. Hamilton	UA	2017	Cindy Layton	✓	2018	Hinchcliff, Doug	✓

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Henry at 6:30 p.m. and opened in prayer by Pastor Cindy Layton.

Jerry Sires moved and Jan Faught seconded that Jeff Eaton and Jim Bernathy be elected as board members to replace Jerry Walzel and Hope Heacock who both resigned. They were elected unanimously. Sharon Henry welcomed them to the board and then each board member introduced themselves with a brief sketch of where they live and where they fellowship at church.

The minutes from the May 21, 2015 Board Meeting were approval unanimously as published via email.

Jerry Sires presented the Treasurer's Report and stated we have a balance of \$15,270.83. as stated in the report that was provided to all members. He reported that we need to get another account so we can access it on line at a different bank. Jerry will use IBC where we were before. Report was accepted.

#### Reports:

- **Women's Walk # 1817**  
Beverly Sires reported that preparation for the Women's Walk 1817 to be held from October 15 to 19, 2015, is going well. Five pilgrims are already signed up. All is moving along in preparation for the Walk. Her only concern was about the training needed by two ALD's but Doug reassured her that this training could be done at the team meetings.
- **Board Representative Report**  
Jim Parker reported that there will be Upper Room Leadership Training in Corpus Christi, Sept 12. The Conference is recommending that we do our own registration and send it in before the two week Walk deadline. The minimum for a Walk to make is still 20 pilgrims two weeks prior. Walk fees are going up the first of January. Based on a Walk of 25 pilgrims, team of 20 and 5 clergy the new fees as of 2016 will be \$205 for the Girl Scout Camp in Bayview and \$220 for Camp Thicket. This is not negotiable. We still have the lowest Emmaus fee in the conference. Doug Hinchcliff suggested that we continue to subsidize the fee per Pilgrim by \$45 as we are currently doing. Scholarships would continue to be available as needed. Inside team would continue to pay at the same rate as Pilgrims and outside team pays half.

Jan Faught moved that we continue to supplement each by \$45. Cindy Layton seconded. Motion carried.

- Background checks must be done on babysitters with reports to be available at the hosting Church and at the Conference office in San Antonio.
- Jerry Sires asked if the training could not be done on line. No definite answer was given to this question.
- Doug Hinchcliff clarified that Emmaus might not be part of the UMC conference in the near future. The Upper Room is working to be a separate from the UMC conference so that Emmaus becomes more of an interdenominational ministry and not identified as a “Methodist Ministry”. There was much discussion about how to get more churches involved. The Methodist Church is spent to a certain degree and that is why the Upper Room wants it to be more interdenominational so more people will get involved.

Ron Myers said that Spanish information is needed. Cindy Layton directed him to the website.

One of the major problems that is faced by the Emmaus movement in the Valley is that there are not enough clergy available to serve on teams, especially women clergy. Doug Hinchcliff said that he had made strong recommendations for Graciano Castaneda and Hamilton Musser and both had been added to the qualified ministers list.

- Team Selection Men’s Walk – Jim Parker reported that there is not a lay director for the men’s walk. Heather was contacted and she was looking for someone outside of the Valley that could be lay director. Doug Hinchcliff will ask Dale Colson if he was interested. We need to keep this on our prayer list.

#### Committee Reports (as needed):

- Website update – Jerry Sires – He is working with Gene Palmos to update the website. Work in progress. All but page 1 are out of date. Jerry Sires will get the data base to Janet Schooley so that she can keep it up to date.
- Prayer Vigil – Jan Faught – At the gathering it was announced that there are to be 12 Walks happening in October and all slots were filled, praise the Lord!
- Group Reunion & Follow-up – need chair- does not have to be a board member but will be under the direction of a board member as official chair.
- Walk/Flight Training – Board Training – There was discussion about how to handle training and much frustration was voiced. The messages from conference are very mixed. We will do the best we can with what we have. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of September there is a board training in Corpus. Doug Hinchcliff moved that anybody who is able to go would be reimbursed for transportation. Pete Lopez seconded and the motion passed.

#### New/ Unfinished Business:

- After much discussion about the price of food and the need to increase the allotment provided by the Conference Jerry Sires moved the RGV Emmaus Community increase the allotment by an additional

\$500 to be given to the cook for each Walk Weekend's food. Jim Bernathy seconded. The motion passed.

- Sharon asked if the meeting time of 6:30 was still okay and all agreed that it was.

Next Board meeting is to be held on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at Wesley UMC, Harlingen at 6:30 and it will be followed by the monthly Gathering that will be held on September 19, 2015 at FUMC, San Benito.

Doug Hinchcliff closed the meeting in prayer.

Adjournment was at 8 p.m.

In His service alone,

Janet Ruth Schooley  
Secretary