

Golden Spread Emmaus Board  
June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Polk St. United Methodist Church  
Amarillo, Texas

The meeting of the Golden Spread Emmaus Board was called to order by Ronnie Hudson who asked Randy O'Neal to give the opening prayer. Attending were Ronnie Hudson, Roger Hudson, Bill Swency, Martha Honnel, Jim Wilhite, Rex Coleman, David Dzik, Randall Ator, Kay Montgomery, Melanie Kirkland, Errol Hainer, Philip Filsouf, Pam Lopez, and Randy O'Neal.

David Dzik gave the Financial Report. We had slight loss in May but nothing significant. David may reduce the amount of the CD that renews in July in order to provide a small operating cushion in the account. The financial report was approved on a motion by Jim Wilhite and seconded by Rex Coleman.

Jim Wilhite gave a report on Walk #197 and said that it was a great walk. Some suggestions for future walks were: remind persons writing letters to put family or friend on the envelope, not just an f: consider a locking cabinet to safe guard radios: remind BST to send our reminder cards for prayer and agape: BST had to pray for several speakers and few other BST volunteers were available.

Also, one clergy had to leave for a funeral. He provided a replacement that gave his own talk. God used this talk but Emmaus protocol states that should clergy have to leave, the spiritual director would read the missing clergy's talk.

Errol Hainer reported on Walk #198. Things are going great but some team members are struggling to make the meetings.

Ronnie Hudson reported on Walk #199. Team is completed and the first meeting is Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ronnie and David met with Ceta Canyon regarding the fee structure and amounts for the Walks. The meeting resulted in approximately \$300 in savings for Emmaus due to reductions in meeting room rents and elimination of charges for the dining hall. Although this is still up to the Lay Director of the Walk, Ceta Canyon would rather we did not use the Tabernacle for candlelight. After the meeting, the cost for one pilgrim to attend the walk is \$177.17, very close to the \$175 fee. However, training materials, etc. increase the cost an additional \$30 for a net cost of \$208.17 per pilgrim. Both David and Ronnie felt that Ceta Canyon was sincerely interested in working with us and that they may be additional room to negotiate.

Jim Wilhite suggested that we might consider reducing the number of walks and returning to 42 pilgrims per walk.

Philip Filsouf suggested that a rate increase proposed by the Board needs to be more than the amount needed. Ronnie suggested the possibility of a fundraiser to offset some of the cost. Ronnie asked the Board to pray about this issue and we would discuss at the next meeting.

Ronnie also discussed that Chad Freeman of Joppa Design has agreed to redesign the Web page. Several ideas for improvements were presented and Ronnie asked the board for feedback at the next board meeting.

Ronnie also reported that Doug Simms had an excellent experience with Lifeway in providing books for the book table on his walk.

Ronnie reported that the Men's Pilgrim list is only about 50 with 10 pilgrims that have been on the list for some time. The Women's list is about 70 also with 10 or so that have been "inactive".

Ronnie presented his thoughts for candidates for Community Lay Director. He suggested we pursue board members with the stipulation that they are expected to be involved in board leadership and as future Lay Directors. He also suggested that the duties of the Community Lay Director could be delegated to the board. Jim Wilhite suggested that the board representative on the various walks could handle the responsibilities at closing.

Bill Sweney has accepted the Lay Director position for November 2008. Ronnie is waiting on responses from others for other walks.

Pam Lopez reported that candlelight is going well.

Jill Allen will be the inside board rep. for Linda Travis' walk.

Community will be at Pinnacle church next month.

Errol Hainer introduced Randall Ator as the Spiritual Director for the next year. Errol will be the Assistant Spiritual Director. Errol also reported that he is continuing to update the Clergy list.

The meeting was adjourned and Roger Hudson gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy O'Neal