

2/13/2017

Minutes from the Lower Valley Emmaus Board

Board Attendees: Mike Carey, Glenn Lemke, Don Kurth, Pete Lopez, Lisa McCallum, Barbara Creighton, Lloyd Betts, Gus Garcia, Jan Fraught, Kathy Shaw, Ron Myers, Cindy Layton.

Visitor: David Carpenter

Mike called the meeting to order at 6:32, and invited Pastor Cindy to open in prayer.

Item 1. Reading and approval of last meeting:

Jan volunteered to read the minutes from the 1/19/2017 meeting that had been submitted by Wanda. The minutes were corrected on one item where it stated that the crosses were being offered for \$5.00 and Jan stated that they are \$4.00. Minutes were corrected and a motion was made by Ron to approve the minutes, seconded by Don, and then unanimously approved.

Item 2- Treasurer's Report by Glen Lemke

The statement balance is \$22,215.00 with three outstanding checks, making the available funds to be \$19,888.39. Motion was made by Kathy to accept the report, seconded by Don, and the report was unanimously approved.

Item 3- Reports: Men's Walk- Long discussion by Lay Director David Carpenter that he had six (6) pilgrims signed up, and a great team in place, but the deadline was fast approaching and it looked to him and his team that the Walk should be delayed. He felt that getting the pilgrims and team together was difficult due to the Holidays and that No Winter Texan's' had signed up or showed any interest in attending. It was Dave's desire to move the Walk to May 4th through the 7th and keep the existing team, with one known servant that was not going to be able to serve. Discussion on possible Summer Walk, but the overall consensus was to keep it in early May, after the Easter Season. Cindy made a motion that if this Walk does not make by the deadline of 2/16/2017, that it be delayed until May 4th. Motion was seconded by Pete, and passed unanimously.

Board Rep Report- Kathy Shaw:

The upcoming Women's selection team will be held just prior to the March 16th Board Meeting, and that application to serve on this team needed to be submitted as soon as possible. It was recommended that Pastor Cindy be the Spiritual Director, and Lisa McCallum volunteered to be the Board Rep. There were no objections to these positions, and Kathy emphasized that it was time for the community to step up and take responsibility for signing up for sponsorship, agape, prayer vigils, etc. and we need more community members to get involved. Barbara suggested that we start sending out group text messages

to remind the community of upcoming events. Glen suggested that we could also take advantage of more email reminders. Kathy indicated that the Women's Walk Lay Director was leaning toward Bayview for a site selection, and Mike indicated that he would address this decision later in the meeting.

Website Update – Jan Faught- Current prayer vigils were half full and she was going to bring some signup sheets to the upcoming Gathering. Thought Dina might also send out some reminders.

New Business:

Microphone discussion was discussed that we have two (2) wireless microphones that are available.

Women's Walk Location: Mike stated that he and Glen went to another location owned and operated by the Valley Baptist Association and he handed out the food menus and gave his impression of how centrally located it was for the community, and how spacious the facility would be for our needs. He stated that there are 24 dorms with four (4) beds in each room, along with two (2) sinks and a shower, that the adjacent rooms had locks to prevent invasion from other dorms. The only drawback was the Chapel is about 100 yards from the community center, and cafeteria, but overall it is spacious and fairly new. He suggested that the Board schedule a walk through in the near future, and that date was settled on for ten am on Saturday, February 25th. The location is Valley Baptist Missions Education Center, 3700 E. Harrison, Harlingen, and is easy to find. He also stated that the financial outlay would be very similar to the other considered locations. Barbara volunteered to send out a group text to remind the Board Members to attend that walk through.

David thanked the Board for their support and is looking forward to finishing his final Team meeting on this upcoming Saturday, and will scheduled a refresher meeting sometime in April, to prepare for the May Walk.

By Law Committee Members were absent so the review of those proposed changes was tabled until the next meeting. It was stated that we will be having many Board Members who will be rotating off the Board, and part of the proposed change was to lower the number of Board Members to nine total. In that arrangement it would be created in groups of three (3) and three members would rotate off at a time. Need to start considering who might best serve the Emmaus Board in the future.

Short discussion on translation devises and Glen suggested that new equipment is not that expensive, and Pastor Cindy stated that she thought the District had a system, but she was going to have to check it out.

Motion was made to adjourn Ron, and seconded by Pete, and that motion passed unanimously.

Meeting closed at 7:50.